

MARRIAGE..HUSBANDS AND WIVES.. YAH'S THEOCRACY ORDER

Throughout the Old Testament Israel is described as a garden with the hedge or vineyard around it. The hedge being the Torah. The Torah, (hedge/boundary/fence) around it defines the territory.

Ps. 80:8-12 *Thou didst remove a vine from Egypt; Thou didst drive out the nations, and didst plant it. 9 Thou didst clear the ground before it, And it took deep root and filled the land. 10 The mountains were covered with its shadow; And the cedars of Yah with its boughs. 11 It was sending out its branches to the sea, And its shoots to the River. 12 **Why hast Thou broken down its hedges,** So that all who pass that way pick its fruit?*

Isa. 5:1-3 *Let me sing now for my well-beloved A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. **My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.** 2 And He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it, And hewed out a wine vat in it; Then He expected it to produce good grapes, But it produced only worthless ones. "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard. (see also Hosea 2:6, Eccl. 10:8, Matt 21:33)*

Ezek. 13:4-5 *O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. 5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the **hedge** for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of Yahveh."*

Ezek. 22:30 *And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the **hedge**, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."*

If we keep the instructions of the torah the hedge around us will prevent intruders from coming in and incorrectly influencing our lives, our family. In order to receive the blessings of the scriptures we must willingly obey them for the good of all mankind. Those who follow His instructions are the Torah Community and all those living in that community will thrive. That community is based upon the correct order established in Genesis two and three. Yah told us, a man is to submit to Him, and a man's wife is to submit to the man. The order is clear and precise and only when that order is maintained will the family live and grow together under the cover of Yah.

In the beginning Adam and Eve caused great turmoil by their disobedience to Yah's commands. Since



that time man has also been disobeying Yah's commands. That is the reason why the family unit we know of today has been broken apart and lacking in any kind of love and respect the way it should be. Satan is the one who has from the beginning tried to separate families from their power and authority as a closely meshed unit. Satan doesn't want families to work together. Satan doesn't want children obeying their parents, and Satan doesn't want women submitting to their husbands as ordered in the bible. The power of the prayer of a closely knit family is not something the enemy wants people to ever realize. He knows the power of a united family is mountain moving and he does not ever want to see mountains moved. Satan is the god of this world and through his manipulation mankind has been on a downward spiral, especially when it comes to the family. The husband and wife of a torah observant family are to be the guides for the family. Their united leadership will withstand anything the enemy throws against them. That unity is what I will attempt to speak about in this teaching.

Since the Garden of Eden men and women have been in conflict. Yah gave both the instructions they were to follow in order to be blessed and they had difficulty right from the word go. Satan was there in the garden and he is the one who caused problems that would resonate through the lives of millions of families for eternity. Let's have a look at what happened in the garden and see what has resulted over the years.

Gen. 2:18-25 *And Adonai said, It is not good that the man should be alone; **I will make him an help meet for him.** 19 And out of the ground Adonai formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And Adonai caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which Adonai had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, **This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh:** she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall*

be one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

The verses here indicate clearly that the woman was made to be a helpmate for the man in fulfilling his purpose of cultivating good and keeping the commandments of Yah. We must notice that the woman was created from the rib of the man. She was taken from his very body; so it is that man declares "*she is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh*". In other words, man should treat his woman just as he would his own body, with respect. The two flesh shall become one, was and still is the goal of Yah's creation of the man and woman. When Eve took the fruit of the tree of knowledge she broke the command of Yah. Adam realized that part of his own body had acted independent of his body. From this moment on Adam and Eve were independent human beings. Shame entered the scene when Adam realized that part of his own body had done such a thing. Part of his own body had inadvertently done something (like accidentally spilling a glass of wine), that would cause turmoil throughout all of man's time on earth. Man and woman from that moment on became two separate entities.

Gen. 3:16 *To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall bring forth children; Yet your **desire** shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."* The word "Chavah/Avah" used here in Hebrew means "desire to rule over", "stretch out for, crave, be passionate for". Even in the beginning the woman desired to take over Adam's authority. She was striving for authority over her husband. That's why Yah specifically said man would rule over woman. After the fall Eve was constantly rising up to cease authority over her husband to accomplish her own agenda. Throughout scriptures we see women trying to use their authority over men to get what they want. We see stories like Sarah convincing Abraham to give her a child through Hagar. We see Rebekah tricking her husband Isaac into giving her son Jacob the blessing. Solomon's wives led this once wise king into idol worship. Delilah tricked Samson into disobedience for the purpose of helping her people. And then we see Jezebel completely rule over her husband king Ahab who allows the prophets of Baal to dominate Israel. All of these examples of sin and wickedness are examples of the breakdown of the foundational relationship between husband and wife. Put very simply: a marriage out of order leads to a family out of order, which in turn leads to a community out of order, and on and on.

