



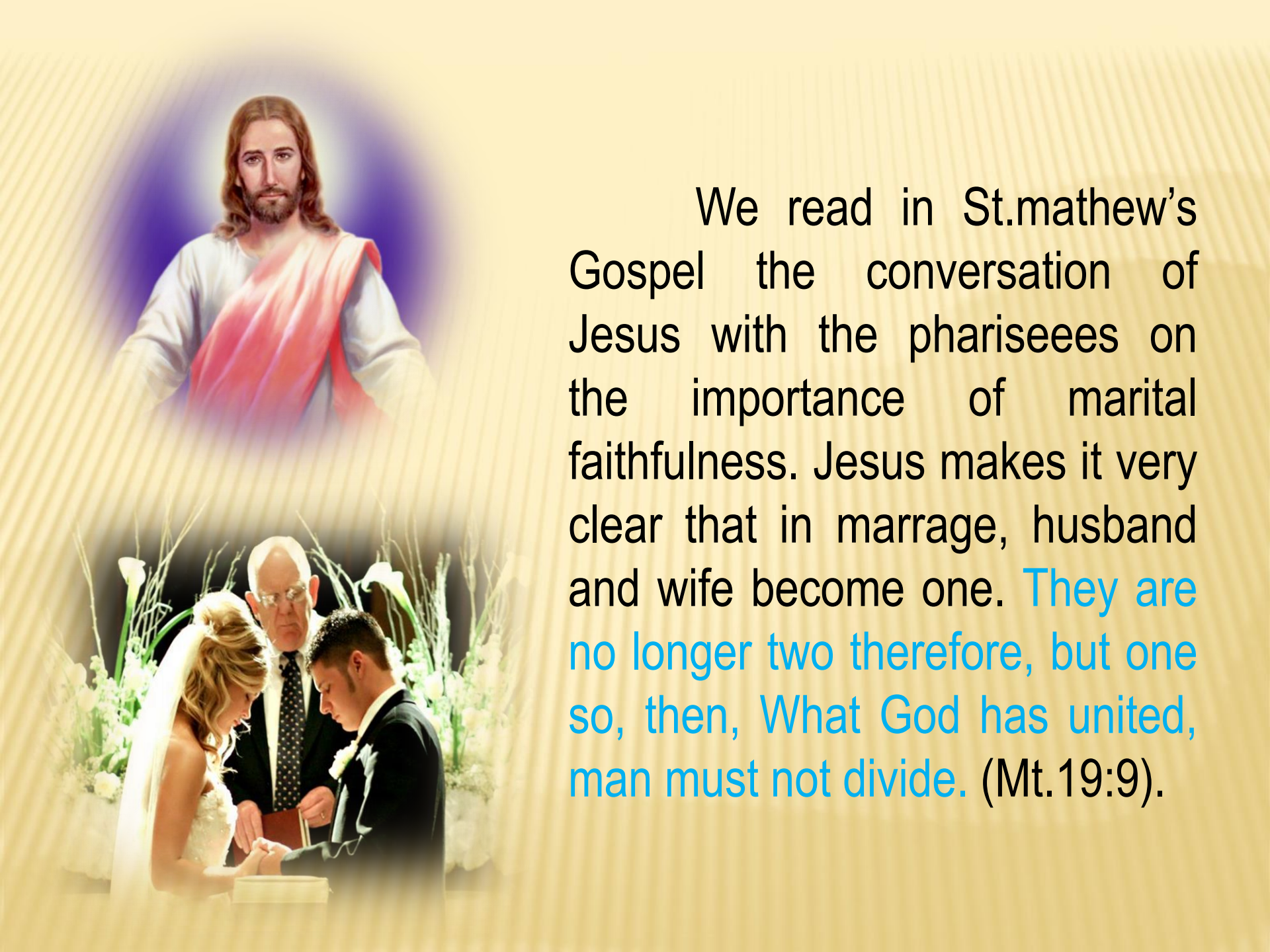
TEACHINGS OF JESUS

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Lesson 10

KEEP UP THE MARITAL PURITY





We read in St. Mathew's Gospel the conversation of Jesus with the pharisees on the importance of marital faithfulness. Jesus makes it very clear that in marriage, husband and wife become one. **They are no longer two therefore, but one so, then, What God has united, man must not divide.** (Mt. 19:9).



