

Sanctity of Marriage Sunday
“The Beauty of Marriage Vows”
Text: Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

I. Introduction

II. The heartbeat of marriage: keeping our covenant vows

1. Will you have this person to be your lawful wedded wife/husband?
2. Will you live together after God’s ordinance in the holy estate of marriage?
3. Will you love, honor, and keep the other person?
4. Will you keep your spouse in sickness and in health, for better or for worse?
5. Forsaking all others, will you keep yourself only unto him/her?
6. Will you keep this covenant until death parts you?

III. The heartbreaks of marriage: adjusting to bad things

IV. Conclusion – a final word

QUOTES

1. Colin Smothers and Denny Burk:

The cultural winds and the spirit of the age are relentless. But we will not relent as long as we have breath. We will continue to cast anchor with Christ, no longer “tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes” (Eph 4:14). His Word is good, and it is enough.

2. Twila Paris:

*Faithful heart, what more can one life ask, one hand to hold, along life’s path.
Share with me this vow, and for all time our souls will be entwined.
I give this love, I live this love, no greater joy is mine.
Storms will come, but we will never part, for each of us bequeath a faithful heart.*

3. Tommy Nelson:

The essence of love is service.

4. J. Allen Petersen:

A call for fidelity is like a solitary voice in today’s sexual wilderness. What was once labeled adultery and carried the stigma of guilt and embarrassment now is an affair – a nice-sounding, almost inviting word wrapped in mystery, fascination, and excitement. A relationship, not sin. What was once behind the scenes – a secret closely guarded – is now in the headlines, a TV theme, a bestseller, as common as the cold. Marriages are “open.” Divorces are “creative.”

5. Les & Leslie Parrot:

A good marriage is built by two people’s capacity to adjust to bad things.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

- **Gen. 2:18-25**
- **1 Cor. 13:4-7; Eph. 5:25-28**
- **1 Pet. 3:4; 1 Cor. 3:6; Rom. 12:10**
- **2 Cor. 4:16**
- **Song of Solomon; Prov. 5**
- **Mal. 2:16**