

JOS 24:15 “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, **CHOOSE for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**”

- GEN 1:27** So God (*Elohim*) created (*bara*) man (*adam*) in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed (*barak*) them, and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have DOMINION** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
- GEN 2:18** And the LORD God (*Jehovah Elohim*) said, “**It is not good that (the) man (adam) should be alone; I will make (asah) him a helper (ezer) comparable to him.**” 19 **Out of the ground (adamah) the Lord God formed (yatsar) every beast of the field and every bird of the air**, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And **whatever Adam (adam) called each living creature, that was its name.** 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and **He took one of his ribs (tsela), and closed up the flesh (basar) in its place.** 22 **Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made (banah) into a woman (ishshah), and He brought her to the man.** 23 And Adam said: “**This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman (ishshah), Because she was taken out of Man (iysh).**” 24 **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (cleave = dabag) to his wife, and they shall become ONE FLESH.** 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.
- MAT 19:5** “and said, **For this reason a man shall leave his father (pater) and mother (meter) and be joined (cleave: proskollao) to his wife (gune), and the two shall become ONE FLESH (sarx)?** 6 “So then, they are no longer two but one flesh (*sarx*). **Therefore what God has joined together (suzegnumi), let not man separate.**”
- ICO 15:45** And so it is written, “**The first man Adam became a living (zao) being (soul - psuche).**” **The last Adam became a life-giving (zoopoieo) spirit (pneuma).** 46 However, **the spiritual (pneumatikos) is not first, but the natural (psuchikos), and afterward the spiritual (pneumatikos).** 47 **The first man was of the earth (ge), made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven (ouranos).** 48 **As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly (epouranios) Man, so also are those who are heavenly.** 49 And **as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.**
- ROM 7:2** For **the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives.** But **if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.** 3 So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.
- EPH 5:21** **SUBMITTING (hupotasso) to one another in the fear of God.** 22 **Wives, submit (hupotasso) to your own husbands, as to the Lord.** 23 **For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church (ekkllesia); and He is the Savior (soteria) of the body.** 24 Therefore, **just as the church is subject (hupotasso) to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.** 25 **Husbands, love (agapao) your wives, just as Christ also loved (agapao) the church and gave Himself for her,** 26 **that He might sanctify (hagiazō) and cleanse (katharizō) her with the washing of water by the word (rhema),** 27 **that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy (hagios) and without blemish.** 28 So **HUSBANDS OUGHT TO LOVE (agapao) THEIR OWN WIVES as their own bodies; he who loves (agapao) his wife loves (agapao) himself.** 29 For **no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.** 30 For **we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.** 31 “For this reason **a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (proskollao) to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh (sarx).**” 32 This is a great mystery, but **I speak concerning Christ and the church (ekkllesia).** 33 Nevertheless **let each one of you in particular so love (agapao) his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects (phobeo) her husband.**

There are three different Greek words translated LOVE in English. They are:

- Agapao** Spiritual love. Unconditional love. The love God has for His children. From the **spirit = pneuma.**
- Phileo** Soulful love; a product of the will, mind, and emotions. From the **soul = psuche.**
- Eros** Physical love, erotic love. Physical desire, need, lust. From the **body = soma.**

In **EPH 5:28**, God commands Husbands to **LOVE** their wives. The Greek word is **agapao**, which is love by the spirit. **GAL 5:22** But the **fruit of the Spirit** is **LOVE (agapao)**, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **Phileo** and **eros** are both also legitimate and normal aspects of love, but must be subordinate to agapao, just as our souls (mind, will, and emotions) and our bodies are to be subordinate to our spirit, through which we are to be led by the Spirit of God within us.

Adultery

7. **EXO 20:14** “You shall not commit adultery. 17 **“You shall not covet** your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet **your neighbor’s wife**, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”
8. **DEU 22:22** “**If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die**—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel.
9. **DEU 22:23** “**If a young woman who is a virgin is BETHROTHED to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her,** 24 **“then you shall bring them BOTH out to the gate of that city, and YOU SHALL STONE THEM TO DEATH** with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he humbled his neighbor’s wife; **so you shall put away the evil from among you.**
10. **PRO 5:15** **Drink water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well.** 16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? 17 Let them be only your own, And not for strangers with you. 18 **Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth. 19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love.**
11. **COL 3:18** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Divorce

