

My Response To J's Second Letter

Hey, J----, sorry you were offended by my sense of humor, but in all honesty, you deserved a stronger rebuke than you received for your mishandling of God's Word. I realize you think that because you read such in a book by men who claim to be Christians that you thought it was OK; but it is not. You are being led astray and need to wake-up.

If someone wanted to debate with you about math, and they walked in and said, $2+2=5$ because 1 is really equal to zero and 4 is not in the originals – What would you do? This is the kind of nonsense being put forth in the name of Biblical exegesis.

J---- – I am not against you as a person; but you have sided with wicked people against God's clear Word – thus putting us at odds. If you would repent, we could be friends.

J---- – Why have you not answered me in the points I've challenged you with? You have not answered my points or my books.

Response to Mark's Response:

Mark's objections fail to challenge my main points. It is also helpful to point out who is calling who names.

- Yes, I am calling you an unbeliever and wicked concerning your use and attitude towards God's Holy Inspired Word, His apostles, and His preservation of the Scriptures, which you have to change in order to support your case.
- In our world "name calling" is "bad"; but Jesus, the apostles, the prophets, and God called names continually; which reveals whose value system you are following.
- What names did I call you? Can you tell me what names I called you? I'd like for you to tell me which ones were childish, as comparing your confusion to a termite in a yo-yo is not even name calling.

You the reader will do well to note the different attitudes of our writing styles.

- Yes, Please notice who reverences God's Word, and who slanders it! Who calls the apostles dense, and who defends them? Who interprets Jesus' words as the opposite of what He said, and who rebukes such error?

Also, notice that he cannot answer why it is that the guilty party is free to remarry, but the innocent party is not, under his position.

- As I told you, God's program is a package deal, and His laws were given within this package and program with elders, authority, and many other laws. The guilty party would normally be dead, and the innocent party could indeed remarry. You are the one not listening and answering. You refuse to acknowledge the eternal validity of God's moral judgments. So you wish to figure it all out on your own without God's Law.
- Your interpretation has people who are innocent and remarried charged with perpetual adultery while obeying God's Word and then you want to separate the second marriage and have them reunite the first, which God calls an abomination.
- You want people to be force to live single – who were innocent – when God says they can marry. In the New Testament Paul says "If they cannot contain let them marry" and he doesn't qualify his statements to exclude divorcees.
- I've covered all this in my books, which you claimed to read; but you've argued against some position in the books you read as though I had not even written books on the subject. That is not proper debate format.

And yes, he is an Erasmian Interpreter. I am a Patristic Interpreter. Why that fact should bother him is beyond me.

- I am sorry, J-----, that it is beyond you; but let me explain. I have based NOTHING on Erasmus, never quoted him, and never read him. YOU HAVE NOT QUOTED HIM EITHER. PROVE that Erasmus built his case on the same foundation I have. If you cannot, then admit you are wrong and stop pushing this label upon me – it is not just or proper.
- Why should it bother me that you don't address my book at all, but argue against Erasmus in a debate with me??? Why would that bother me? Hmmm.
- Just because our conclusions may be similar, that does not mean we arrive there on the same path. I have given you my path which you have avoided dealing with, because the books you are parroting don't know my case at all, and all you have been doing is parroting other's books. You don't call me a Shammaite or a Mosesite – then why the tag Erasmian as though he invented something or started something of his own. This is foolish.
- From the beginning you did not address one point from my books that you supposedly read. I wonder if you even read them, as you seem ignorant of the fact that I've answered all your objections already.
- The reason for giving you books to read is so I won't have to re-write all the same information here.

I have taken a different position than he, and he simply will not admit any possibility of my being correct.

- If you are correct, then words mean nothing, because you have built a case on nonsense and misuse of God's words through Moses, Malachi, Jesus, and Paul.
- If you are right, then the Jews obeyed Jesus when they killed Him, for He commanded them to kill a false prophet who led them away from God's Law. When they said, "he has a devil", they were accurate and when they said, "he deceiveth the people" they were also accurate IF YOU ARE CORRECT FOR YOU MAKE JESUS CORRECT GOD'S WORD AND CHARGE GOD'S LAW WITH PRODUCING ADULTERY.
- If you are right then Malachi is a false prophet or Jesus is not the Messiah.
- If you are right then God is not immutable or Moses was not speaking God's Words.
- Should I admit the possibility of you being right? When you interpret Jesus to say the opposite of what Matthew tells us He said, should I admit the possibility of you being right?

My challenge is left intact: Does fornication plus divorce equal an adulterous remarriage or not? If he answers "no," then it undermines any genuine exception clause. If he answers "yes" then how is the original marriage still intact when a second remarriage occurs? Because we need to know why it is that the very act of a remarriage dissolves the first marriage.

- The exception clause declares who sinned in the breaking of the marriage covenant and who did not – It has nothing to do with whether the second marriage is continued adultery or not – everyone who knew God's law, knew that was not an option – God's Law clearly stated that the first marriage was over forever when a second was made and could never be reconciled.
- A wife divorced due to immorality and not stoned; was free to legally remarry if any man would take her – Read Deut 24 – but does that mean she is clear before God? Does that mean she is not a sinner on the way to hell? The whole law is a package deal, as I told you; and what God set up was the wisest and best program around. If the sinner repents of breaking God's Law or abusing it; they CANNOT UNDO WHAT WAS DONE AND GO BACK TO THE FIRST. THEY MUST CONTINUE THE COVENANT THEY ARE IN. You implying that they found a loophole and got what they wanted is charging God with injustice and also being a poor lawmaker.
- A wife divorced due to the husband's abuse of God's Law and not guilty was free to remarry; but the remarriage would technically be the breaking of the original marriage covenant, since it had not been broken before – this breaking of the marriage covenant is adultery charged on the head of the husband who put away an innocent wife, but it doesn't forbid her to remarry if there is no hope of reconciliation. God anticipated the abuse of His own law and this is why He denied any possibility of the original marriage being reunited after divorce and remarriage; WHICH PROVES THAT THE ORIGINAL MARRIAGE WAS BROKEN WHEN A NEW COVENANT WAS MADE. You act as though this means they got by with sin; but you forget that God is the judge and the salvation or damnation of their souls is the ultimate reckoning. Moses law was given so the judges would know what to do.
- Adultery is not committed when a legally married husband and wife have intimacy.

