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Vision of Marriage

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be foolish,

but understand what the will of the Lord is.

New Heavens & New Earth

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.’”

(Revelation 21:1–3 ESV)

Church Function

“To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”

(Ephesians 3:8–10 ESV)

Christ's Faithfulness

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor.”

(Ephesians 5:25–27 ESV)

Practices of Marriage

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- “So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words, who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God.” (Proverbs 2:16–17 ESV)
- “And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house.” (Proverbs 5:7–8 ESV)

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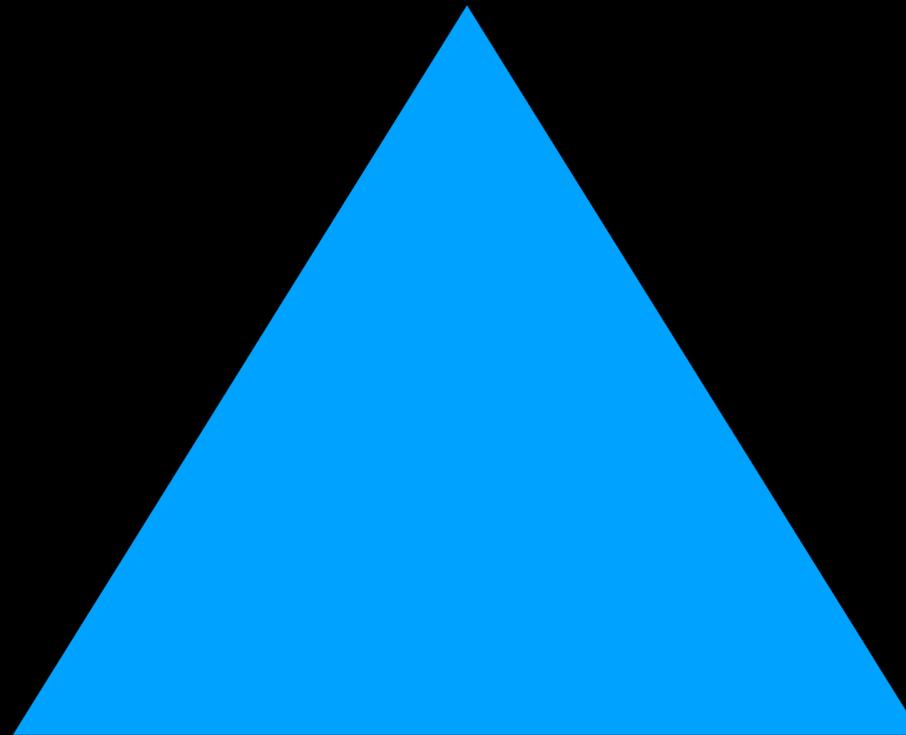
- “Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.” (Proverbs 5:15–19 ESV)

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- “Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.” (Proverbs 10:12 ESV)
- “Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.” (Proverbs 17:9 ESV)
- “Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13 ESV)
- “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (Proverbs 15:1 ESV)
- “A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.” (Proverbs 15:4 ESV)

Worship God in Marriage

God is Creator



God is Sovereign

God is Redeemer

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- “She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.” (Proverbs 31:17–20 ESV)
- “Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.” (Proverbs 31:23–27 ESV)

Wedding Vows

I, _____, according to God's holy ordinance, and depending upon Divine Grace for strength, take you _____, in the Presence of God and these witnesses to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love you, honor you, and cherish you, till death do us part, and, thus, I pledge myself to you.