**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 24, Part 14**

**(Dt. 12:1-28:68)**

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III. The Practices of Worship (Dt. 14-28): Family Practices

A. Introduction: Family Practices: *“Children of the LORD”* (Dt. 14:1-2) >

B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. Concerning Faithfulness (22:1-12)

J. Concerning Foreigners (23:1-8)

K. Concerning Forbidden Things

L. Concerning Fitness

1. Divorce

2. Newly-weds

3. Pledges

4. Kidnapping

5. Leprosy

6. Injustice

7. Judges

8. Civility

9. Charity

**PREMISE: The LORD legislated Divorce in a Polygamous Society**

\*Mt. 5:31-32; 19:3-10 > Hillel vs. Shammai; original plan > Gen. 2:24 > Leave, cleave, weave (19:5): if couple can’t show autonomy (financially, emotionally, spiritually) from parents, not ready to marry! > Parents should let children mature and stop pampering them (i.e., Amnon, Adonijah); hardness of heart! >Takes two to tango > own broken relationships (don’t blame events or people)

Biblical plan: one wife for life > I Cor. 7:10-11 > separation, if divorce—no remarriage but reconciliation; Jews could divorce during betrothal period before consummation; remarriage after divorce is adultery (Mk. 10:11-12; Lk. 16:18). For divorced BBC members, no dating around!

**I. The Problem (v. 1a)**

A. Marriage > takes a wife for marriage

B. No favor > *chen* > grace, pleasant

C. Uncleanness > Dt. 23:15 > nakedness > i.e. Gen. 9:22

**II. The Process (v. 1b) > only man could divorce**

A. Legal > bill of cutting relationship > Jer. 3:8

B. Personal > give to her

C. Purposeful > free to leave and look

**III. The Permission (v. 2)**

A. Once gone from house

B. Remarriage to another

**IV. The Possibility (v. 3)**

A. Divorcement Bill > hate, write, give, send

B. Death of second husband

**IV. The Prohibition (v. 4)**

A. Former husband

B. May not remarry

C. After defiled

D. Abomination

E. Land to sin > keep the land from serial adultery (I Cor. 7:1-2).

**CONCLUSION: Christians should not divorce or remarry (= adultery) > Heb. 13:4!**