

The OT priest could not marry a divorced woman

Some make the statement that because the Priesthood was forbidden to marry a divorced woman, that we also are forbidden to do so.

Assertions/Conclusions of this article

The goal here is to show that the regulation given to the OT priesthood is not relevant to our marriages today. To do this we simply will show that the high priest was also forbidden to marry a widow, something that is entirely lawful under the new covenant. And that there are other women were also forbidden to these priests that in this covenant there is no prohibition in marrying.

This shows us that we cannot blanketly apply precepts given to the old priesthood to believers today. Frankly, are we under the law or not? The entire argument is completely out of place.

Supporting Evidence

This applies to the Priests...

Lev 21:7 They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.

This to the High priest...

Lev 21:13-14 And he shall take a wife in her virginity. (14) A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

In order to use these lists for believers today, we would have to follow ALL of the instruction, not just the parts that fits our doctrinal views.

This would mean that no man under this covenant could marry the following women.

- a whore
- a profane woman
- divorced
- a non virgin
- a WIDOW

IF we are going to take any of those women off those lists then we have to use ALL of the woman on those lists and follow them to the letter.

This means that a widow is out of the question, something that is perfectly lawful in the New Covenant, and was under the old covenant as well for the common man.

It was ONLY the priests who were affected by this law then and law meant FOR the priesthood does not apply to the common believer today. Otherwise we have a LOT more instruction we had better start learning and following.

NOTHING about our marriages today is decided upon based on the laws given to the priesthood. This is simply a matter of certain false doctrines trying once again to distort some part of scripture to their advantage to mislead our brothers and sisters into frivolously divorcing because they are remarried.