

~ **MARRIAGE – MADE IN HEAVEN** ~

*THE GENESIS ENDORSEMENT*

Matthew 19:1-12

**INTRODUCTION:** We spent several Sundays in Matthew 18 learning from Jesus that forgiven people must be forgiving people. It is very interesting that in Matthew's Gospel the discussion of divorce in chapter 19 immediately follows the long dissertation of Jesus in chapter 18 on the need to forgive. The most intimate of all human relationships is that of marriage. The most devastating, cutting, and emotional pain unfortunately is experienced within the marriage relationship. It only stands to reason that it is within the marriage relationship, above all others, that must experience first hand the "seventy times seven" principle of forgiveness which Jesus has just expounded. God's marriage standards as recorded in His Word do not change to adapt to man's changing culture. Our Lord's words on marriage, if pondered and followed, would go a long way toward improving the chaos and confusion and broken lives and homes we see all around us in our ever-changing society.

A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ SETTING – 19:1-3a

B. THE \_\_\_\_\_ QUESTION – 19:3b

C. THE \_\_\_\_\_ ENDORSEMENT – 19:4-6

**D. THE \_\_\_\_\_ QUESTION - 19:7**

**E. THE \_\_\_\_\_ ANSWER - 19:8-9**

**F. THE \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSE - 19:10**

**G. THE \_\_\_\_\_ EXPLANATION - 19:11-12**