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# God's View On Marriage Part 2

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# Missing The Point

Matthew 19:7



# Making Excuses

- Jesus just set forth the ideal of marriage
- They ask with an answer already in mind
- What's your excuse?
- Is this something God won't forgive?
- Moses commanded...allowed, Mk 10:4-5
  - There was a God-ordained legal provision

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# What About Moses?

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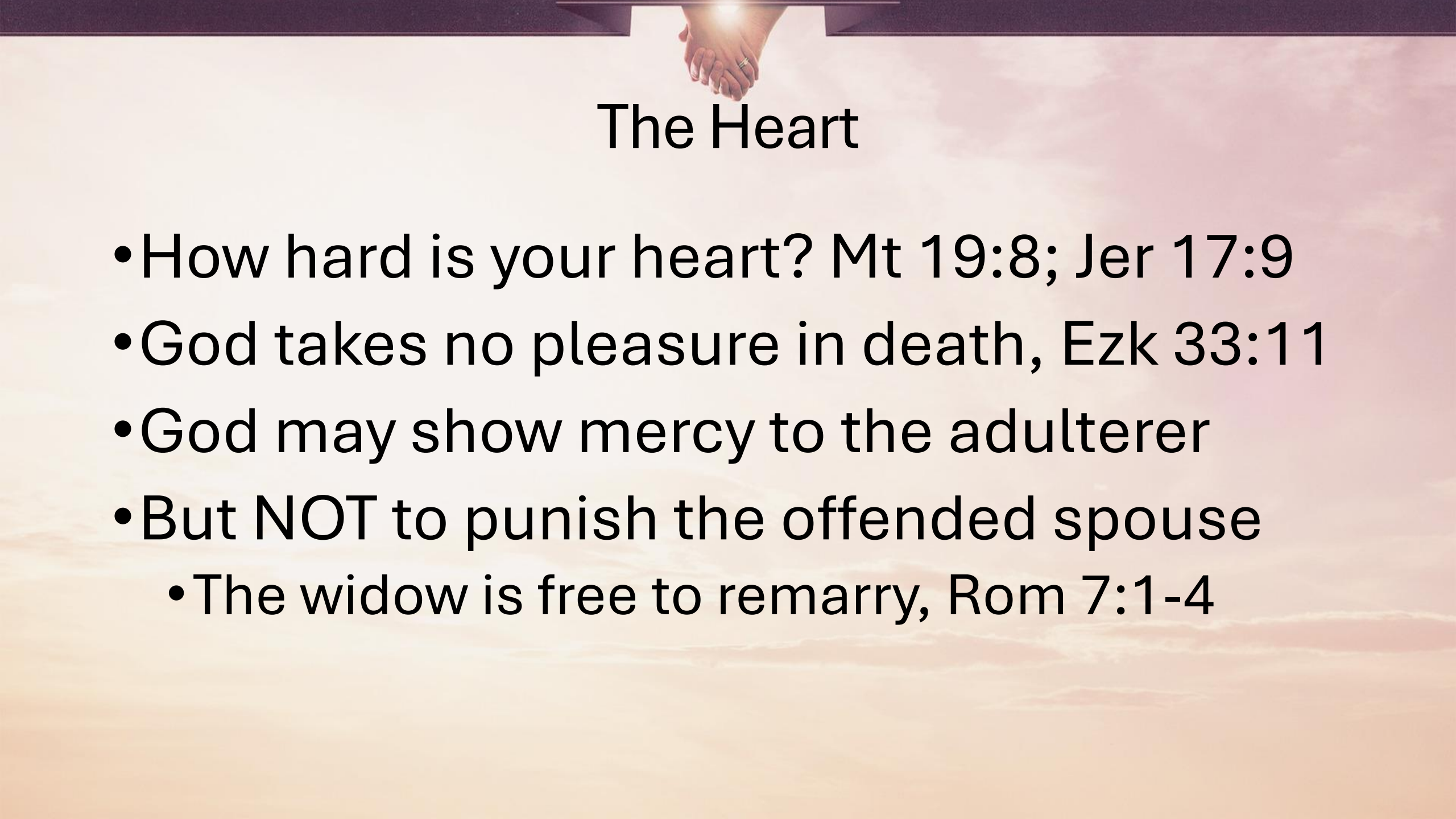
## The Fall

- Who will you believe? Gen 3
- Eve failed to ask, refused to follow
- Adam failed to lead, refused to protect
- Now, future disruption of God-given roles
- Your desire shall be..., cp 16a with 4:7
- He shall rule over you, 16b



# The Law

- Exod 20 (statute), the ten commandments
- Deut 22 (case law), God prescribed the death penalty in cases of adultery
- Prov 5-7 (wisdom literature)
- John 8, who could cast the first stone?