Eph. 5:22-33 ***Wives should submit to their husbands as they do to Adonai; 23 because the husband is head of the wife, just as the Messiah, as head of the Messianic Community, is himself the one who keeps the body safe. 24 Just as the Messianic Community submits to the Messiah, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 As for husbands, love your wives, just as the Messiah loved the Messianic Community, indeed, gave himself up on its behalf, 26 in order to set it apart for God, making it clean through immersion in the mikveh, so to speak, 27 in order to present the Messianic Community to himself as a bride to be proud of, without a spot, wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and without defect. 28 This is how husbands ought to love their wives — like their own bodies; for the man who loves his wife is loving himself. 29 Why, no one ever hated his own flesh! On the contrary, he feeds it well and takes care of it, just as the Messiah does the Messianic Community, 30 because we are parts of his Body. 31 "Therefore a man will leave his father and mother and remain with his wife, and the two will become one. 32 There is profound truth hidden here, which I say concerns the Messiah and the Messianic Community. 33 However, the text also applies to each of you individually: let each man love his wife as he does himself, and see that the wife respects her husband.*** (CJB)

We see in the following verse how marriage is even compared to an ox and donkey pulling together. Two becoming one (echad/unity). **Matt. 12:25** *However, knowing what they were thinking, Yeshua said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not survive.*

Paul tells us that if we have the Ruach (the Spirit) of Yeshua we should follow His order as laid down in scripture. Yeshua is to be the image we desire to be like. When a woman submits to her husband there is no longer a need for her husband to rule over her. When a woman realizes her place at the side of her husband (the rib), she is supporting him and the two are as one (echad). This is fulfilling the word that says "they shall be one flesh". One should not rule over the other unless there is opposition between them. With proper unity there is no need for one to have dominion. Notice in verse 28 Sha'ul says men are to love their wives as their own bodies. This is clearly stated IF (after) women submit themselves to their husbands first. The husbands love is not a condition of the woman's submission, submission to the husband is simply a matter of obedience to Yah.

Deut. 6:4 (Almighty speaking) *"Hear, O Israel! Adonai is our Elohim, Adonai is one!* In the Shema we see the same basic principle of unity (echad) written about. A man and a woman who are married should be a unit just as Yahveh and Yeshua are a unit.

The wife is to be submissive to the husband. She is not to try and manipulate the husband into doing things. Manipulation, control or domination by any means other than the holy spirit, is witchcraft. When wives use the condition of love before they submit they are manipulating their husband. This is a subtle form of manipulation. It is as if the wife is saying; "first you show me that you love me by giving me my way and completing my agenda, and then when I'm convinced you love me, I'll submit". This is manipulation. After a

wife submits to walk with her husband as his support (rib), and help him in keeping torah, then and only then will a husband love her as his own body. Before he can love her in this way she must first become part of his body, bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. This means that she must be under his headship. Then the two together, walking in unity, will be blessed to do Yah's will and be a light to others. It is the lack of the understanding of these basic biblical principles that is the cause for a 50% divorce rate in the nations of the world and the demise of the family system in general.

Satan is the one behind the so-called "women's rights movement". Satan is the one trying to get women to not follow the biblical order given as their guide. Satan is the one causing confusion among women in general. He has used many of his rich and famous female idols to create a monster called the feminist movement, where women are told to take control over men and the family, where women are convinced they have no rights' and are not equal to their counterpart. This is all Satan's agenda and it has caused serious problems throughout the nations.

Many men are not keeping the torah and their wives are therefore unable to help them be spiritual leaders in this kingdom of Yah on earth. For this reason many Godly women refuse to submit to their spouse, causing chaos in the family unit. On the other hand most women are being taught by a sinful and rebellious culture to rise up and take charge of their lives. They are pushed to stretch out and grab the power and authority of the family home. This urge is appealing to the sinful flesh of Eve that is inherited by every woman. This is why we see marriages filled with power struggles. Wives are trying to lord over their husbands and husbands are trying to lord over their wives. Wives and husbands alike are claiming they are not feeling love from their partner, yet they refuse to walk where love may be found, at the side of their spouse. This is the voice of Satan and the spirit of Delilah all over again, causing nothing but confusion in the home. A wife cannot proclaim to truly love Yah when she refuses to submit to her husband and a husband cannot truly love Yah if he does not treat his wife appropriately. A woman rebellious against her husband is in fact rebellious towards Yah. This is the same sin that got Miriam, Aaron, Korach and the princes of Israel who rose up against Moses, in trouble.

