

THE PROMISE WE MAKE

The Secret of Marriage - 2

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Text: Ephesians 5:15-33

Theme: The sweetness of marriage comes from its permanence and exclusivity.

Marriage is a Covenant, Not a Commercial Transaction

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” (Ephesians 5:31)

“And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord’s altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union?” (Malachi 2:13–15)

“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)

Love Consists Primarily of Actions, Not Feelings

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church” (Ephesians 5:25)

Treating Marriage as a Covenant Does Not Enslave, but Liberates

“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.” (John 8:31–34)

God Has Made an Everlasting Covenant With His People

“The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.” (2 Timothy 2:11–13)