

“The Hardness of Your Hearts” Mathew 19:1-30 6/11/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “The Hardness of Your Hearts” in Matthew 19:1-30.

To Online Word's sheep, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([the click on the website](#)). *Maranatha Worship Songs*. Videos are seeable upon [the click on the website](#). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In verse 8, “He said to them, ‘Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so,’” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verse 14, “But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven,’” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 21, “Jesus said to him, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me’,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time, Matthew 18:35, “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses,” because in Jesus’ teaching the kingdom of heaven with the parable of 10,000 talents debtor and 100 denarii debtor, God has forgiven us through Jesus with eternal redemption, we should forgive others from heart in Jesus’ name, becoming the witnesses to Christ. In this chapter Jesus taught about (1) marriage and divorce, (2) childlike heart, and (3) eternal life.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

¹Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ²And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

³ The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?”

1= (Jesus left from Galilee to Jerusalem in Judea through the other side of Jordan River in the Perea area, today Jordan nation area)

2= (Jesus healed the following people; the healing was one of 3 main ministries by Jesus on the earth *Mat 9:35*¹)

3= (The Pharisees’ question was not seeking an answer but a dispute in order to entrap Jesus for gains, being a dishonest question; For instance, in churches, denominational doctrines should be used for us to understand the Scripture rather than to make divisional churches of the one body of Christ on the earth by polarizing the doctrines. To interpret the phrase of “some uncleanness” in the referenced Mosaic law, (1) the narrow view such as Shmai rabbi or Jesus in verse 9 has been adultery or sexual immorality, and (2) the liberal view such as Hallel or liberal states in USA has been the lack of satisfaction or personality differences *1 Cor 1:12-13; Deut 24:1*²)

¹ *Mat 9:35* Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

² *1 Cor 1:12-13* Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?; *Deut 24:1* “When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house,

⁴ And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

⁷ They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality [adultery], and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”

4-6= (God created male and female to become one flesh – the one flesh is shown as (1) both naked not ashamed – sexual life during valid marriage; (2) great mystery – the sexual life, or confidential privilege of a married couple; (3) God’s creation intent is not to separate but is a life time mutual commitment; and (4) equality of Agape love to both, compared with Christ and the church; Either a man or a woman, as a new Christian, is renewed in the knowledge according to the image of Jesus God who created each regardless of race, nationality, gender, age, wealth, or education; So, US the nation of “in God we trust” registered the constitution equal protection Amendments -- 14th for state level and 5th for federal level; Recently sexual minority³ advocates which is mutual consensual sex rights regardless of marriage or gender -- allege the equal protection rights accordingly. We as Christians disagree with them because we obey any governmental law unless it is against the Scripture. Equally we allege the freedom of religion under the 1st Amendment, listening to God in the Scripture about this God’s created marriage, not to be interfered by them. So, in the sight of God, they should repent such practices against God’s creation intention before the loving, faithful, and forgiving Lord Jesus Christ the Savior, and believe in Him, and come back to the valid marriage life *Gen 2:24-25; Eph 5:31-33; Col 3:10-11; Rom 13:1; Acts 4:19; Rom 1:26-27; 1 John 1:9⁴*)

8=Q1 (The Pharisees’ another question in verse 7, Jesus answered God intended originally to create marriage not to be dissoluble by humans but because of the hardness of human hearts God allowed divorce through Moses, only due to adultery or sexual immorality in verse 9. So, when any divorced person marries again another, both are considered as the commission of adultery in verse 9. Note neither divorce nor sexual minority advocacy is deadly or unpardonable sin *1 John 5:16⁵*.)

³ *Sexual Minority* -- “a group whose sexual identity, orientation or practices differ from the majority of the surrounding society. Primarily used to refer to lesbian, gay, bisexual, or non-heterosexual individuals.” See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_minority

⁴ *Gen 2:24-25* Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed; *Eph 5:31-33* “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects *her* husband; *Col 3:10-11* and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ is all and in all. *Rom 13:1* Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God; *Acts 4:19* But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge; *Rom 1:26-27* For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due; *1 John 1:9* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

⁵ *1 John 5:16* If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead* to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is sin *leading* to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

¹⁰ His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with *his* wife, it is better not to marry.” ¹¹ But He said to them, “All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given:” ¹² For there are eunuchs who were born thus from *their mother’s* womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept *it*, let him accept *it*.”

¹³ Then little children were brought to Him that He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” ¹⁵ And He laid *His* hands on them and departed from there.

¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

10-12= (Celibacy or not to marry cannot be accepted by all people unless God calls a person not to marry for the kingdom of God such as born eunuchs, with physical deformity, or men-made eunuchs. If acceptable, it is good. Also to avoid fornication or sexual immorality temptation, marriage is good too; e.g. the sexual abuse, on children/nuns by some priests in celibacy, is not good. It shows that to avoid the sexual immorality, marriage would have been good for them. ¹ *Cor 7:1-2, 7; Gen 2:18⁶⁾*

14=Q2 (Even if His disciples rebuked the little children coming to Jesus in verse 13, Jesus allowed them to come to Jesus for prayer with His hands in verse 15; the childlike mind or heart to easily or humbly come to Jesus is exhorted for the inheritance for the kingdom of heaven unlike childish/immature mind or heart. *James 4:10; 1 Cor 13:11⁷⁾*

16= (Jesus already knew the one rich young ruler who did not believe Jesus as one of trinity God but who did human good works by his riches in order to have/inherit/achieve/possess eternal life; Jesus as good teacher was called by him; his question was how much good works required for eternal life. Human works at best to appear righteous is not perfect, compared with God’s righteousness, so all our righteousness is like filthy rags; whoever believes in the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior has eternal life or is imputed for God’s righteousness – that’s God’s 100% works, gift, or grace, not human works *Luke 18:18; 1 John 5:7; John 3:16; Eph 2:8-9; Isaiah 64:6⁸⁾*

⁶ *1 Cor 7:1-2, 7* Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman. ² Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality [to avoid fornication], let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. ⁷ For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that; *Gen 2:18* And the LORD God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

⁷ *James 4:10* Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up; *1 Cor 13:11* When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ⁸ *Luke 18:18* Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”; *1 John 5:7* For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one; *John 3:16* For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life; *Eph 2:8-9* For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast; *Isaiah 64:6* But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

<p>17 So He said to him, “<u>Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.</u> But if you want to enter into life, <u>keep the commandments.</u>”</p> <p>18 He said to Him, “<u>Which ones?</u>”</p> <p>Jesus said, “<u>You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’</u> 19 <u>‘Honor your father and your mother,’</u> and, <u>‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’</u>”</p> <p>20 <u>The young man</u> said to Him, “All these things I have <u>kept from my youth.</u> What do I still <u>lack?</u>”</p> <p>21 Jesus said to him, “If you <u>want to be perfect,</u> go, <u>sell what you have and give to the poor,</u> and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, <u>follow Me.</u>”</p>	<p>17= (Jesus pointed out that only God is good in order to teach him about Jesus as one of trinity God; then He asked him to keep the 10 commandments – (1) 1st part is the relationship with God from 1st to 4th and (2) 2nd part is the relationship with another from 5th to 10th; Here are the 4th and 5th for commission to do and all the others for omission not to do <i>Ex 20:1-17⁹</i>)</p> <p>18=(For which ones, Jesus listed the 2nd part commandments and summarized as the 2nd greatest commandment to love your neighbor as yourself beyond the 1st greatest commandment to love God mostly, not to be interfered by any others – riches, any family members, self, money, power, glory, or any other flesh rather than the Spirit <i>Mark 12:30-31¹⁰</i>)</p> <p>20= (The young man kept the 2nd part commandments from his youth – 5th commandment to honor parents and 6th through 10th commandments not to do, by the flesh, not by the Spirit – That’s lack)</p> <p>21=Q3 (Riches or money per se is nothing wrong but the love of riches or money is wrong; the young man loved the great possessions or riches more than God or equal with God – not mostly; Jesus’ saying to sell what you have and give to the poor was to the young man or to whoever loves riches or money more than or equal with God, not to every Christian because we are responsible to provide for our own needs and for our families’ needs not to burden on others according to the word of God whom we love mostly <i>2 Tim 3:2; Mat 6:24; 1 Tim 5:8¹¹</i>)</p>
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⁹ *Ex 20:1-17* And God spoke all these words, saying: ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³“You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

¹⁰ *Mark 12:30-31* And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

¹¹ *2 Tim 3:2*For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy; *Mat 6:24* No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon; *1 Tim 5:8*But if

