

## **Marriage Matters**

### **Malachi 2:10-16**

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**Thesis:** The world today wants to destroy the sacred institution of marriage, but the covenant of marriage matters to God because it is part of His plan to reflect His glory from the very beginning of time.

1. God cares about marriage (vs. 10-12).
  - A. The marriage covenant is a reflection of God's covenant with His people (vs. 10).
  
  - B. Marriage to an unbeliever invites idolatry into a holy relationship (vs. 11).
  
  - C. Worship encompasses all of life, including marriage (vs. 12).

New Testament Connection:

2. God cares about divorce (vs. 13-16).
  - A. Sin in one area of our life will hurt our worship in other areas (vs. 13-14).
  
  - B. Marriage between one man and one woman for life, is God's plan (vs. 15).
  
  - C. God hates divorce (vs. 16).

D. New Testament Connection:

3. Making the connection to my life: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A. Major doctrines:

1. The Covenant of Marriage
2. Idolatry

B. Where does my thinking need corrected?

C. Where does my behavior need reproof?

1. Am I living in sin in one area of my life while expecting God's blessing elsewhere?

2. How am I seeking to worship God in my marriage?

3. Am I on guard for my marriage?

D. What is the instruction in righteousness from this passage?

1. Read and pray one Psalm together as a couple every day this next week.

2. Repent and turn away from and idolatry in your life.