

SCRIPTURES ON MARRIAGE

1. "The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."... So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh." Genesis 2:18, 21-24
2. "Haven't you read,' he replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 19:4-6
3. "Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Mark 10:9
4. "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord." – Proverbs 18:22
5. "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." Hebrews 13:4
6. "And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12
7. "As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. ' Isaiah 62:5
8. "And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD." Hosea 2:19,20
9. "When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord GOD, and you became mine. Then I bathed you with water and ... and anointed you with oil. I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. And I adorned you with ornaments and put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck. And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. You grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. And your renown went forth among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through the splendor that I had bestowed on you, declares the Lord GOD." Ezekiel 16:8-14
10. "If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." – 1 Corinthians 13:2-7
11. "My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies." Song of Solomon 2:16
12. "Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away. If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love, it would be utterly scorned." Song of Solomon 8:6-7

13. "You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you." Song of Solomon 4:7

14. "Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates with all choicest fruits, henna with nard, nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes, with all choice spices — a garden fountain, a well of living water, and flowing streams from Lebanon." Song of Solomon 4:13-15

15. "I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. He As a lily among brambles, so is my love among the young women. She As an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." Song of Solomon 2:1-4

16. "Your head crowns you like Carmel, and your flowing locks are like purple; a king is held captive in the tresses. How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights!" Song of Solomon 7:5, 6

17. "Scarcely had I passed them, when I found the one my heart loves. I held him and would not let him go till I had brought him to my mother's house, to the room of the one who conceived me." Song of Solomon 3:4

18. "Who is this who looks down like the dawn, beautiful as the moon, bright as the sun, awesome as an army with banners?" Song of Solomon 6:10

19. "I came to my garden, my sister, my bride, I gathered my myrrh with my spice, I ate my honeycomb with my honey, I drank my wine with my milk. Others Eat, friends, drink, and be drunk with love!" Song of Solomon 5:1

A BLESSING ON THE MARRIAGE ENGAGEMENT

0. May we avoid the deception, tricks and traps the enemy set for Adam and Eve and other couples after them. (Genesis chapter 3)
1. May our union be more sure, solid and lasting than Isaac and Rebecca. (Genesis chapter 24)
2. May our love be greater, stabler and more lasting than the love between Israel and Rachel. (Genesis chapter 29-35)
3. May our families approve of our union even more than Shechem and Dinah's were disapproved. (Genesis chapter 34)
4. May our beginning succeed better than David and Merab's beginning failed. (I Samuel 18:17-19)
5. May our culmination succeed better than David and Michal's failed. (I Samuel 6:20-23)
6. May our past relationships be forgotten more swiftly and thoroughly than David and Abigail's. (I Samuel chapter 25)
7. May our passion last longer and be sweeter than Amnon and Tamar's was brief and bitter. (II Samuel 13:1-33)
8. May our union be as wise and profitable as Adonijah and Abishag's was foolish and costly. (I Kings 2:13-25)
9. May our differences be smaller and our posterity greater than Boaz and Ruth's. (Ruth chapter 4, Matthew 1:5)
10. May the passion, poetic richness and beauty of our union exceed that of Solomon and the Shulammitte. (Song of Solomon)
11. May the signs, wonders and miracles in our marriage exceed those of the bride and groom at the wedding in Cana. (John 2:1-12)
12. May our union be a true example of the marriage our Heavenly Father has ordained for Christ and His bride, the Church. (Revelation 9:17-19)

Man's Prayer

"Heavenly Father, I understand that your ideal for us is singleness and celibacy, so that we avoid the troubles of marriage, and focus on serving You, over the need to 'serve' a spouse. But You have said that although "it is better not to marry, since there's so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband" (1 Cor. 7:1-2) for "it is better to marry than to burn with passion." (1 Cor. 7:9) Moreover, the Scriptures say "it's not good...to be alone" (Genesis 2:18) and that you are a God who "sets the lonely in families." (Psalm 68:6)

I know, therefore, that marriage is in Your permissive will for those who don't have the gift of celibacy (1 Cor. 7:7) for You are a merciful God, and You have promised that if I delight myself in You, then You will give me "the desires of my heart." (Psalm 37:4) Therefore, I believe it is a legitimate desire that I would meet a godly woman that I can marry and call my wife. I ask for You to give me the woman who is fit and healthy, in body, soul and spirit, strong in her faith, and able to respect me, help me in the home, and in my work and ministry, and be a blessing that is worth more than rubies, as a woman who knows the Lord. (Proverbs 31:10)

Father God, I believe You have given me this woman in [name of woman]. Grant that when our union comes about it will be fruitful in every way - a true reflection and object lesson of Christ and His bride the church, and let it be a covenant honored by both parties, and dissolved only by death or rapture - in other words, a marriage as You intended, for Your glory of the precious Name of Jesus Christ.

Woman's Prayer

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