When wives refuse to submit to their husbands they teach their children to rebel against their father, which is actually against Yah. This is why we have families today that do not act in unity. This is why children look to electronic devices, music heroes, movie stars, guru's (cell phones, video games, ipod's, etc.), and learn the worldly ways of the incoherent family. Parents have quit parenting. Far too many are trying to be best friends with their children instead of parenting their children. Many of those who are now new parents were never taught common sense, logic, and moral values, and they pass down their ignorance and demonic worldly values to their children. What else can the outcome be but chaos? Immature children adults (parents) raising children that have no respect or regard for their parents. It is almost impossible for a un-parented adult to teach children about life. We end up with the society we have today, no common sense, no etiquette, no moral values, worshipping material things, money; with unrealistic expectations of everyone else in society looking after their children rather than themselves. Blame it on everyone but the one in front of the mirror.

A simple example of a loss of family communication is seen daily as we see very few families sitting down together at the same time to enjoy meals and fellowship with one another. They have become strangers in their own home and the only means of communication they find that gets attention is a form of rebellion.

Yah gave us the order of this sacred relationship for a reason. He knew what the world has to offer, and has shown us a clear way to avoid the things of the world that destroy the family unit. We must do what we are called and created to do. We must follow Yah's instructions to get the fullest understanding possible.

Wives must ask themselves if they are truly submitting to their husbands and helping him follow torah, or are they trying to be superior. Are they walking at the side of their man or trying to walk in front of him. Husbands must ask if they are indeed acting like the spiritual leader they are supposed to be without trying to demean their wives and children, or are they being neglectful of their duties as head of the family. Are you a parent a good influence to your children? Paul tells us the way it is supposed to be. **Col. 3:18-21 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in Adonai. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them. 20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to Adonai. 21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.** It is abundantly clear from those scriptures that one follows the other. The order is clear and the blessings only come when the order is kept.

When wives submit to their husbands and husbands submit to Yah the perfect order is in place and all will be well in their lives. The children must see that submission is important to Yah for love and unity. We must cultivate the good, and good will be rewarded us for our effort and obedience to the Holy One of Israel. If we cultivate rebellion, rebellion will grow in our family and our community as a whole. This leads to chaos. Are we doing His will? Is His will being lifted up in our home and in our family? Do people around us see Him when they see us as individuals or as a family in unity. **James 4:7 Submit therefore to YHVH. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.** Take your place in Yah's created order as clearly defined in Genesis two and three. **1Cor. 11:3 But I want you to understand that Messiah is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and Yah is the head of Messiah.** Study the scriptures and find yourself approved.

FAMILY FIRST

Yah's kingdom is a theocracy, not a democracy. He is the leader and He appoints and anoints people to be in charge. Every family is supposed to have a leader. How many millions of children today have a father that does not lead? How many generations have we had already of children with no father? We have complete races, and groups of people who have never had responsibilities, and never experienced the leadership of a man. The nations are full of these people who bring down the entire world because of their lack of understanding the basics of a leadership system. These people don't understand order, nor do they respect order or rules. They have no discipline. If you look around you will quickly see that one of the biggest problems in the world today is because people who refuse to recognize theocracy are causing great harm for everyone else in the world. People who understand Yah's theocracy have moral values, common sense and simple logic, simply because they accept that there must be leadership, from the family structure all the way to the top. We know that all government leaders and politicians are immoral and in desire of control over others, but we must still have leaders. The idea is to get the best leaders possible from those who deserve to be in any kind of leadership.

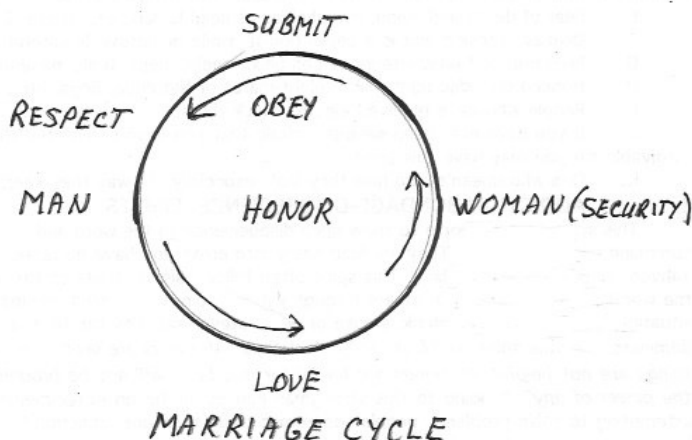
There must always be someone in charge, someone to make decisions, because there are always decisions that must be made for the good of those involved. Not everyone can simply do as they please. There must be a leader. Any leader is better than no leader at all. Remember: "Freedom is the ability to work within a harness, the harness is the Torah".

