

Lesson 11

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

1. What is the problem that Paul faces in vv. 25-40?
2. Who are the “virgins”?
3. How are vv. 25-40 different from Paul’s other writings? Is this part of the letter inspired?
4. What is the “present distress” that serves as the basis of Paul agreement that “it is good for a man to remain as he is”?
5. Is one who is divorced for a reason other than fornication prior to conversion to stay in that relationship (remain as called) after conversion?
6. Why does Paul use the word “wife” (“woman”) in v. 27?
7. Is celibacy superior to marriage?
8. How should the Corinthians live in light of the “shortened time”?
9. What is the reason for one’s new stance toward the world?
10. What concerns characterize the married? The celibate?
11. Why does Paul point out these concerns?
12. Does Paul forbid marriage based upon these concerns?
13. Does the “virgin” in vv. 36-38 refer to a father’s daughter or a fiancé’s betrothed?
14. Must a believing widow marry a Christian?

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