

Marriage Divorce and Remarriage

Matthew 19:3-12

The Trouble with Terminology

- We must find ways to describe what the Bible describes and it is helpful if we can do so in brief terms.
- There are marriages that God approves of and marriages he disapproves of, yet He refers to them all as marriages. Likewise with divorces.
- Sometimes we are speaking of concepts that are in Scripture and we use language that is not in Scripture so that we can refer to the concepts briefly (ex. Universal church, local church).

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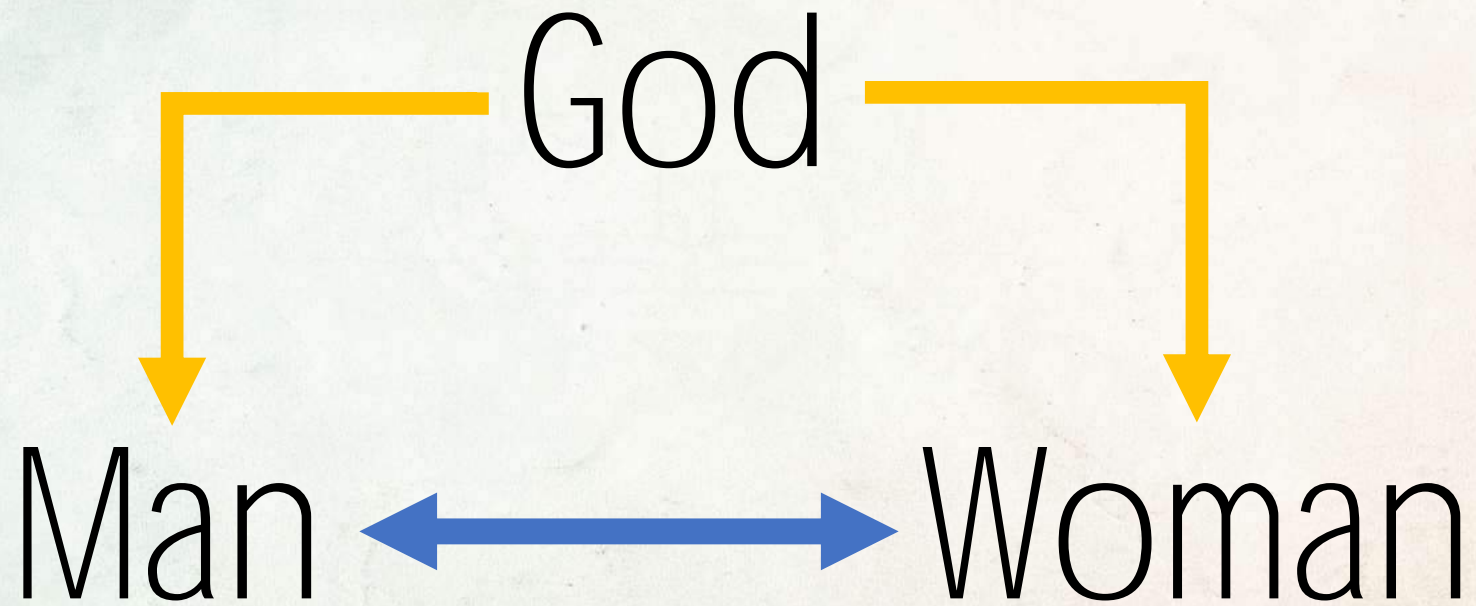
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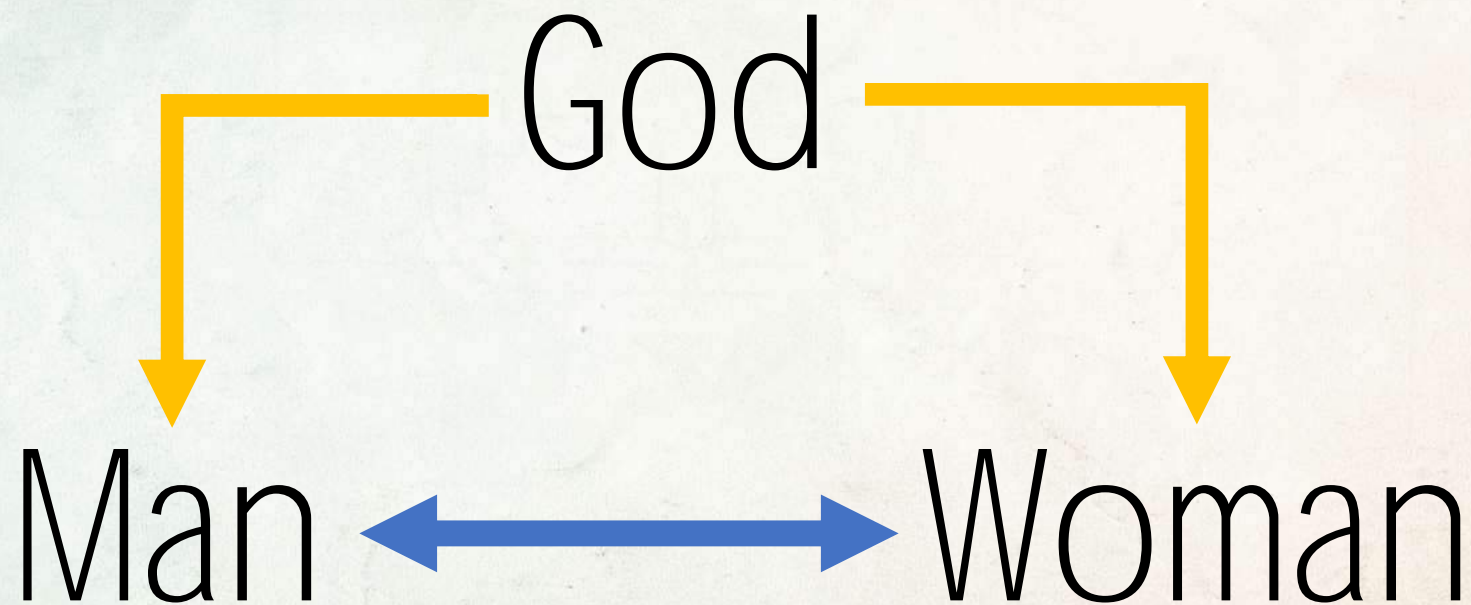
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Some Objections

- What about the “waiting game”?
- What about an innocent spouse put away against her wishes?
- God gives the innocent a “right” to put away and that right can’t be removed.
- So you think it all hinges on who gets to the courthouse first?