SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

Adultery and Divorce Redefined
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1) The Covenant Design of Marriage
2) The Consuming Desire of Lust
3) The Concession of Divorce
Matthew 5:27-32

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
Matthew 5:27-32

29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.
Matthew 5:27-32

31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
The Covenant
Design of Marriage
Consumer relationship
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“You adjust to me.”
Covenant Relationship

“I will adjust to you.”
Consumer vs. Covenant

Insecurity vs. Refuge of Safety
Consumer vs. Covenant

Personal Happiness

vs.

Lasting and Deepening Love
What does this have to do with sex?

Sex was never designed to be a "consumer good." It was designed to be a "covenant good."
Genesis 2:24
For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife [covenant marriage], and the two will become one flesh [sexual consummation].
“The monstrosity of sex outside marriage is that those who indulge in it are trying to isolate one kind of union (the sexual) from all the other kinds of union which were intended to go along with it and make up the total union.”

-C.S. Lewis
The Consuming Desire of Lust.
Matthew 5:28
But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
The “full-blown sin” of adultery comes from what is reigning in the heart.
What does “amputating” sexual sin from your life look like?
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Matthew 5:31-32

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Matthew 19:6
What God has joined together
let no one separate.
Questions about Divorce and Remarriage

1) When is it permissible to seek divorce?
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Sexual Infidelity (Matthew 5:32, 19:9)

Desertion (1 Corinthians 7:15).
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Cautions: Repentance vs. Unrepentance
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- Last Option vs. First Option
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2) What about Abuse?
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Get out and get help!
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3) Is it biblical to get remarried if I have been divorced?
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3) Is it biblical to get remarried if I have been divorced? Where God allows a concession for divorce, he allows for remarriage.
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4) If I participated in an unbiblical divorce or unbiblical remarriage, how does God see me?
“In the cross and resurrection, Jesus puts away the sin done by you and he overturns the sin done to you.”

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The Blessed Life Redefined