

**Handout for lesson on  
MARRIAGE WHICH GOD FORBIDS  
Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 26 August 2018**

**Opening thoughts**

-From the very beginning God established the separation of light from darkness

-- **Genesis 1:3,**

-In his letter to the Corinthian Christians Paul clearly shows the spiritual application of this principle.

--**2 Corinthians 6:14**

**Introduction**

-see Article on reverse “MARRIAGE WHICH GOD FORBIDS”

-Kathy & I were early taught - don't marry unsaved person (by both chapel & parents)

-Kathy & I have seen unequal yokes in many assemblies.

-Young lady I met in an L.A., CA assembly – was in unequal yoke.

-If unmarried, are you praying for your future spouse?

**Overview of Lesson**

1. Scriptures which forbid the unequal yoke.

2. Causes of the unequal yoke.

3. Consequences of the unequal yoke.

**Body of Lesson**

**1. Scriptures which Forbid the unequal yoke**

-When Moses went to meet God with the 2<sup>nd</sup> two tables of stone --**Exodus 34:14-16**

-When Moses was instructing the people before they went over to possess the promised land under the leadership of Joshua --**Deuteronomy 7:1-4**

-Joshua's instruction to the people after much of the land had been conquered and he was preparing to die --**Joshua 23:11-13**

-Ezra crying to God over the sins of the people --**Ezra 9:10-12**

-Nehemiah describing his rebuke of the people over their sinful behavior regarding their unequal yokes --**Nehemiah 13:25**

-Apostle Paul emphasizes the importance of Christians not marrying the un-Godly

--**2 Corinthians 6:14, Psalm 1:1-6**

-Apostle Paul's instructions regarding Widows remarrying --**1 Corinthians 7:39**

**2. How do Christians end up in an unequal yoke?**

-A married unsaved person gets saved but the spouse doesn't --**1 Corinthians 7:12-16**

-Lack of discernment regarding whether or not your proposed partner is really a Christian --**Matthew 7:22-23**

-Rejecting accountability to Parents especially Christian parents

--God provides an example of a Father driven process in Abraham's choice of bride for Isaac. --**(account is in Genesis 24:1-67)**

--Christ's was obedient to His Father choice of bride

---**John 6:37-39, Philippians 2:5-8**

-Dating relationships with an unsaved person

-Inviting temptation through flirting or other inappropriate behavior--**1 Timothy 5:1-2**

-Blatant disobedience to God's commands

**3. Consequences of the unequal yoke --Exodus 34:14-16, Deuteronomy 7:1-4, Joshua 23:11-13, Ezra 9:10-12, Nehemiah 13:25 (plus 26 & 27), 2 Corinthians 6:14, Psalm 1:1-6, 1 Kings 11:1-9**

**Summary and Conclusion --Proverbs 4:14-19**

# MARRIAGE WHICH GOD FORBIDS

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*“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.” (Genesis 1:3-4)*

Since that first day of creation, light and darkness have served as pictures illustrating good and evil. It’s impossible for bright light and intense darkness to exist in the same location at the same time. They are incompatible.

When God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, He emphatically forbid them from intermarrying with those who worshipped false gods.

*“For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.” (Exodus 34:14-16)*

Just as with physical light and physical darkness, spiritual light and spiritual darkness conflict with each other. Such conflict is destructive to any marriage.

Christians worship the one true God who sent God, His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for them and rise again. They have trusted Him as their Savior and they follow Him.

*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:” (John 10:27)*

If you’re His follower, and anticipate future marriage, He has a very serious command for you.

*“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14)*

No Christian should ever marry one who’s not a Christian. Doing so invites the Lord’s discipline and great marital conflict.

At a young age, we encouraged our daughter to pray for her husband to be. Even though she didn’t know who he was, she took this instruction seriously. Years later, after marriage, she and her husband were comparing notes. They discovered that he had trusted the Lord Jesus as his Savior the very summer she started praying for him!

If you’re not yet saved, will you seek Christ’s forgiveness?

Christian: If you’re not yet married, have you resolved to marry only a Christian?