

THE SACREDNESS OF YOUR MARRIAGE VOW

MATTHEW 5:31-37

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

33 ¶ Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

MATTHEW 12:34-37

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

DEUTERONOMY 23:21-23

21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; [even] a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

ECCLESIASTES 5:4-6

4 ¶ When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for [he hath] no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better [is it] that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it [was] an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

VOW

A solemn promise or pledge that binds a person to perform a specified act or to behave in a certain manner.

The first mention of a vow in the Bible is of Jacob at Bethel (Gen 28:20-22; 31:13). Other people who made a vow are Jephthah (Judg 11:30-31,39), Hannah (1 Sam 1:11), David (Ps 132:2-5), and Absalom (2 Sam 15:7-8).

A vow was as binding as an oath and therefore to be kept to the letter; and it was not to be lightly made (Prov 20:25).

A father could veto a daughter's vow, and a husband a wife's. If a husband did not veto a wife's vow, and then caused her to break it, the sin was his and not hers (Num 30, passim). It seems that vows were considered binding only when actually uttered (Deut 23:23).

NUMBERS 30:1-16

1 ¶ And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This [is] the thing which the LORD hath commanded.

2 If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

3 ¶ If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind herself by a bond, [being] in her father's house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

7 And her husband heard [it,] and held his peace at her in the day that he heard [it]: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

8 But if her husband disallowed her on **the day** that he heard [it]; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect; and the LORD shall forgive her.

9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

11 And her husband heard [it], and held his peace at her, [and] disallowed her not; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard [them; then] whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which [are] upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in **the day** that he heard [them].

15 But if he shall any ways make them void **after** that he hath heard [them]; then he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These [are] the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, [being yet] in her youth in her father's house.

SPIRITUAL AMNESIA BIRMINGHAM.AL SATURDAY 64-0411

E-60 Listen. When a man marries a wife he doesn't trust in her beauty. No, He trusts in the loyalty of her vow, her word. He doesn't trust in her beauty; he trusts in her loyalty. And that's the way when you marry to God. You don't trust in some big, beautiful church you can build, but in the promise that Jesus Christ made, that "I'm the same yesterday, today, and forever." Do you believe that?

ABSOLUTE.A HOUSTON.TX MONDAY 63-0304

E-9 When a young man is going to get married to a young woman, he must know the character of this young woman. Or the young woman must know the character of the young man, something that she can hold to. Will this man be a just man? Will he make me the right type of husband? Will this woman give to me in life what I--what I expect out of her, of loyalty and so forth? And then it's got to be somewhere that they can base their--their vows upon, knowing that there's something that will hold. And that's the reason we bring them to the church, and to the Word of God, to get this absolute tied.

CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE LA.CA V-2 N-28 THURSDAY 65-0429E

8-1 Now, if the spiritual--or the natural is a type of the spiritual, then the choosing of a bride in the natural is a type of choosing a Bride, the Bride in the spiritual.

Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife. A man.. For the vows here is until death do we part. That's how we should keep it. And you take that vow before God that only death will separate you. And I think we should... A man in his right mind that's planning a future, that he should choose that wife very careful; be careful what you're doing. And a woman choosing a husband, or accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing and especially in these days. A man should think and pray before he chooses a wife.

8-6 And if we would study what we were doing when we were going to get married, when we choose our wife or husband, if we'd study it over... A man should pray earnestly, for he could ruin his entire life. Remember the vow is "Until death do we part." And he could ruin his life by making the wrong choice. But if he knows what he's making the wrong choice and is marrying a woman that isn't fit to be his wife, and he does it anyhow, then it's his fault. If the woman takes a husband and knows that he's not fit to be a husband to you, then that's your own fault after you know what's right and wrong. So you shouldn't do it until you thoroughly pray through.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY 64-0823E

1036-Q-313 313. Brother Branham, what is the meaning of a annulment? Are people free to marry or is this just another word for divorce? I would like some information on this.

Sure they're married. As long as they take that vow, they're married. Just like a boy, if a boy promises a girl to marry her under good faith, he's obligated to that girl. He's just as good as married her. The only thing the law does, is give you a--a bill of rights to live together to keep from being common-law husband and wife. But when a man tells a woman, "I will marry you, Honey; I will take you for my wife. Will you take..." he's married.