12. **MAL 2:13** And this is the second thing you do: **You cover the altar of the Lord with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does NOT regard the offering anymore, NOR receive it with goodwill from your hands.** 14 **Yet you say, “For what reason?” BECAUSE THE LORD HAS BEEN WITNESS BETWEEN YOU AND THE WIFE OF YOUR YOUTH, WITH WHOM YOU HAVE DEALT TREACHEROUSLY; YET SHE IS YOUR COMPANION AND YOUR WIFE BY COVENANT.** 15 **But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.** 16 **“For the Lord God of Israel says That He HATES DIVORCE,** For it covers one’s garment with violence,” Says the Lord of hosts. **“Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously.”**
13. **MAT 5:31** “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 **“But I say to you that whoever DIVORCES (apoluo) his wife for any reason except sexual immorality (porneia) causes her to commit adultery (moichao); and whoever marries a woman who is DIVORCED commits adultery.**
14. **MAT 19:3** The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, **“Is it lawful for a man to DIVORCE his wife for just any reason?”** 4 And He answered and said to them, **“Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’** 5 **“and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?** 6 **“So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”** 7 They said to Him, **“Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”** 8 He said to them, **“Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to DIVORCE your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.** 9 **“And I say to you, whoever DIVORCES his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is DIVORCED commits adultery.”** 10 His disciples said to Him, **“If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”** 11 But He said to them, **“All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: 12 **“For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”****
15. **ROM 7:2** For **the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.** 3 So then **if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.**
16. **1CO 7:10** Now **to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is NOT TO DEPART from her husband.** 11 But **even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to DIVORCE his wife.** 12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: **If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not DIVORCE her.** 13 **And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not DIVORCE him.** 14 **For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.** 15 **But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.** 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? 17 But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.

General Scriptures on Marriage

17. **2CO 6:14** Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?
18. **DEU 24:5** “When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home ONE YEAR, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.
19. **PRO 18:22** He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord.
20. **1CO 7:2** Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 6 But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment. 7 For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that. 9 but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.
21. **1CO 7:26** I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that it is good for a man to remain as he is; 27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. 32 But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. 33 But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife. 38 So then he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better. 39 A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. 40 But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment—and I think I also have the Spirit of God.
22. **1CO 9:5** Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?
23. **1TI 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
24. **1TI 5:14** Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. 15 For some have already turned aside after Satan.
25. **HEB 13:4** Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators (pornos) and adulterers (moichos) God will judge.

OT Scripture on Marriage

26. **GEN 4:19** Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah.
27. **GEN 24: 1-67** The wonderful story of Abraham sending Eleazer to find a wife for Isaac.
28. **GEN 24:58** Then they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” And she said, “I will go.” 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: “Our sister, may you become The mother of thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess The gates of those who hate them.”
29. **GEN 24:65** for she (Rebekah) had said to the servant, “Who is this man (Isaac) walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took a veil and covered herself.
30. **GEN 26:34** When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35 And they were A GRIEF OF MIND to Isaac and Rebekah.
31. **GEN 29:10** And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother’s brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother’s brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well’s mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother’s brother. 11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept.
32. **GEN 29:23** Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.
33. **EXO 2:1** And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi.
34. **LEV 21:7** ‘They (a priest) shall not take a wife who is a harlot or a defiled woman, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband; for the priest is holy to his God.
35. **LEV 21:13** ‘And he (a high priest) shall take a wife in her virginity. 14 ‘A widow or a divorced woman or a defiled woman or a harlot—these he shall not marry; but he shall take a virgin of his own people as wife. 15 ‘Nor shall he profane his posterity among his people, for I the Lord sanctify him.’ ”
36. **DEU 7:3** “Nor shall you make marriages with them (the Canaanites). You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.
37. **DEU 20:7** ‘And what man is there who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.’

38. **JDG 14:1** Now **Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines.** 2 So **he went up and told his father and mother, saying, “I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife.”** 3 Then his father and mother said to him, “Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” And Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she pleases me well.” 4 But **his father and mother did not know that it was of the Lord—that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.**
39. **EZR 9:12** ‘Now therefore, **do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons;** and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever.’
40. **EZE 44:22** “**They (the Levitical Priest) shall not take as wife a widow or a divorced woman, but take virgins of the descendants of the house of Israel, or widows of priests.** 23 “**And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy,** and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
41. **DEU 22:13** “**If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and detests her, 14 “and charges her with shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says, ‘I took this woman, and when I came to her I found she was not a virgin,’** 15 “**then the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out the evidence of the young woman’s virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.** 16 “**And the young woman’s father shall say to the elders, ‘I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her.** 17 ‘**Now he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, “I found your daughter was not a virgin,” and yet these are the evidences of my daughter’s virginity.’** And **they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.** 18 “**Then the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him; 19 “and they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days. 20 “But if the thing is true, and evidences of virginity are not found for the young woman, 21 “then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father’s house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel,** to play the harlot in her father’s house. **So you shall put away the evil from among you.**

Marriage is a Typology of Our Marriage to God

42. **PSA 45:13** The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; Her clothing is woven with gold. 14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. 15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; They shall enter the King’s palace.
43. **ISA 54:5** For **your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name;** And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. 6 For **the Lord has called you Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, Like a youthful wife when you were refused,**” Says your God.
44. **ISA 61:10** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, **As a BRIDEGROOM decks himself with ornaments, And as a BRIDE adorns herself with her jewels.**
45. **JER 3:14** “**Return, O backsliding children,**” says the Lord; “**for I am married to you.** I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.
46. **JER 31:32** “not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, **My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.**
47. **HOS 2:19** “**I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;** 20 **I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.**
48. **MAT 22:2** “**The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 “and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.** 4 “**Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.”’** 5 “**But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 “And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. 7 “But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 “Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’** 10 “**So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.** 11 “**But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 “So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.**
49. **MAT 22:30** “**For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God** in heaven.
50. **REV 22:17** And **the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!”** And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.