# The Heart

- How hard is your heart? Mt 19:8; Jer 17:9
- God takes no pleasure in death, Ezk 33:11
- God may show mercy to the adulterer
- But NOT to punish the offended spouse
  - The widow is free to remarry, Rom 7:1-4



# The Grounds


- Exod 21:7-11 (case law, what principle)
  - Even the most vulnerable have rights
  - Material provision: food, clothing
  - Physical affection: marital rights
  - If the covenant is broken, she is free to leave





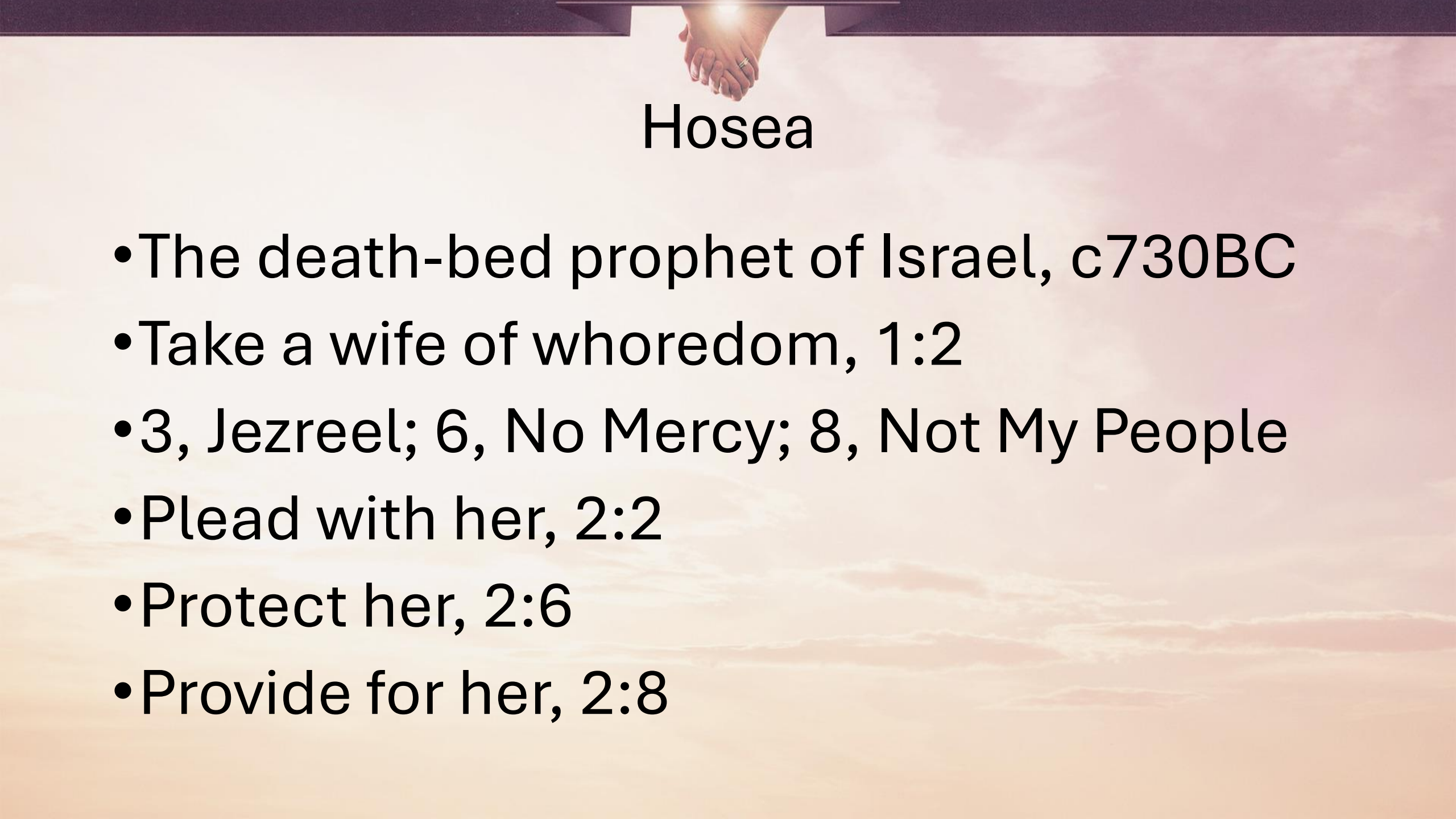
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- Deut 24:1-4
  - Protasis (if): some indecency, bill of divorce, she marries another, is hated, gets another bill of divorce (or dies [equivalent])
  - Apodosis (then): don't return to the first
  - “Some indecency.” ‘the nakedness of a thing’ points to sexual sin, thus Mt 19:9



