



Marriage As A Spiritual Covenant

Matthew 19:3-6



Instilling Marital Commitment

A marriage covenant Malachi 2:14 (p 1105)

Covenant: "In the sense of cutting; a compact made by passing between pieces of flesh."

Genesis 15 (p 14)

Jeremiah 34:14, 18 (pp 914-915)

A holy triune not a human duet!

Matthew 19:6



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VOWS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY

Proverbs 20:25 (p 748)

Covenant = Trust

Contract = Distrust

Covenant = unlimited responsibility

Contract = limited liability

Covenant = lifelong not to be broken

***Contract = can be voided by
mutual consent***



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COVENANT SYMBOLISM IN WEDDING CEREMONY

Groom enters first

Father walks bride down aisle

Deuteronomy 22 (p 227)

White dress symbolizes purity

Father gives bride away

Numbers 30 (p191)

Ring is token of covenant



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COVENANT SYMBOLISM IN WEDDING CEREMONY

Exchanging of names

Guest book is significant

Purpose of receiving line

Ruth 4:11, 14f (p 309)

Food at reception is for the
covenant celebration



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COMMITMENT

Ecclesiastes 5:2-7 (p 767)

Psalm 15 (p 624)

Numbers 30:2 (p 191)

***Commitment: the cornerstone of a
triumphant marriage.***



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What transforms a promise into a reality. It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions. It is the actions that speak louder than words. It is making the time when there is none, coming through time after time, year after year. Commitment is the stuff character is made of, the power to change the face of things. It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.





Hebrews 13:4

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(4) Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned"

Mark 16:15-16