

# CAN YOU GET DIVORCED FOR IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES?

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Malachi 2:16

According to the statistics the divorce rate for first time marriages is about fifty percent in the United States. Thirty-one percent of these divorces are filed under the cause of irreconcilable differences.

Does God support divorces that end in irreconcilable differences? No! The term irreconcilable differences was created and sponsored by man. Unfortunately, in this society the constitution of marriage is not held under God's standard.

The constitution of marriage is operated like a contract than a covenant. Marriage is a life long commitment to

only one person. God hates divorce. Malachi 2:16 says, *"the Lord God of Israel says, "I hate divorce. And I hate people who do cruel things as easily as they put on clothes," says the Lord All-Powerful. So be careful. And do not break your trust."*

Divorce is not something God is pleased with. However, there is only **ONE** reason why the Lord will allow a couple to get divorced and irreconcilable differences isn't one of them.

Irreconcilable differences is a very vague declaration. It could mean having communication problems, financial problems, spiritual problems, parental problems, etc. None of these problems are permissible circumstances to get divorced.

In the Kingdom of God there is only one reason why a married couple should get divorced. **INFIDELITY!** Mathew 19:9 says, *"I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman is guilty of adultery. The*

*only reason for a man to divorce his wife is if his wife has sexual relations with another man."*

Infidelity **BREAKS** the covenant in the marriage. A marriage is consummated through sex. When a mate has joined themselves with someone else other than their marital spouse the covenant has been broken and the sanctity of marriage is no longer pure. In other words, in the eyes of God you do not have a marriage! You may have a license but you do not have a marriage.

## MARRIAGE IS SERIOUS

If you choose to get married you are accountable to God. According to the Kingdom constitution, if you leave your spouse for **ANY** reason other than infidelity and marry another person while they are still alive God says you are committing adultery.

Luke 16:18 says, *"If a man divorces his wife and marries another woman, he is guilty of adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman is also guilty of adultery."*

God considers you to be an adulterer or an adulterous if you violate the standards of marriage. Like with everything else in the world there are consequences for sin. Can your sin be forgiven? Absolutely! However, you will still reap the consequences of the sin. Reference Proverbs chapter 7.

If you are planning to get married or desire to get married please understand that this is a serious and life changing decision. It is **NOT** a business decision. It is a spiritual decision. Marriage is a **LIFE LONG COMMITMENT**. If you cannot see yourself with your mate through the good, bad, ugly and uncertain times, **THINK TWICE!**

If you are looking to have a Kingdom marriage that pleases God, **FAITHFULNESS AND COMMITMENT IS**

**NOT OPTIONAL!!** When you are faithful and committed you do not have emotions, you only have a vision. That vision is to see it to the **END!**

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