

uncleanness or some unseemly thing; if immorality or personal defect is meant cannot be decided (from Pulpit Commentary.). Jesus did not encourage divorce. However, He recognized that persistent marital unfaithfulness may make divorce necessary and permissible (Matthew 19:9). Neither did Jesus encourage remarriage. The grammatical construction of the text, nevertheless, shows that the exception permitting divorce related to remarriage also.

1. In Matthew 19:10, what did the disciples say to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In Matthew 19: 11, what was Jesus' answer? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus Describes Eunuchs (emasculated men; usually castrated before puberty; Matthew 19:12)  
(1) There are some born that way; (2) Some were made that way by men to care for harems; (3) Some have made themselves that way for the kingdom of heaven's sake. One commentary reads: This is ethical (decent ; just), not physical. Paul recognized the wisdom of this for some (I Corinthians 7:32-35). But he also warned against the rise of false teachers, "forbidding to marry" (I Timothy 4:3). There is no scriptural support for enforced celibacy. "Not everyone can accept this statement," Jesus said. "Only those whom God helps" (Matthew 19:11).

*That are to receive it* (*receive* is used here as having or making room in mind or heart). *He that is*

*able to receive it, let him receive it* (Matthew 19:12).

JESUS BLESSES LITTLE CHILDREN (Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)

It often happens that the individuals who are hurt the most in divorce are the little children.

At that very time some children were brought to Christ for His blessing and prayer.

1. How did the disciples react to their coming?

(Matthew 19:13)\_\_\_\_\_

2. How did Jesus show His love for the Children?

(Matthew 19:14,15)\_\_\_\_\_

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One Last Question on Divorce to Think About:

1. Since divorce is not the unpardonable sin, but blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is, does God forgive divorce?