

LEARN ABOUT
MARRIAGE & SEX

The Marriage Covenant

The Lord said, “You flood the Lord's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. You ask, ‘Why?’ It is because the Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.” (Malachi 2:13-14-NIV)

Principle:

The quality of your married life is connected to the quality of your spiritual life.

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**Why are my married life and
spiritual life connected?**

“your marriage covenant.”

(Malachi 2:14b-NIV)

A COVENANT

Define

Jeremiah 34:18, “The men who have violated my covenant and have not fulfilled the terms of the covenant they made before me, I will treat like the calf they cut in two and then walked between its pieces.” (NIV)

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Jeremiah 34:19-20, “The leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the court officials, the priests and all the people of the land who walked between the pieces of the calf, I will hand over to their enemies who seek their lives. Their dead bodies will become food for the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth.” (NIV)

Abram and God Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3, “The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ‘I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;

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I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (NIV)

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**Genesis 15:8, “Abram said,
‘O Sovereign Lord, how can
I know that I will gain
possession of it?’” (NIV)**

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Genesis 15:18, “On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram...” (NIV)

David and Jonathan Covenant

1 Samuel 18:3, “Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.” (NIV)

Other Covenants in God's Word

David and Abner

(2 Samuel 3:12)

Abraham and Abimelech

(Genesis 21:22-32)

Isaac and Abimelech

(Genesis 26:26-31)

Jacob and Laban

(Genesis 31:44-54)

Other Covenants in God's Word

Rahab and the Israelite spies

(Joshua 2)

Joash and Judah

(2 Kings 11:17)

Zedekiah and Judah

(Jeremiah 34:8)

***“covenant”* used over 300 times**

(NASB, NKJV, ESV)

Covenant versus Contract

Contract Definition (www.dictionary.com):

- **An agreement between two or more parties for the doing or not doing of something specified.**
- **An agreement enforceable by law.**

Contract vs. Covenant

Loopholes

Loyalty

Feeling

Faith

A Way Out

A Way Through

Selfish

Selfless

**God's Words says your
marriage is not a contract,
but a *"marriage covenant."***

(Malachi 2:14b-NIV)

THE MARRIAGE COVENANT

Aisle

Wedding runner

Father walks the bride down the aisle

Pastor

Groom walks in first

Vows

Ring

COVENANT BREAKERS

**Breaking a covenant
brings death**

**Proverbs 14:12, “There is a way
that seems right to a man, but in
the end it leads to death.” (NIV)**

COVENANT BREAKERS

Anyone or anything on earth that becomes the first love of your life is a covenant breaker.

COVENANT BREAKERS

Examples:

- Money
- Work
- Person
- Self
- Yard
- Hunting/fishing
- Children
- Golf
- Church
- Decorating the house
- Grandchildren... etc.

SIGNS OF COVENANT BREAKERS

**Convince Yourself That It Will Not
Happen To You**

**Cultivate The Relationship With The
Third Party**

**Compare Your Spouse With The
Other Person**

Connect By Having Sex