“ A wedding is for a day, but a marriage is for a lifetime” .



**So then, they are no longer two but one
flesh. Therefore what God has joined
together, let not man separate.**

Matthew 19:6

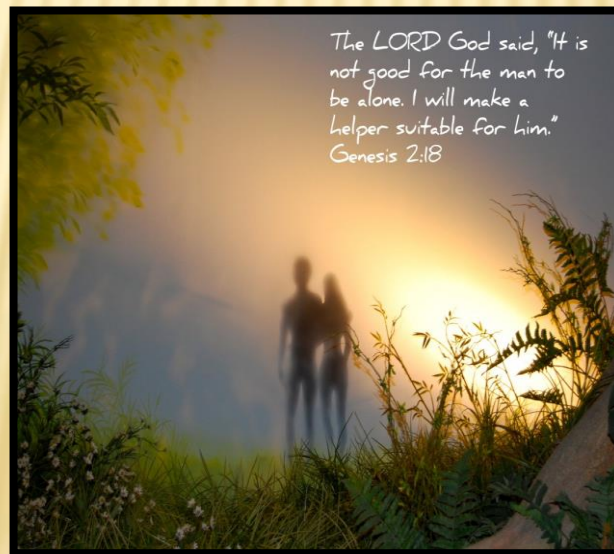
MARITAL RELATIONSHIP IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Old Testament says:

The book of Genesis says that it is God who leads men and women to marital relation and family life

God's desire:

They accepted each other as the bone of bone and flesh of one s flesh, God blessed them by giving children





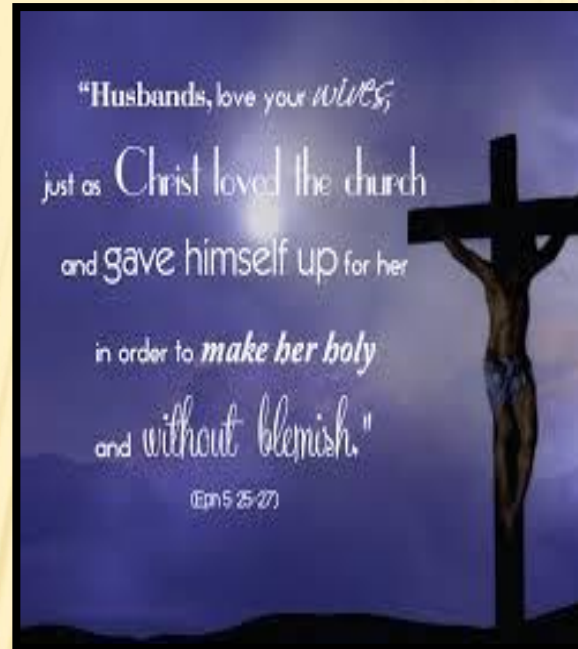
People in the old testament regarded marriage as an ideal state of life They knew it was a sacred covenant Prophets compared unfaithful Israel to an unfaithful wife Jews considered unfaithfulness in marriage a great sin They compared the relationship between God and Israel to that of marriage.

MARITAL RELATIONSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Jesus performed his first miracle in the wedding at Cana
His presence is of great significance, it points to the good a couple
receives in marriage
Marriage turned out to be an effective sign of the presence of Christ



WHAT DOES IT SAY?



