

Wedding Vows

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65-0116X - "WEDDING CEREMONY"

Dearly beloved, we have gathered here in the face of this company, in the Presence of God, to join together in holy matrimony, this man and this woman, which is honorable, as declared by Saint Paul, among all men.

It is therefore not by any to be entered into unadvisably or lightly, but reverently, discreetfully, advisably, soberly, and in the fear of God.

Amplified Version

GENESIS 2:18 Now the Lord God said, It is not good {sufficient, satisfactory} that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper meet {suitable, adapted, complementary} for him. 19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every {wild} beast and living creature of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever Adam called every living creature, that was its name. 20 And Adam gave names to all the livestock and to the birds of the air and to every {wild} beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper meet {suitable, adapted, complementary} for him. 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and while he slept, He took one of his ribs or a part of his side and closed up the [place with] flesh. 22 And the rib or part of his side which the Lord God had taken from the man He built up and made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 Then Adam said, This [creature] is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of a man. 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

I CORINTHIANS 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

EPHESIANS 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

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GENESIS 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

GENESIS 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

GENESIS 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

GENESIS 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

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HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1692

dabaq {daw-bak'} a primitive root; TWOT -- 398; v

1) to cling, stick, stay close, cleave, keep close, stick to, stick with, follow closely, join to, overtake, catch

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to cling, cleave to

1a2) to stay with

1b) (Pual) to be joined together

1c) (Hiph)

1c1) to cause to cleave to

1c2) to pursue closely

1c3) to overtake

1d) (Hoph) to be made to cleave

unto his wife:

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 802

'ishshah {ish-shaw'} feminine of 376 or 582; TWOT -- 137a; n f

1) woman, wife, female

1a) woman (opposite of man)

1b) wife (woman married to a man)

Amplified

MATTHEW 19:5 And said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be united firmly {joined inseparably} to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? {Genesis 1:27; 2:24} 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder {separate}.

MATTHEW 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4347

proskollao {pros-kol-lah'-o} from 4314 and 2853; TDNT -- omitted,452; vb

AV cleave (2), be joined (1), join (one's) self (1) [4]

1) to glue upon, glue to; to join one's self to closely, cleave to, stick to

MATTHEW 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4801

suzeugnumi {sood-zyoog'-noo-mee} from 4862 and the base of 2201; TDNT -- omitted, omitted; vb

AV -- join together (2)

1) to fasten to one yoke, yoke together; to join together unite: of the marriage tie

God is present at the ceremony. The couple must be aware of the presence of God. Three things the wedding covenant made within the wedding ceremony is conducted in the presence of:

- (I) God
- (II) Marriage Officer
- (III) Officials
- (IV) public witnesses.

The marriage covenant must not be entered into unadvisedly (careless, thoughtless, ill-considered).

Who would the qualified advisors/counsellors? They must be thoroughly advised on the marriage covenant and their individual obligations and responsibilities. The marriage officers/ advisors/ counsellors do not always bear the responsibilities of the broken marriage, yet they are responsible if they neglect to emphasise the importance of the marriage covenant, responsibilities and obligations and the clear outline of the Roles they must play.

The heart of wise brings learning – scripture. Counsel of the wise scripture.

Lightly (casually, easily, freely, unconcernedly). It is a very important institution that God instituted in the Garden of Eden. It is through this institution that God will fulfil his spiritual purpose that he had in his mind even in his self-existent form. It is such an important and serious institution that God Himself performed the first marriage ceremony. The first marriage officer was God with witnesses, but it was not a successful marriage to emphasise that it is not always the marriage officer's responsibility. Lightly means that it should be emphasised that this is very important. This institution could have grave consequences in this world and the world to come. They must understand the importance because it is a God covenant.

Charges that may arise from violating such an important covenant – called liar, covenant breaker, discontented, unfaithful, untrustworthy, betrayal, lack of self-control, lust, adultery, lack of patience and temperance, lack of wisdom, lack of discernment in choosing a partner. It is important to emphasise the word covenant.