<p>22 But when the young man heard that saying, <u>he went away sorrowful</u>, for he had <u>great possessions</u>.</p> <p>23 Then <u>Jesus</u> said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that <u>it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven</u>. 24 And again I say to you, it is <u>easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God</u>.” 25 When His disciples heard <i>it</i>, they were greatly astonished, saying, “<u>Who then can be saved?</u>” 26 But Jesus looked at <i>them</i> and said to them, “<u>With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible</u>.”</p> <p>27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “<u>See, we have left all and followed You</u>. Therefore what shall we have?”</p> <p>28 So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, <u>when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory</u>, you who have followed Me will also <u>sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel</u>. 29 And <u>everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life</u>.”</p>	<p>22= (It shows that he still loved great possessions more than God)</p> <p>23-26= (A rich man who loves richness more than or equal with God is impossible to enter the kingdom of God or to be saved or to have eternal life, because of God’s possible works, not human impossible works; in this context, the richness is not God’s grace like Abraham’s or Solomon’s richness blessed by God)</p> <p>27= (To love God mostly, deny yourself, take your cross daily or your calling from God day by day, and follow Jesus’ direction through His Spirit, not the flesh <i>Luke 9:23; Rom 8:3-4¹²</i>)</p> <p>28= (John saw the vision in heaven 24 thrones which might include 12 disciple’s thrones; in the millennium kingdom, every Christian may sit on throne in His glory incomparable with the present suffering time <i>Rev 4:4; Rev 20:4; Rom 8:18¹³</i>)</p> <p>29= (Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands or whatever – that’s whoever loves God mostly -- shall be rewarded a hundredfold, with tangible or intangible things in earth or heaven, and finally shall inherit eternal life.)</p>
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anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

¹² *Luke 9:23* Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me; *Rom 8:3-4* For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

¹³ *Rev 4:4* Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads; *Rev 20:4* And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I* saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years; *Rom 8:18* For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

30= (Many who are first in the world such as celebrities, billionaires, heroes, idols, politicians, or the most powerful people who do not believe in Jesus Christ or who are carnal Christians will be last. But many who are last in the world such as faithful believers who are ministers, businessmen, or other workers will be first according to His judgment 1 Cor 3:7-8, 11-15¹⁴)

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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¹⁴ 1 Cor 3:7-8, 11-15 ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

GOD's Continuing Work Through His Church Acts 29

Pray for continually "Let go, let God" because CCAH church (His sheep) is His church. "The Commentary of the Bible By Verse" is coming for this & future generation.

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

Who can be against the Word (λόγος LOGOS or the written word, i.e., the Scripture)?

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organized for our team to get all eight individuals to a safe house and began working on a plan to get them to permanent safety. Our team coordinated with other groups to extract 120 people and assist in many more rescues.

While every other western country has facilitated evacuations for all their citizens out of Sudan, the U.S. continues to give no response to the calls for immediate rescue, nor do they place any priority on evacuation solutions.

A highly trained commander working in the region was extremely frustrated by the current administration's lack of regard for innocent lives and called to offer Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) any assistance possible. He told us to call with the names of American citizens and/or innocent people in danger, and his team would make them a priority. I appreciate the courage he displayed.



His actions risked his career (acting without orders or acting against any order to stand down), but I have to be honest, in the same situation, I would make that same call. What good is it if you have the ability to make a difference and are in the right place at the right time, but the directives that are given violate every part of your being.

In addition to the recent developments in Sudan, we dealt with precarious rescue operations in Afghanistan. We saw many organizations rescuing people but without the proper documents to do so. Without the proper documents, if person is caught in other countries, they were deported back. Many young women were forced to work in the sex trade or be sent back to Afghanistan for certain death.

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At FRM, we have chosen to procure the necessary legal documents (passports, visas, etc.) so our team and those they rescued could move quickly and efficiently across international borders. Each of these objectives took extensive planning, intelligence networks, and money to accomplish.

In essence, we have built a modern-day underground railroad system to bring these hunted Afghan citizens to freedom. Early on, we discovered the best way to build continuity into our system was to always have two alternate plans in place (these are called redundant networks). We had a network to rescue, place, and maintain our refugees in safe houses. Then we had another network tasked with getting passports processed. Remember, the Taliban essentially closed down all Afghan government services, so this was all done from the homes of officials and under secrecy for their protection. And each of these had redundant networks ready so that if one network was burned (which happened twice), we could continue rescuing Afghans as the Taliban relentlessly hunted for so-called enemies. Out of necessity, we quickly built a complex underground railroad system.

The most challenging task was finding countries willing to accept Afghan refugees permanently. Sadly, many nations had little or made no provision for them. This includes the United States, which still has over 400,000 unopened applications from Afghans who are eligible for special-issued visas as a result of their work with the U.S. government or military. In many cases, husbands were successfully granted visas while their wives and children were denied, leaving them victims at the hands of the Taliban's cruel regime, focused on exacting revenge.

In the very beginning, one European Union country was willing to resettle 990 Afghans, promising each full citizenship, medical care, housing, rehabilitation, and support. We found a company willing to pick them up in Kabul and transport them on three flights, but the cost would be \$3,500 per person. Another South American