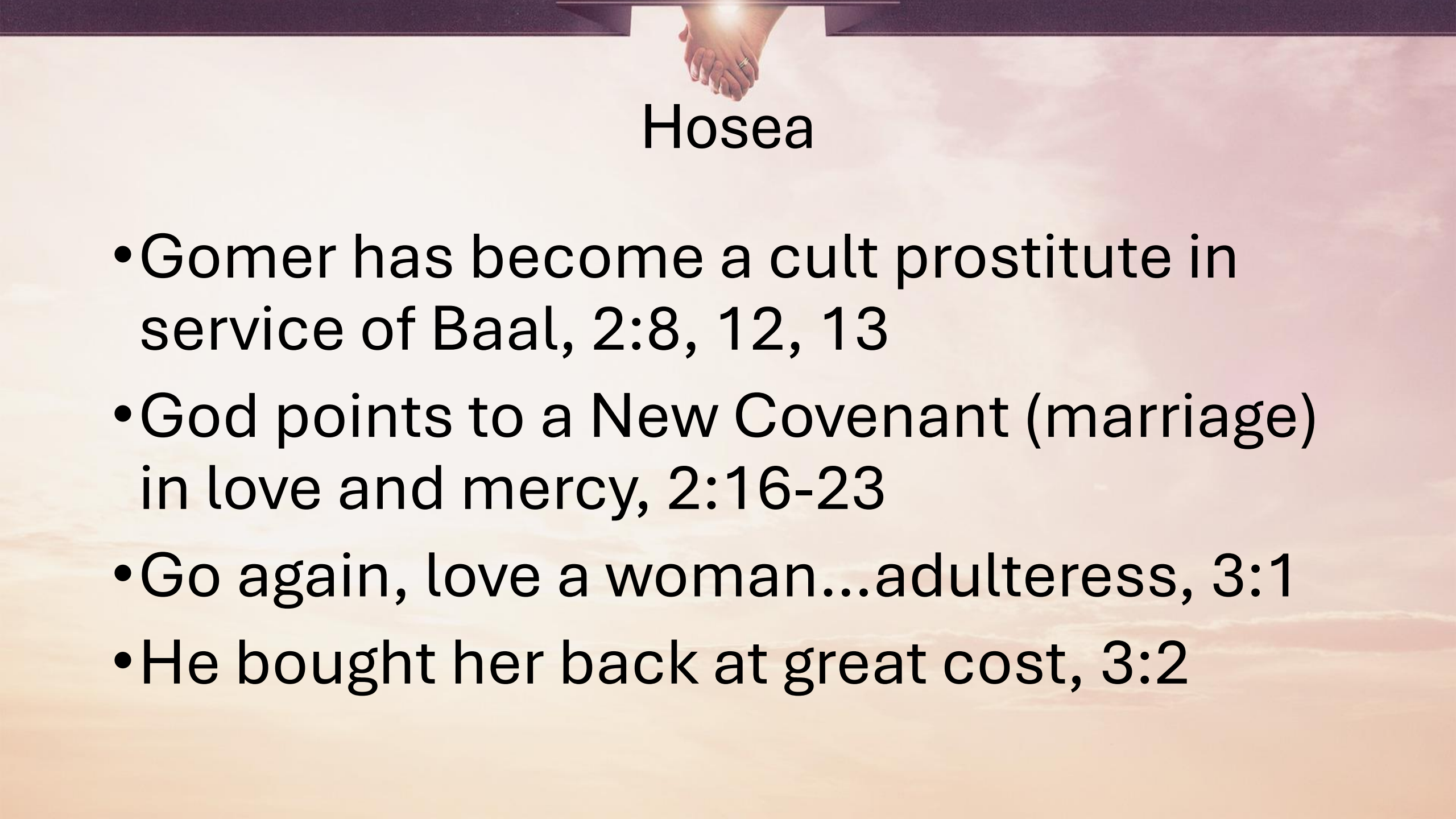
## The Examples

- Joseph was preparing to divorce Mary, and was called righteous, Mt 1:18-20
- God divorced Israel, Jer 3:8. Yet He called her to return! Jer 3:1, 7, 10, 12, 14; 4:1, 4

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, one slightly above the other, set against a soft, warm sunset sky with light clouds. The hands are positioned at the top center of the frame, with the fingers interlaced. The lighting is gentle and golden, creating a sense of connection and support.

# Hosea

- The death-bed prophet of Israel, c730BC
- Take a wife of whoredom, 1:2
- 3, Jezreel; 6, No Mercy; 8, Not My People
- Plead with her, 2:2
- Protect her, 2:6
- Provide for her, 2:8



## Hosea

- Gomer has become a cult prostitute in service of Baal, 2:8, 12, 13
- God points to a New Covenant (marriage) in love and mercy, 2:16-23
- Go again, love a woman...adulteress, 3:1
- He bought her back at great cost, 3:2

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