Your vow is sacred; that's what marries you anyhow. There's not no preacher can marry you, no magistrate, or nothing else; it's your own vow to God and to this man. When you promise, you are married.

1036-195 Looky. You say, "Brother Branham, is that...? You say... You said you'd only answer that by the Bible." Did you want the Bible on it? Raise your hands if you want it. Now, we got about six or eight minutes. All right.

"Joseph, her husband, being a just man (her espoused husband, already called her husband)... Joseph, her husband, being a just man, was 'mindedly' to put her away privately on this wise; but before they came together, she was found with a Child of the Holy Ghost. (See?) And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and saying, 'Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee, Mary, thy wife.'" Already married, he'd already promised her.

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1037-197 And of... And little lady, if you promised to marry that boy, you're obligated to do it. If you marry another after that obligation, you will--from now on anyhow--you'll be living in adultery. And notice, the same thing to a boy promising to marry a woman...

Don't you make your vow to anybody 'less you mean to stick with it. Remember, there's the Bible for it. Joseph promised to marry Mary. And God said that that was...

Read the Old Testament laws on that. See? The Old Testament law, if you promised to marry a woman, and you married another one, you was committing adultery; and it threw you out of the camp. Yes, sir. You have to keep your vows when you promise a woman that. She's a sacred little vessel, and that's to bring child life into the world again. So when you promise her, you must marry her.

WE.HAVE.SEEN.HIS.STAR TUCSON.AZ V-13 N-8 MONDAY 63-1216

65 Now, Joseph was a good man; he was the son of David, and he was espoused to Mary.

I'd like to pass this on before we go further. Espousing in the east was the same as Marriage: is Betrothal. As soon as they--as they were espoused, they were married. When that sacred Vow between them was taken, read Deuteronomy 22:23, and you'll find out that when this woman and man agreed to be married (yet they did not take the vows for months later), if they even broke that vow, they were guilty of adultery. That's right. When they was espoused, they were just the same as marriage.

The law had not give them rights to live together as husband and wife yet, but before God, when they promised one another, their words were sealed in God's Kingdom. And to break that was just committing adultery. And now, Joseph was espoused to Mary.

If minister brothers, if you'd study that right good, it'd clear you up on this Marriage and Divorce case that's so--so hard and different amongst the people today. Now, notice Joseph, her husband, being a just man... See? Now, we find out that this could not be broken.

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1029-Q-299 299. If Jesus in a second... (No.) If Jesus--if you in a second marriage where both parties are divorced... the--it (r-e-p-e-n--)-repentance--it--is repentance enough, or do you have to end--or do you have to end your marriage relationship to be right?" "If--if you're in a second marriage where both parties are divorced.." I think I've already answered that. See? Yes, already answered that. Where both parties are--are... I just...

I--I wish we didn't have to go through these things, people. I got friends setting right here, out in this audience here that I know... It just nearly kills me to say that, but I--I got to say it. See? And the world is in such a corruptible condition.

Some poor, little, old woman make a mistake and marry some alcoholic and--and they turn that way, or some poor man married some streetwalker and not know it, and then be bound to that woman or man as long as they live. That's a horrible thing. Marriage is a sacred thing.

Many times sinner kids run in and do those things, and then they wonder what it's all about. I--It's... I believe, if the Lord will permit me to explain this 'Marriage and Divorce' the way it should be, I believe it'll clear up a whole lot of that.

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1095-Q-342 342. We--we were married twenty-one years ago by the justice of the peace. Was--was it wrong?

Yes, it was wrong for you to do that. Marriage belongs in the house of God. But being that you are married, here's when you're really married: you're married when you vow one to the other, when you promise one another that you're, that you'll take one another.

The justice of peace could give you license; that's legal terms of living together as husband and wife without being common law husband and wife. But when you promise this girl and this--you promise that man that you'll live true to him, and you take him to be your husband, you're married then. You remember, I explained that last week, I believe it was. See? When you promise her... See?

Even in the old--in the old Bible, if a man was betrothed to a maid, and... You know the laws on that. Why, it was just the same as an adultery. Certainly was, when he promised, that was it.

