



Vows!

Numbers 30



Vows

- “To pledge or promise solemnly to do; promise by a vow; make a solemn or earnest declaration.” **(Dictionary.com)**
- “Vows may be positive promises to do or perform something, or they may be negative promises to abstain from something.” **(NICOT)**
- Vows were made under a great variety of circumstances, and there were different kinds of vows – devotion; abstinence; destruction.



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- Some Biblical examples:
 - Jacob (**Genesis 28; 31; 33**)
 - Jephthah (**Judges 11**)
 - Hannah (**1 Samuel 1:11**)
 - Herod (**Matthew 14:7-10**)
 - Paul (**Acts 18:18**)
 - James (**Acts 21:23**)



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- The Bible teaches that vows are sacred!
 - *“But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow offering or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what remains of it shall be eaten.”*
(Leviticus 7:16)



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- The Bible teaches that vows are sacred!
 - *“If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.”* **(Numbers 30:2)**



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- The Bible teaches that vows are sacred!
 - *“If you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin.”*
(Deuteronomy 23:21)



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- The Bible teaches that vows are sacred!
 - *“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.”* **(Psalm 50:14)**



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- The Bible teaches that vows are sacred!
 - ⁴ *When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. ⁵ It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and now pay.*
(Ecclesiastes 5:4-5)



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- ³³ Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.” ³⁴ But I say to you, “Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.” **(Matthew 5:33-37)**



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- Some modern-day applications:
 - Contracts
 - Debts / Notes / Mortgages
 - Promises to tell the truth
 - Oaths of office
 - **MARRIAGE!**
 - **Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9;**
Romans 7:1-3; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

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