

HIS & HERS COVENANT MARRIAGE



KEY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5.21-33

PURSUE GOD

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

submit [suhb-mit] verb

To give over, to subject or allow oneself to yield to the power or authority of another.

Marriage is an institution, a covenant established by Jesus for His glory. It is a promise between two people based on a love that bonds them together. In a promise there are always two individuals; a promise-keeper and a helper. The promise-keeper is the leader safeguarding the covenant made between two individuals. The helper is the one walking alongside assisting, serving, and abiding with the promise-keeper.

In the promise of our salvation, Jesus is the promise-keeper. He is the one responsible for keeping the covenant of His love for us. Within the promise of salvation, our helper is the Holy Spirit. He is the one working in our hearts to make us less like ourselves and more like Jesus.

In the promise of marriage, the husband is the promise-keeper. He is the one responsible for protecting the sacred covenant. With the husband as the promise-keeper, the wife’s role is that of helper. This is not to be understood as a lesser role, but a place of honor; and one that demands our attention and respect.

There is a weight of responsibility in marriage, not to the idea, but to the One who instituted marriage as a holy, sacred ordinance. The love in marriage is a couple’s own private possession, but marriage itself is more than something personal- it is a representation to the world of Jesus’ glory and His will for humanity.

LOVE LIFE

How is marriage part of my ministry in bringing Jesus glory?