1095-156 The question was asked the other day, "Was a annulment--annulment--an annulment the same as a divorce?" See? When you ask me those questions, friend, you don't know what that does to me. I've got many friends setting here that's married two or three times. Did you realize I'm talking to my own son, Billy Paul? Would I spare Billy Paul? No, indeedy. Billy Paul got married to some little girl, and come up, and said, "Daddy, I'm going to get married."

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I was washing my car; I said, "Butt your head against the wall," just kept on washing my car like that.

He said, "I'm going to get married."

I said, "Oh, go on," just kept on like that. He goes around and tells his mother, and his mother laughed at him. You know what he done? Run off with some little kid still in common school and got married. We annulled the wedding, the father of this girl and myself. We annulled the wedding, but he was married just the same. He's my boy setting here listening at me now. That's exactly.

He come to me with the girl that he lives with now, my daughter-in-law. My little grandson... He said, "Daddy will you marry me?"

I said, "By no means." That's my own son. You think that don't cut me to the core when I packed him in my arms and done everything I could do, and I've been both father and mother to him? You think that don't kill me to say that? But it's the truth. Certainly. My boy setting here listening at... My daughter-in-law and my little grandson setting right here now... But I tell him it's wrong (See?), because I've got to. I'm duty bound to that Word.

1096-160 *And I say, you got married by a magistrate? You should've been married by the church, by the minister. That's the decent thing to do for a Christian. But being that you have already made that promise, and vow, and been married twenty-one years ago, I think it's all right.*

You say, "Well I..."

The question might be, "Should I come and be married again?" If you wish to. Don't have nothing in your mind that bothers your faith, 'cause if anything's there, you can't go no further than right there; you stop right there. When that question mark come, that's where you end, right there. But I, for me it would be all right.

The man that baptized me in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ finally run me out of the church, because I wouldn't agree with him on women preachers. That didn't make me be rebaptized again. See? Surely not. See? That's all right.

1097-163 *But just remember, these things are cutting to me. I got bosom friends setting here, men and women that would take their--lay their--pull their eye out and give it to me if I'd ask them for it (Yes, sir.), and they're married twice, sometimes three times, setting right here now. And my own boy, my own grandson, my grand--and my daughter-in-law that I love... Look at Billy, how I stood by him and how he stood by me, but to say truth or truth, it's truth's truth.*

I've got... I could go out here today and call up some of these Assemblies of God or some of these people and tell them, "I've--I'm--was all wrong; I ain't going to stay with that Word, I'm going to stay with you."

I'd probably be a very popular person pretty soon with a gift of God. To throw all my influence to one of those organizations, I'd probably have a big name among them. I ain't caring about my name among them. I love them; that's the truth. But I got to be truthful. I--I--I'd be a hypocrite if I did that.

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1097-165 And I'd be a hypocrite if I stood here because my own son setting here that was promised to a girl, and I said... If-if he never even had the ceremony said over him, no matter if he ever lived with the woman, or slept with her, the girl, or whatever it was, when he made that vow, he's married, Billy Paul or no Billy Paul. That's exactly the truth. He's married when he made that promise. If it's me, it's the same.

We've got to be honest. If I can't be honest with my boy, I can't be honest with you. If I ain't honest with you, I won't be honest with God. And I want you to believe what I tell you to be my honest-to-goodness opinion. Don't make anything else out of it; just say it the way I said it (See?), 'cause I'm going to tell you the truth.

1097-167 Now, I don't talk to you all like that too often, because you're my children, I call you. I've begotten you to Christ through the Gospel. And while we're here together, just our own group setting here, I--I shave you down a little bit. But I want to tell you: when you come to me and ask anything, I'm going to tell you the best that I know how. If it's in the Word, I don't care if it condemns me; I've got many knots should be shaved off of me. Exactly.

But when you ask me anything, I'm going to tell you. If I tell you anything, I'm going to tell you the truth. I've always tried to live that way. That's the way I want to live and die that way, to be honest with anybody.

1100-181 But now on the case of Marriage and Divorce, I've asked you like a brother, hold your peace until you hear from me. Hear? Just go right on as you have lived. (I'm taking up too much of the time there.)