The 10 commandments are also a covenant. This is not a human, civil or earthly institution but a divine institution governed by divine authority. Therefore, the admonition in the quote what God has joined together let not man (human, earthly powers) break asunder – this is to emphasise that it should be entered into lightly.

Sowers of discord Bible vocabulary of people that undermine relationships in laws – both sides, siblings – both sides, friends, neighbours. The responsibility of a Christian, family and friends is to protect marriage covenants. To undermine the marriage covenant is to work against God's institution. Undermining can take different forms – mothers in laws complaining about sons/daughters e.g. cooking, cleaning, etc.

Reverently (having respect and fear of the Lord of the covenant and the vows that they are to make) means that in the mind of the Bride and Groom, a sense of the divine must be conscious.

In the message **Respects**, when you respect me and I respect you, we respect God.

PROVERBS 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.
befitting men, places, actions or sacred things to God; reverent

Discreetly

cautiously, carefully, thoughtfully, etc.

Meaning that both parties have thoroughly considered all that has been declared through the counsellor's / advisors pertaining to the seriousness of the marriage covenant. The obligations toward God and each other, importance of playing their roles, responsibilities, their testimony of belonging to the same faith and the pros and cons of our fallen human nature.

Giving up their primary responsibilities and obligating their responsibilities to the covenant, also giving up their identity and name.

Genesis 2 typing Father and Son and Adam marriage. After such considerations they are in agreement to enter the marriage covenant with their own free will without any coercion or pressure, their conscious bearing witness of their commitment.

Soberly

(unpassionately, temperately) means having understood the seriousness and gravity.

If you notice within the prophet's preamble of the marriage ceremony emphasised the importance it is to be clear. Repetition it to convey how important it is to weigh your decisions carefully and that there should be no question about the covenant you about to enter.

Soberly means meaning that decisions should be free from emotional considerations.

Christian Love, Agape Love is not chemical love. Christian marriage is based first on the love of God and the will of God for themselves and towards their God given mate. Man loves a woman quote.

60-1002 THE.KINSMAN.REDEEMER

And when a man loves a woman and marries her because she's just pretty, there'll be an end to that.

But when a man finds a woman that he loves, he don't know why, but he loves her...

And she finds the man that she loves, no matter what he looks like... He loves her. She loves him. That's an eternal mate in glory. They'll...

Death nor nothing else can ever separate them. Because they are from eternity, and they stepped out into space of time, and will return back to eternity.

PSALM 106:33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

HEBREW LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 981

bata' {baw-taw'} or batah {baw-taw'} a primitive root; TWOT -- 232; v

- 1) to speak rashly or angrily, speak thoughtlessly
 - 1a) (Qal) one that babbles, speaks rashly (participle)
 - 1b) (Piel) to speak rashly, unadvisedly

DEUTERONOMY 32:15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5034

nabel {naw-bale'} a primitive root; TWOT -- 1286; v

- 1) to be senseless, be foolish
 - 1a) (Qal) to be foolish
 - 1b) (Piel)
- 1b1) to regard/treat as foolish
- 1b2) to treat with contempt
- 2) to sink/drop down, languish, wither and fall, fade
 - 2a) (Qal)
 - 2a1) to sink/drop down
 - 2a2) to fall, wither and fall, fade
 - 2a3) to droop

You respect the covenant, you respect God and if you live within the responsibilities, riches, honour and life must follow.

Seeing that their vows to this covenant is to be made in the presence of God himself and that for the rest of their lives, they are depending on the grace, power, and protection that God would shelter their union from themselves and the wiles of the enemy.

Reverential attitude comes by a revelation of the importance of what the marriage covenant represents as it relates to the threefold purpose of God that is a home and a family.

Therefore, Thy Kingdom come on earth is reflected in every Christian marriage covenant and their homes, whereby God dwelling with a Bride and Groom in their Kingdom home.

This makes every day of their married life holy and reverent. The marriage covenant ends with knowing that Christ is the head of the home and the silent listener to every conversation and a guest at every meal.