St Paul presents the relation between Jesus and the Church as the model of marital relation



**Marriage points to the covenant between Jesus and the Church
Matrimony is the sacrament of that covenant
Couples receive abundant grace through this sacrament**

INDIVISIBILITY OF MARRIAGE



- Why is it indivisible
- Marriage is a life long relationship
- In Marriage, man and woman become one in Jesus
- Since God binds them, it cannot be broken

BROKEN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

- In the modern world family ties are broken because they neglect its sacredness
- Marital purity is mainly broken through unfaithfulness
- Due to selfishness they also think of Divorce



- Divorces affect the security and strength of Society.
- Children suffer the most as they lose the protection and love they ought to get from their parents
- Jesus has taught clearly that divorce is not permissible

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?



A personal relationship with *Jesus Christ* is the cornerstone of marriage, giving meaning and purpose to every dimension of living.



Married couples should be totally dedicated to each other



Selfless love should become the basis of family relationships



There should be respect and pure love for our life partner



With mutual love and respect , they should joyfully

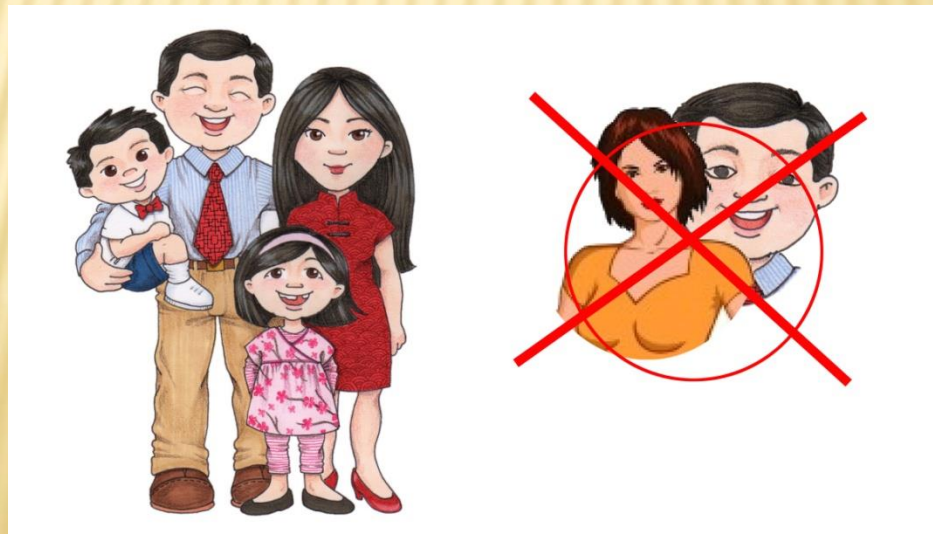


take up sufferings of family life and forgive each other

MARITAL PURITY



- Couples enter a sacred life through marriage
- They give their bodies, minds and souls as a gift to the other
- A third person should never enter between a married couple, this is what the commandment “Do not covet another's wife indicate”
- This is a commandment to keep up marital purity
- The commandment also reminds us to love your life partner fully





The backbone of the church and society is good families.

Hence let the Christian couples build up the body of Christ- the church by being pure in the marital relationship.


“For a family that prays together is a family that stays together.”





LET US PRAY

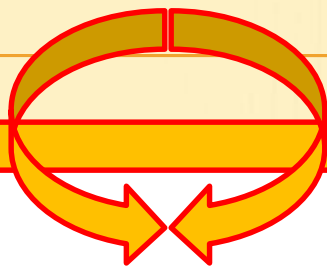
Bless the couples, O Lord's to understand the dignity and purity of married life and to live united with you in mutual love and unity.



LET US READ AND NARRATE

Gen. 2:22-24)





WORD OF GOD FOR GUIDANCE

“ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see
God” (Mt.5:8).

LET US DO:

Discuss what are the things necessary to make marital relationships strong?



MY RESOLUTION

I will pray daily for the sanctification of families.

FIND OUT THE ANSWER

1. What did Jesus say to elucidate the indivisibility of marriage?
2. What is the type of relationship pointed out by St Paul to compare marital relation?
3. What is the main reason for the breaking of family relationships in the modern world?
4. Who suffers the evil consequences of divorce most? Why?
5. Good families are the backbone of the church and Society- Illustrate



THANK YOU