

## TAKING THE LORD AND OUR SPOUSE SERIOUSLY

(Malachi 2:10-12)

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#### A. Malachi's Charge of Unfaithfulness and Disobedience (2:10)

1. The Jews living in Judah should have acted as Israelite \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but instead they were treating each other as \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10a)
  
2. This post-exilic generation desecrated the Mosaic Covenant by viewing it as an archaic document much too \_\_\_\_\_ to be taken \_\_\_\_\_ in modern times. (v. 10b)

\* Doesn't this sound all too familiar with the Bible and how it is viewed in our modern times?

#### B. Divorce and Remarriage Outside the Will of God (2:11-12)

1. The essence of their treachery is seen by the fact that they had violated the Lord's institution of \_\_\_\_\_, which He \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 11a, cf. Ezra 9:1-2; 10:1-4; Neh. 13:25-27)
  
2. Divorcing the "*wife of your youth*" or "*your wife by covenant*" (v. 14), and then \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ wife was \_\_\_\_\_ permissible by the Lord. (v. 11b, cf. Ex. 34:15-16)

3. God was very \_\_\_\_\_ when it came to the \_\_\_\_\_ of mixed marriages in the O.T. (Num. 25:1-5; Deut. 7:1-4); it is because it led to \_\_\_\_\_ idolatry (1 Kings 11:1-8).

\* Did God promise to bless Israel despite their disobedience on this matter of mixed marriages? (Mal. 2:12a; Josh. 23:12-13)

4. In v. 12b Malachi stated that if “*the man who does this, being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_*” of what he is doing in this \_\_\_\_\_ practice is the same man who presumptuously “*brings an offering to the Lord of hosts!*” (v. 12b, cf. Isa. 59:1-4)

\* What is considered a “mixed marriage” in the Church age? (1 Cor. 7:39-40; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1)

5. In an “*unequally yoked*” marriage, the believer and unbeliever have very \_\_\_\_\_ goals, desires, and purposes in \_\_\_\_\_; and they have very \_\_\_\_\_ destinies in \_\_\_\_\_: one to heaven, the other to hell.

\* What can you personally apply today?