A help when trouble arises, and a rock when our hearts are afraid. Because they believe that their journey on earth was predestinated in the mind of God as Eve was predestinated in the mind of God to be a Bride, therefore nothing can separate them, not even death.

Forever entangled but in the eternal realms, 8th dimension, threefold purpose. Woman is a product of man, as a man is a product of God.

TITUS 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2412

hieroprepes {hee-er-op-rep-ace'} from 2413 and the same as 4241; TDNT - 3:221,349; adj AV - as becometh holiness (1)

MARK 12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3562

nounechos {noon-ekh-oce'} adverb from a comparative of the accusative case of 3563 and 2192; TDNT - omitted,omitted; adv

AV - discreetly (1)

1) wisely, discreetly, prudently

ROMANS 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4993

sophroneo {so-fron-eh'-o} from 4998; TDNT -- 7:1097,1150; vb

AV be in right mind (2), be sober (2), be sober minded (1), soberly (1) [6]

1) to be of sound mind

1a) to be in one's right mind

1b) to exercise self control; to put a moderate estimate upon one's self, think of one's self soberly; to curb one's passions

Unadvisedly

PROVERBS 11:14 AMP Where there is no {wise, intelligent} guidance, the people fall [and go off course like a ship without a helm], But in the abundance of {wise and godly} counselors there is victory.

PROVERBS 11:14 KJV Where no counsel is, the people fall: But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

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Into this holy state these two persons present come now to be joined. If there is anyone here that can show a just cause why they should not be lawful joined in this holy matrimony, let them now speak or forever hold their peace.

"Into this holy state"

Therefore, we acknowledge that 'this state' is holy because God has called and separated to join these two people to one another and God, and to no other.

Into this holy and sacred union they stand before the Righteous Judge who knows the secrets of all hearts and if there is any condition that is known to Bride and Groom or witnesses present should not be sealed, the Righteous Judge is asking that it be declared for the sake and perseveration of the holy covenant lest the blessings become a curse.

The concept of Moses being called on holy ground, the sacred sands, because he was called to join God and Israel.

This man and woman called by a holy calling to be separated from all other unions to be enjoined in this sacred, holy union by their God Himself.

Witnesses and Bride and Groom are accountable if they do not voice their objections or knowledge of some factors that hinder marriage. Upon an objection from a public witness, the marriage officer will interrupt the ceremony. He will call the objecting witness into a private room; he will hear objection. If the objection has merit in breaking any of the conditions of the marriage covenant. He will question the marriage couple in private. If there is no evidence or grounds, the marriage officer will continue with the marriage ceremony. If the objection has merit and raises reasonable questions, then the ceremony will be terminated. An investigation will be conducted, or he can withdraw or until the case has been resolved to his liking.

A Marriage Officer must only perform and convey the marriage vows only if his conscience is at rest and that there is no doubt or question of the couple that stands before him. A minister, pastor, apostle is not obligated to marry anyone even from their own congregation if there are any reasons that he is not satisfied with the vows or sincerity of the couple.

60-1205 THE.EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE

126 If you marry, marry a person; if you can't, if they're all scrupled up in their marriage, don't marry them at all.

See? If you can't freely say, "I pronounce you husband and wife in the Name of Jesus Christ," let them go. All right. If you want to baptize them, baptize them in Jesus' Name.

Confession before engagement

We need to relate the prophet's message: the message *Marriage of the Lamb* is like the process of coming to salvation. You espousal and invitation and there must be confession, repentance, and transparency. These are the first steps for salvation. Before an espousal and covenant there is confession/ declaration of the bride to be to confess past relationships.

65-1125 THE.INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.OF.CHRIST, SHREVEPORT.LA, V-2, N-15 THURSDAY

85 If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her, and make it right. The same as the church that was married to the law, has to come also before Christ, before the second marriage. She has to confess that. If she doesn't, and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confess it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. Fornication is unclean living.

There is no standing relationship / lingering relationship that they are in - they are free from all encumbrances such as courtship and intimate relationships of the best.