"We were married twenty-one years ago (yeah)... justice of the peace." Sister dear, brother dear, one time a salesman was telling me he walked into a church (He was a Christian.) up in Connecticut or somewhere up there, great big church, just went in to pray. It wasn't--he was a Pentecostal, but he went in there to pray. And said when he got in there and knelt down in the church to pray... said he was riding along, was tired, kinda homesick, he's a salesman, and he's selling stuff, and said he--for--to factories.

And he went in there to--to make some buys or something, then he come by the church, thought, "I'll go... I believe I'll go in and pray." The door's open; said, he went in. Didn't hear nobody, so he knelt down and started praying. After he was praying there, stayed about a hour, said, directly he heard some doors slam or something; he thought it was a custodian or something of the church. Said, after while he noticed here come--he heard somebody talking. He slipped up there to look, and looked around to see whether it was the custodian. It was a man and woman standing before the altar holding one another's hands, said, "I take you, dear, to be my lawful wedded wife." See?

She said, "I take you, dear to be my lawful wedded husband."

"Why," he said, "this is a strange thing," said, this Pentecostal, he said, "this man and woman getting married without a preacher." See?

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And so he just set down and waited; and after they made their vows to live true to one another, only death would separate them, they put their arms around one another, kissed each other, turned around and walked out smiling. He said, "Just a moment," He said, "I'm kinda curious; I'm a stranger." Said, "You all getting married?"

Said, "Yes."

"Without a preacher?"

He said, "No." Said, "We been married forty years." He said, "We got married right here at this altar forty years ago, and every year we come back and renew our vows." That's a good idea. See?

But as far as married, when you promise her, she takes your word; you take her word; and God takes both your word. See? So just don't promise 'less...
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HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6 JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY 57-0908E

215-303 Accepting Meda Broy as my wife was what love done for her. What she does in appreciation, she's a nice woman, stays home, takes care of the children, and lives a good true life. That's not because we're not married, we are married. But she does that in appreciations. If she run downtown every day, and took in every ten-cent store, and up and down the streets, and never washed the dishes or anything else, we are still married. Absolutely. When I took my vow, that settles it, She's my wife as long as there's life in us; she's my wife. That's her vow. But what appreciation she does for that, she stays home and takes care of the children, and tries to be a real wife.

216-305 **I could run out and be gone all the time, just gadding about over the country, and let her half starve or anything, let the children go without something to eat; we're still married. If she even divorces me, I'm still married as long as there's life in my body. I took that vow: "Till death we separate." That's right. We're still married. But yet, I make a poor excuse of a husband. She'd make a poor excuse as a wife. So if we love one another, we stick together and pull the load together.**

That's the way God and His Church is. When you're born in the Kingdom of God, you'll have your ups-and-downs, true, but you're still a Christian; you're still borned of the Spirit of God. God may have to take you out of the earth early.

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12-5 Marriage is the oldest institution in the world. Marriage was performed first, and instituted in the garden of Eden.

A woman is entrusted with certain characters that she must not defile. A woman is trusted to that. There's not a creature on the earth like a woman. There's no female dog; there's no female of any kind entrusted with a character that a woman is.

A woman was not even in the--the beginning of the creation, because God knewed that she would fall. All other females could not commit adultery. She's the only one that can commit adultery. If she'd been made like the original, that would've been discomplementary to God's great wisdom.

See, she was made a byproduct of a man; but because she was cast over in that side, she has also been given a sacred charge from God for redemption.

She's got characters that she must not defile. If she would mar them, she's defiled for lifetime. No matter how much she's forgiven, she can't be justified. I'll strike that in a little bit. Got a Scripture on that in a few minutes. She can be forgiven for her defilement, but she cannot be justified in this life. It's always with her. Notice, now, she's been given this. She may be forgiven but not justified.

13-1 Her body is given to her a sacred trust from God. No female dog, no bird, no other animal, no other creature like that; no. She's the only one. By it she is--the reason it's so sacred, she is to bring forth life into the earth. Her body is a bedding grounds of life. Therefore, that's the reason she's give this sacred trust.

Now, here's where you may disagree, many of you theologians. That's what defiled the whole human race, is that adultery at the beginning. Her bedding ground was marred. She brought forth those twins, Cain and Abel. One act, two children. Search the Scriptures.

13-3 Notice, now, we find that her body is a bedding ground; and therefore, it's a sacred trust not to defile that.

