



## Daily Verse and Comment

### [Matthew 5:27-32](#)

(27) You have heard that it was said to those *in ancient times*, 'You shall not commit adultery.' (28) But I say to you, everyone who looks upon a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (29) So then, if your right eye shall cause you to offend, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is better for you that one of your members should perish than that *your* whole body be cast into Gehenna. (30) And if your right hand shall cause you to offend, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is better for you that one of your members should perish than *that* your whole body be cast into Gehenna. (31) It was also said *in ancient times*, 'Whoever shall divorce his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement.' (32) But I say to you, whoever shall divorce his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever shall marry her who has been divorced is committing adultery.

*A Faithful Version*

Christ's instruction in His [Sermon on the Mount](#) is exactly what He gave to His servant [Moses](#) for Israel. Both teach us that marriage is permanent, its ties so binding that they can be broken only by death—or something worse: physical infidelity, moral abandonment, or sustained abuse by either spouse, all of which [Jesus](#) encapsulates in the term *porneia*, translated as "[sexual immorality](#)."

The Pharisees tested our Lord on this point, but His response leaves no doubt on how binding the institution of marriage should be, a standard set from creation:

And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be

joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what [God](#) has joined together, let not man separate." ([Matthew 19:4-6](#))

Because marriage is a creation of God, it possesses a sacredness that no man-devised institution can ever have. [This world](#) is trying to exchange the sanctity of marriage for its complete opposite, the profane, but this secular approach will never produce a healthy society.

— James Beaubelle

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