

GUARD AGAINST FAITHLESSNESS

MALACHI 2:10-16

The Covenant is God's personal and permanent commitment to His people. (v. 10)

- Personal Commitment
- Permanent Bond
- Creates and Transforms
- Initiated by God

We value His Covenant as worthless when we divorce because:

Divorce Destroys our Worship. (v11-12)

Divorce Hinders our Witness. (v13-15a)

Divorce is Hated like Violence, by God. (v15b-16)

Be Double On-Guard against this Faithlessness. (v16)

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FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

1. How does understanding God's covenant with His people provide important context for this passage on divorce? (*Genesis 12:1-3; Jeremiah 31:34; Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 11:25; Hebrews 10:29-31*)
2. Discuss how divorce "destroys our worship". In what ways does divorce "hinder our witness" to others, especially to our children? What are some examples of this that you have seen or experienced?
3. How should the fact that marriage is meant to reflect Christ's relationship with the church shape our approach to marriage? (*Ephesians 5:21-33*)
4. Give examples of practical ways that married couples can "guard against faithlessness" in their relationship on a consistent basis. (*Genesis 2:24; Proverbs 18:21; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Timothy 6:10; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Ephesians 4:26-27*)
5. How can we as a community of believers at THCF better support and strengthen marriages so that they reflect God's covenantal love? (*Galatians 6:2; James 5:16; Hebrews 10:24-25*)

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