13-6 She has a sacred trust of virtue committed to her by her Lord: a certain virtue. Nothing else holds it but a woman. That's right. That's committed to her by God. She must not defile that virtue. If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her; and make it right.

Just 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 confesses it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. Fornication is unclean living.

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"Joseph, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." He was minded to put her away privately (See?), after he'd already engaged to her. **When you are engaged to her, as far as God's concerned, you're married to her.**

14-2 Notice. Now, she has a sacred trust of virtue that's been given to her, trusted to her by the Lord. God gave her that virtue. Just as it was in the garden of Eden, she can say, "yes" or "no." She has a sacred trust of womanhood committed to her that she must not break.

The womanhood, I'm speaking of here, is her conduct, her character around men, not letting every man... Looks on these screens and see these movie stars kissing and hugging and slopping around over these women. A woman does that is of a bad character. She might be virtuous otherwise, but, see, in her heart--when those glands... Sex glands are in the lips. A man kisses a woman, he's actually, potentially, committed adultery.

14-3 Sex glands are in the woman's lips and in the man's lips. He could kiss her on the hand, it wouldn't mix the--the sex glands, but the sex glands is in the lips. And see all this nonsense and the--the Hollywood today of all this slopping, and loving around with women, and so forth; and little girls looking at all that. No wonder our morals are rotten, and decayed, and filthy. See? Because it's put before the children. That's right. It has to be that way for the last days.

[QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY 59-0628E](#)

401-[Q-91](#) Now, we've got one more and then that's all. Let's see.

91. Brother Bill, what is the difference between fornications and adultery, Matthew 19:9?

Jesus said in Matthew 19:9, "Whosoever putteth away his wife and marries another, except it be for the cause of fornications, commits adultery." The difference between fornications and adultery, the word could be applied either way. But to make it clear what he was talking of there, that--a woman that's unmarried cannot commit adultery, because she has no husband to commit adultery against. It's uncleanness for her. **She has to confess that to her husband before they are married if she's did that. If not and her husband finds it out later, he has a right to put her away, because she took a false vow.**

For the Bible said, "Be it well..." or ritual says. "Be it well known to you (I have it in mine) if any couples are joined otherwise than God's Word does allow, their marriage is not lawful. I will require and will charge you both as you'll surely answer in the day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, if either of you know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together, do you now confess it." There you are. See?

So fornication is what a girl, when she lives unclean, that's fornication, 'cause she has no husband. But when she's married, and then when she lives like that, she commits adultery against her husband.

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40-187 A woman come not long ago, and she said, "Oh, I've confessed all that," She was nervous, and had a breakdown, and said, "I confessed all that to God."

I said, "You have to confess it to your husband. It wasn't God that you committed adultery against; it was your husband." That's right.

And if a man marries a woman and she has lived unclean before she marries him, and then she comes to him, if they've been married ever so long, and then she comes to him and says, "Honey, I want to tell you something. I did run out with another man; I never told you," Jesus said he has a right to put her away and marry another, because they're not married in the beginning, 'cause she falsely told a--a lie against him.

FELLOWSHIP MIDDLETOWN.OH SATURDAY 60-0611B

E-18 Now, l-lov--fellowship comes by love, And love requires fellowship. If you love your wife, you've just got to get with her and talk with her. If you love your friend, you've got to get with him and talk to him. And if you love God, there's got to be a basis for fellowship. You cannot have complete fellowship and--and livelihood without these agreements.

You cannot be married without an agreement. You cannot have a wife without some kind of an agreement. And that agreement is based upon your vow.

You cannot have fellowship with God without coming to God's agreement. And there's a basic thing for fellowship, and that's the Blood, the Blood only. It's been God's way from the beginning, and it will be till the end. The only place of fellowship is through the Blood.

ONENESS JEFF.IN V-10 N-2 SUNDAY 62-0211

18 And it is the only grounds of fellowship that God has ever laid down for Himself and His Church, is the oneness of Himself in the people. That's the only grounds of fellowship. And the only way that you can have those grounds is by a union to be united with Him forever. Just like when you unite with your husband, the woman to unite with her husband, it is a vow until death.

Now, then when you unite with God, it's the same thing that the Church united with Christ, it's until death we part.

