

The Marriage Covenant

The Origins of Marriage:

Genesis 2:20-24 Eve taken from the rib of Adam, man leave father and mother and cleave to his wife and be one flesh.

Genesis 3:1-24 Adam and Eve partake of the forbidden fruit, Eve to submit to Adam, Adam to work in sweat, world to have thorns and thistles.



Responsibilities in a Marriage:

Proverbs 12:4 A virtuous woman [is] a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed [is] as rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 31:10-31 Virtuous woman above rubies, he trusts her, her children praise her.

Ephesians 5:23-31 Husband is head of wife, Christ head of church, Husbands love your wives, he that loveth his wife loveth himself.

Colossians 3:18-19 Wives submit unto husbands, Husbands love wives and be not bitter against them.

Jacob 2:54–30 Lamanites more righteous, had the commandments to have one wife and concubines none, because of this God will be merciful to them, their husbands love their wives, they love their children, their skins will be whiter, warned against fornication and lasciviousness.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage [is] honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

1 Timothy 4:1-3 Latter days some depart from faith, speaking lies and forbidding to marry.

Cases where remarriage is allowable:

Deuteronomy 24:1-5 Moses commands to give a bill of divorce because of uncleanness, latter husband can divorce if he hate her, former husband may not remarry her. If man marry a new wife he does not have to go to war or business for 1 year.

Deuteronomy 25:5-10 Widow to not marry a stranger, but brother of dead husband, continue his name, if brother refuses he is shamed.

1 Corinthians 7:1-40 Paul's advice on virgins and marriage, world passes away and be as not having a wife, a virgin cares for the Lord, the wife cares for the husband, wife bound so long as her husband liveth, free to remarry if he be dead but only in the Lord.

Romans 7:2-4 Woman bound to husband as long as he lives, if he dies she is loosed, if she marries another while he lives she commits adultery, if he is dead she is not an adulteress if remarried. Be spiritually married to Christ.

Cases where divorce is not justified:

Matthew 5:31-32 Jesus teaches against divorce for any cause, those who remarry unjustly commit adultery.

Matthew 19:3-9 Man leave father and mother and cleave to wife, What God hath joined let no man put asunder, Moses commanded to give a writing of divorce, because of hardness of hearts, Whosoever shall put away wife, except for fornication and marry another commits adultery. Who so marries the unjustly divorced shall commit adultery.

Mark 10:2-12 Pharisees tempting Jesus, Moses commanded to write a bill of divorce, what God hath joined let no man put asunder, whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another committeth adultery. If a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

Luke 16:16-18 Not a jot or tittle of law to pass away, whoso divorces and marries another commits adultery.

3 Nephi 5:76-80 Thou shalt not commit adultery, whoso marries one who divorced unjustly commits adultery.

Matthew 14:3-12 John the Baptist beheaded for preaching against divorce and adultery.

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Polygamy and Concubines forbidden:

Deuteronomy 17:17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

Jacob 1:15 Wicked practices of David and Solomon having many wives and concubines.

Jacob 2:5-47 Very abominable sins, seeking for riches, pride, grosser crimes, excuse themselves in committing whoredoms, not understand the scriptures about David and Solomon, they truly had many wives and concubines which is abominable, not to do as them of old, have one wife, concubines none, whoredoms are an abomination, wickedness of husbands, Lamanites more righteous,

Mosiah 7:1–21 King Noah did not keep commandments of God, had many wives and concubines, caused people to sin and commit whoredoms, tax the people 1/5th to support himself and concubines, put down true priests, laziness, idolatry and whoredoms, vain and flattering words, built many spacious and elegant buildings, riotous living, priests with harlots, wine bibbing.

Ether 4:48-51 Riplakish had many wives and concubines, tax people with heavy taxes, build many spacious buildings, tax evaders put in prison, slave labor, afflict people with whoredoms and abominations.

1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Titus 1:6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

No Marriage in the Resurrection, Christ is the Bridegroom:

Matthew 22:23-Sadducees tempting Christ, In the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are as angels of God.

Luke 20:34-36 Children of world marry, in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are as angels.

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.

Revelation 19:7-9 Church is compared to being the wife of Christ, arrayed in the fine white linen of righteousness, called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Jeremiah 3:14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

Sacred Vows required to be kept:

Numbers 30:2-3 Man bound by his vows, women also bound by their vows.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 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. Better [is it] that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

Malachi 2:14-16 Lord is witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, she is thy companion, wife of thy covenant, made into one, seek godly seed, let none deal treacherously against the wife of thy youth, Lord hateth putting away.

Repentance available to Adulterers:

Hosea 1:1– Hosea 3:5 Hosea commanded to marry an unfaithful wife, she betrays him and is destitute, Hosea is commanded to take her back and she is to be faithful to him and he to her. Israel is compared to this unfaithful wife.

John 4:7-30 Adulteress meets Jesus at the well.

John 8:3-11 Woman caught in adultery, would have been stoned, commanded to go and sin no more.

Alma 19:1-20 Corianton commits whoredoms, commanded to repent and take up his ministry.

Galatians 5:19-21 Works of the flesh, adultery, fornication, etc., they shall not inherit the kingdom of God.