62-0121E THE.MARRIAGE.OF.THE.LAMB

283 People, we, we've got to stand that. We must do it. It's just got to be done. So the... **It's not emotion.** Emotions goes with it, of course. That's right. **But the thing of it is, is a consecrated heart.**

284 Just take the Word of God, and say, "God, I did wrong. I'm sorry I did that. You know my heart. I did wrong. Right here upon this grounds, I confess my wrong. And from this night, henceforth, I'm engaged to You.

I'm part of the Bride. I'll never do that again; never let my temper slip again. I'll act like a lady. I'll act like a gentleman. I'll do the things that the Bible says do. I'll take You right now at Your Word." Then you're getting somewhere.

62-0121E THE.MARRIAGE.OF.THE.LAMB

237 Your own life proves that you haven't got what you're saying you got. Then why not confess it? "He that will confess his sin shall have pardon: he that hides his sin shall not prosper."

You can't hide it. God knows all about it. And if you see and know that you're not living right, then why not confess it, and come out and let it be clear?

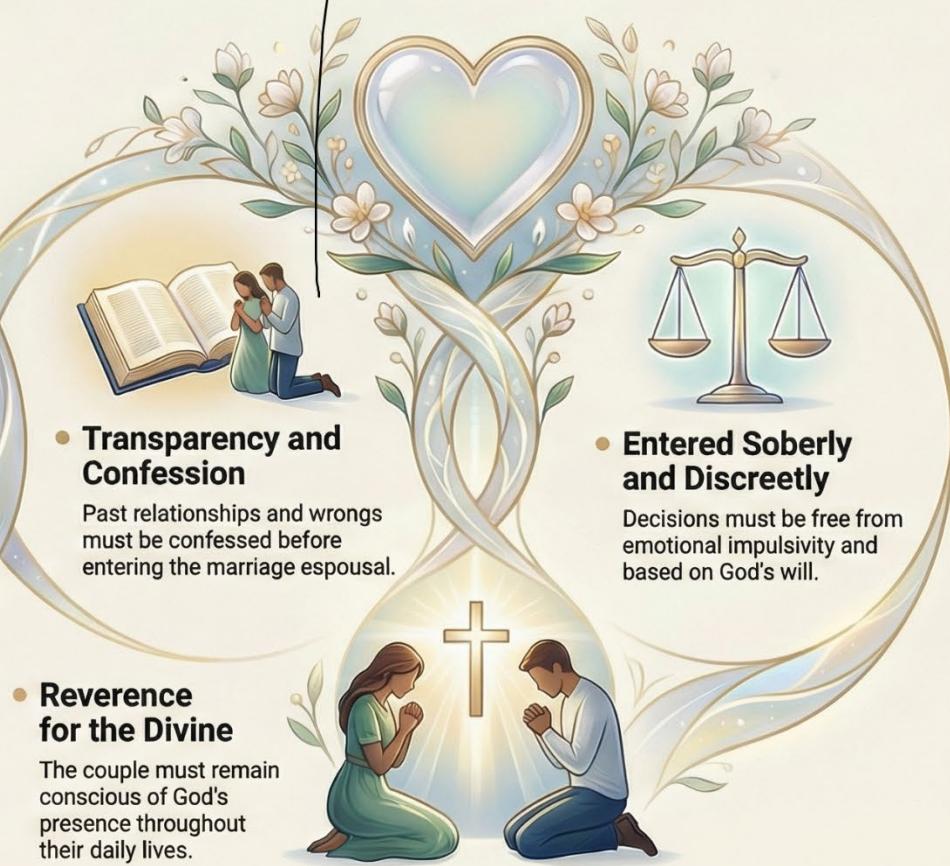
238 "Some people's sins go before them; some follow." Let mine go before. Let me tell all of mine right now. Let God get it right. That's what we ought to do.

The Divine Marriage Covenant: Foundations of a Holy Union

The Foundation of the Covenant



The Heart of the Union



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