

In the course of doing a study on marriage, divorce, and remarriage; I found myself with a dearth of resources. I had Samuel Dawson's book, *Marriage Divorce & Remarriage, The Uniform Teaching Of Moses, Jesus and Paul*, with which I had some disagreements. In addition, I used some of the internet articles I could find by brethren. All-in-all, I did not feel comfortable that I had answers to several of my questions. Kevin Kay recommended the book, *Is It Lawful*, edited by Allan and Fisher.

After purchasing a copy of that book, I began reading and taking notes where I found it necessary. There were not a lot of notes. Some small points I learned and agreed with such as Smelser's saying that the Pharisees were trying to pit Jesus against Moses rather than the School of Hillel against the School of Shammai. I do, however, agree with Dawson that adultery was not always provable by 2-3 witnesses. It seems, therefore, that Deuteronomy 24 might have been a remedy for that situation in the first case. These are not core points. Kevin said to me that the scriptures for MDR are not really that hard to understand. In general, that seems to be the case. The book affirms those understandings. In small points, the authors do disagree here and there (Waldron and Stauffer, for example).

I especially enjoyed the writing of Tim Reeves, though many of the authors were very good. Obviously some authors' work will appeal more to other readers than to me. Some may seem like their articles are better written and deal more thoroughly with the subject assigned. I am still trying to figure out if Waldron's argument about the race to the courthouse washes.

If there is any weakness, it seems to me that as I read some of the articles I could not help but ask certain questions that I found the author did not answer or explain fully or well enough to my mind. I may have to re-read it, but I did not think Klein really answered the meaning of fornication. That is not unusual in any writing. I am sure people who read my writings say the same thing. It may be that my questions are not as relevant to people examining the argument as they are to me.

In some cases, I think that different authors may be using terminology differently. The idea of the bond is one I am still trying to work through, and I do not think everyone sees that concept in the same way.

Overall, this is, as Kevin said it would be, a fairly thorough compendium on the subject of MDR. The authors are credible and write convincingly and, for the most part, understandably. It works well to be read through, as I am doing, or as a reference resource. Since each article deals with specific passages, terminology, or concepts; one can easily look up any of those for specific study. For example, there is a section on the Bales books *Scope Of The Covenants* and *Not Under Bondage* which reviews fairly without bias the points Bales makes and then offers refutation. One could not go wrong by having this book on his shelf. When will there be a Logos edition?