- The Words of Jesus are dealing with the guilt of the man who abuses God's Law for the intent of getting another wife. Jesus is declaring the sin of abusing God's law by them assuming the legal paperwork was all that mattered, and not the reasons and motives behind it.
- The reason you need to know why the establishment of a new covenant dissolves and invalidates the previous covenant is because you don't understand covenants in God's Word, nor will you give proper authority to Deut, because you are determined to pit Jesus against His own Word, because you are a cloaked unbeliever.
- IF THEY HEAR NOT MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, NEITHER WILL THEY BE PERSUADED THOUGH ONE ROSE FROM THE DEAD. I told you all this and more in my reply to your supposed answer to my books and in my books themselves that you were supposed to have read and be answering.

I also would like to know if Mr. Bullen's church group includes in their statement of faith the allowance of having multiple wives, including concubines as well. He must grant that freedom to all the married men in the congregation, if he is to be consistent with Mosaic Law.

- Again, you show your ignorance and abhorrence of God's Holy Judgments. Spiritual people walk in the light of all God's Word, which reveals God's perfect will and original intent for one man and one woman. If I'm walking in the light I have, I could never be a polygamist because I know better. God's Law tells us what to do when we meet up with someone who is in a situation like polygamy. The apostles would allow them to be members, but not Spiritual leaders – consistent with God's Law. Are you wiser than they?
- If you went to the mission field in a culture that allowed polygamy, and found a man with two wives who believed in Jesus with all his house, What would you do?? The apostles would not allow him to be a bishop or deacon; but if you wish to follow Jesus and the apostles, you would have to allow him to be a member. You have a real problem with God and His judgments, and it shows clearly.
 - Do you believe that Jesus inspired Moses?
 - If Jesus had been alive back then instead of Moses; would He have said anything different than Moses?? Answer me if you dare.
 - Are you ashamed of what Moses said? Was Jesus ashamed of Moses?
 - Do you believe Jesus regrets what He said through Moses?
 - Do you believe Jesus came to correct His own Law or write them in our hearts and minds?

THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE TO GRAPPLE WITH – ARE YOU A BELIEVER IN GOD'S WORD, OR DO YOU JUST BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN MORAL JUDGMENT?

- So, tell me J-----:
 - Did Jesus forget about the polygamy laws when he made the following statement:
 - Matt 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
 - Did God forget about the polygamy laws when He said His purpose in the New Covenant was to write His laws in our hearts and minds?
 - Did Paul forget about the polygamy laws when He made the following statements:
 - Ro 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
 - 2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- Do you believe what Psalms 19:7-11 says? Are you a believer J-----?
- J-----, is Malachi a false or true prophet? How is it that he declares what Jesus is going to preach and says that He will bring the people back to God's laws? What are you going to do with Malachi, J----- – you said nothing about it. You have not answered my points, J-----. He is

not the only prophet who testifies that the Messiah would defend God's Laws and bring the people back to them.

- J-----, 29 years after Pentecost the apostles were still obeying Moses' Law and there were "many thousands" of Jews in Jerusalem who were members of the Christian church and were "all zealous of the law". Does that fit your beliefs?? Read Acts 21, J-----.

I do want to point out two factual mistakes in my essay: I had said that William Heth now views Jesus's words as hyperbolic. In fact, he does not, but believes in adultery and desertion as being exception to an otherwise law like ruling.

- What do you mean "as exception to an otherwise law like ruling" Please explain

It is actually Craig Keener who believes that Jesus spoke hyperbolically on divorce and remarriage. Also, in my four groups of divorced women, I gave the wrong number in listing the scenarios. Hopefully that misnumbering did not cause confusion. If it did, I apologize.

If, according to Mr. Bullen, the debate is over, I should expect no further remarks from him. Unless he is simply using a figure of speech, then I would be glad to put up with some of the childish name calling in order to pursue the debate further. We can sure hope for a civil debate, but it appears to be wishful thinking on my part.

- Is you calling God's apostles "dense" childish? No, it is wicked; but calling you an unbeliever because you slander and despise God's Holy Word is not childish. You need to repent of your pride in your attitude toward God's Word, God's prophets, God's Son, and God's apostles.

J-----

Ps 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS J-----????? If your heart doesn't line up with Ps 119, then you are an unbeliever.

A true believer thinks this way:

- Rule #1 – God's Word is the best and wisest and most appropriate thing to do under the circumstances – ALWAYS – and God never changes in His moral judgments.
- Rule #2 – If my finite mind cannot understand something God did, then I need to study, grow, and seek God's wisdom; not tamper with and change God's clear Word to fit me and my thoughts.
 - Let God be true, but every man a liar!

You are avoiding my clear demolition of your case built on sand. I answered you clearly; but you have not answered me. Everyone can see this.