And then if you never sin or do anything wrong, you'll be eternally united with God. And only death can take you away from God, and not physical death, but the sin of death. Sin is death, and that takes you away from God.

So to be united with Him in the Spirit of His power is Eternal Life; you're eternally united with God. Oh, I want to get to that after a bit. United eternally with the eternal God, perfectly in harmony with Him, perfectly united together, a Church that all, both God and His Church is one, united together.

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124 I had some scars when I was a kid. I know things that happened that's kind of turned me that way. But it--it was all God's making, molding me for this hour. See?

And I think a real genuine sister, there's nothing any nicer. If God could give a man anything better than salvation, He give him a wife. See? And so then, if He could give anything better, He would've done it. And then, to see some of them turn and don't even act like a wife, unloyal to their marriage vows and their husbands the same. You remember, you're bound as long as you live to one another. What God joins on earth is joined in heaven also. See?

DEUTERONOMY 22:13-21

13 ¶ If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth [the tokens of] the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:

16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her:

17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech [against her], saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these [are the tokens of] my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

19 And they shall amerce [fine] him in an hundred [shekels] of silver, and give [them] unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, [and the tokens of] virginity be not found for the damsel:

21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

- HERE WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE SITUATION DESCRIBED AND PRESENTED TO US IN A LAW BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH THE INTENT THAT IT MIGHT OPEN UP TO US CERTAIN TRUTHS AND MAKE PLAIN TO US THIS GREAT REVELATION OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE. 'FOR ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS..'

- A MARRIAGE HAS BEEN CONSUMMATED ; THERE WAS A COURTSHIP ; AN AGREEMENT WITH A SOLEMN VOW OF PROMISE TO MARRY AT AN APPOINTED TIME; AND THEN THERE WAS A MARRIAGE CEREMONY , FOLLOWED BY A HONEYMOON IN THE BRIDAL CHAMBER , WHERE THE TWO BECAME ONE FLESH.
- ALL OF THIS PROCESS IS LOCKED UP IN DEUT.22:13 ; THEN WE ALSO SEE IN THE SAME VERSE, AN ATTEMPT BY THE MAN TO BE LOOSED FROM THE MARRIAGE OBLIGATION , BY MAKING A FALSE CLAIM, AND CITING THE CLAIMS OF 'A FALSE VOW' AND 'NON-VIRGINCY' AS THE GROUNDS OF ANNULMENT .
- HE IS CLAIMING THAT HE THOUGHT HE WAS MARRYING A VIRGIN; THAT THE WOMAN DECEIVED HIM , AND DID NOT CONFESS HER CONDITION TO HIM; THEREFORE HE DID NOT MAKE THIS COMMITMENT TO MARRY WITH GOOD FAITH ; SO THE AGREEMENT CANNOT BE BINDING , FOR IT WAS MADE WITH A FALSE VOW.
- BUT AS LONG AS PROOF AND EVIDENCE OF THE DAMSEL'S VIRGINCY CAN BE PRESENTED , THAT VOW CANNOT BE ANNULLED , IT IS BINDING UNTIL DEATH.

DEUTERONOMY 22:22-27

22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, [both] the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

23 If a damsel [that is] a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her:

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, [being] in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die:

26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; [there is] in the damsel no sin [worthy] of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so [is] this matter:

27 For he found her in the field, [and] the betrothed damsel cried, and [there was] none to save her.

DEUTERONOMY 22:28-29

28 If a man find a damsel [that is] a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;

29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty [shekels] of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

MATTHEW 1:18-25

18 ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just [man], and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

MATTHEW 5:31-32

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

- JESUS –THE SON OF MAN IS SPEAKING TO MEN IN THESE VERSES, WHO WERE TAKING THE WORD OF THE EXODUS PROPHET , WHO WAS GIVEN PERMISSION BY GOD, IN THE 1ST EXODUS, TO GRANT A WRITING OF DIVORCEMENT, BECAUSE OF THE HARDNESS OF THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE, AND WAS MIS-APPLYING IT.

LUKE 16:18

18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery; and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from [her] husband committeth adultery.

MATTHEW 19:3-9

3 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

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, [Not male and females; There was only one male and one 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?

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

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except [it be] for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.