

## GODLY MARRIAGE AND BLESSED CHILDREN

Matthew 19:1-15

Key Verse: 19:6

1. Read verses 1-2. Where did Jesus go after he had finished teaching his disciples this 4th block of teachings? What was the response of the crowds?
2. Read verses 3-6. What question did some Pharisees ask him? What was the motive behind the Pharisees' question? What were they testing? How did Jesus answer them? What is the basis for Jesus' teaching about marriage?
3. What does Genesis 1-2 teach about marriage and divorce? How did Jesus interpret the teaching of Genesis?
4. Read verses 7-9. What seeming contradiction in the Bible did they bring up? How did Jesus answer them? Why did Moses allow divorce? Why did he command that a certificate of divorce be given?
5. What was the loop-hole God left in the absolute law of marriage? Why is marital unfaithfulness such a terrible sin?
6. Read verses 10-12. What was the disciples' response? What does this show about them? What does Jesus say about marriage? Why is it not an absolute requirement for everyone?
7. Read verses 13-15. Why did parents bring their children to Jesus? How did the disciples react? Why? What did Jesus teach and do? What does this show about Jesus? Why does the kingdom belong to child-like people? (Compare 18:1-6) How does this connect with Jesus' view of marriage?