


# Disputation 3: The Covenant of Marriage and The Covenant of God

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# Commitment Year 9

1 Spartan obstacle race a year for 10 years

# Malachi

## God's Heart Revealed

# Accusation

## Malachi 2:10-14

2 Violations of Marriage Faithfulness

- intermarriage with pagans
- convenience-based divorce



# 2 Samuel 12

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## Violation #1 = Intermarriage with Pagans

Malachi 2:11-12

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# 1 Kings 11:4

For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.



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## Violation #2 = Convenience-Based Divorce

Malachi 2:13-14

[13] And this second thing you do. You cover the LORD’s altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. [14] But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

# Rebuttal

## Malachi 2:14a

But you say, “Why does he not?”

# Explanation

# Malachi 2:15-16

The covenant of marriage
points to
The covenant of God

# Eric Ortland

“Malachi shows his audience how sins, perhaps considered private, fracture the community of which we are a part. Malachi connects the horizontal and vertical dimensions of our relationships within the sphere of the desired holiness of God’s covenant people. When a member of the covenant commits himself to someone with a different spiritual father, or frivolously divorces his Christian spouse, he violates the covenant, betrays his Christian brothers and sisters who share in that covenant relationship, and sullies the [worship] where we meet with God. God cares enough about our marriages to reject worship from his children who commit these betrayals.”



## 1 Peter 3:7

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.




# Considerations from Malachi 2:10-16


The
Marriage
Course
Navigate life
together
A course to help couples
strengthen their relationship