1Pet. 5:1-5 "Therefore, **I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Messiah, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, 2 shepherd the flock of Adonai among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of Adonai; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for ADONAI IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.**

1Tim. 3:1-7 "It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. 4 **He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity** 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of Yah?), 6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. 7 **And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.**

1Tim. 3:8-13 "**Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, 9 but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. 11 Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Deacons must be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Messiah Yeshua.**"

MARRIAGE IS CYCLICAL



Marriage is like a wheel going around and around. As long as the partners are doing what they are commanded to do the wheel will spin perpetually.

The center of the wheel is the hub, the hub represents honor, the husband honoring the wife and the wife honoring the husband. If they both honor each other as they are supposed to according to the torah, the wheel will spin and have greater and greater momentum, so that no matter what gets in its way it will never slow down enough to come to a stop.

The torah says that the man must love his wife. It does not say that the wife must love the husband. It is only natural for the woman to love her husband, but it is not a command. She is however commanded to submit to or obey her husband, which is not necessarily natural. Yah set it up this way so certain needs would be met. In the case of the woman, her greatest need is security. Therefore,

when the man loves his wife, he prefers her, he provides for her (food, clothing, shelter), he protects her, he defends her, he makes her his first priority.

The bible says when a man finds a good wife he receives unmerited favor from Yah, grace. Unmerited favor simply means you didn't deserve it. The truth is, the man does not deserve the respect the woman is commanded to give him, but the woman is the unmerited favor in his life from Adonai, and when she does what she is commanded to do the favor falls on both parties. The woman is Yah's instrument to grant the man favor and vice versa. He, she, may not deserve it, but as per Yah's instructions you must give it (grace). He bestows grace upon one when we obey Him, and we bestow grace on each other when we obey His word.

He is also commanded to be passionate for her. All of these things are done by the man when he loves his wife so that she will feel secure. Once the woman feels secure, she can't help but love him in return, and in doing so, submit to him. In so doing the man receives respect from his wife. A man's need is respect. By his wife and children obeying and submitting to him, it is honoring him and showing respect for him.

Honor is the center-piece of the marriage. The man honors his wife, the wife honors her husband. This is a cyclical understanding. When we do as the commandments say, the wheel (so to speak), turns and the marriage becomes stronger and stronger. When the rotation of the wheel changes and the man or woman are not doing what they are commanded to do, the wheel stops turning, and in some instances, turns the wrong way. When the man for example doesn't do as he is commanded, his wife doesn't feel secure. The moment she doesn't feel secure, problems start happening. At that point she loses respect for the man and doesn't do what she is supposed to do. Then the man feels disrespected, so he doesn't do what he is commanded to do. Then he doesn't love her anymore, she doesn't obey him anymore and the wheel stops turning. Then the marriage comes apart.

A woman is to be the man's helpmate, but she needs to understand what he wants help with. She can't go doing things that she thinks will help him, she should be asking him what things he wants help with and then do them. Women should find out what is helpful to him and help him as he struggles to get there. Men need to be the woman's hero, their provider. The women need to feel safe and protected.

In the same manner Adonai acts as our husband. He loves us, we obey Him, He honors us, we honor Him, and the wheel goes around. The problem is always with us when we refuse to obey Him. The problem is never the other way around. When we fail to obey, the relationship crumbles and the wheel stops turning.

This process, relationship, is the means that Yah established to properly bring children into the world. The turning wheel becomes like a sprocket and causes another wheel (sprocket) to start turning, and so on and so on. This establishes the transmission of His Word. When understands this basic cyclical concept he will better understand Ezekiel's wheel.

SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP IN MARRIAGE

This is a very brief summary of what sexual activities should be part of a healthy marriage. Sexual relations between a married man and woman are very special. They are to have a healthy sexual relationship. That means "making love" on a regular basis. It is after-all, physically and emotionally, the most beautiful fleshly experience a human being can encounter. The man is supposed to look after the sexual desires of his woman and the woman is to look after the sexual desires of her husband. They should never be lacking sex or their eyes will start to wander. This regular sexual relationship is a fundamental part of their marriage covenant. Most understand this very basic principle of marriage. When we look in Corinthians we see a good description of our sexual relationship.

1Cor. 7:2-5 *Well, because of the danger of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should give his wife what she is entitled to in the marriage relationship, and the wife should do the same for her husband. 4 The wife is not in charge of her own body, but her husband is; likewise, the husband is not in charge of his own body, but his wife is". 5 Do not deprive each other, except for a limited time, by mutual agreement, and then only so as to have extra time for prayer; but afterwards, come together again. Otherwise, because of your lack of self-control, you may succumb to the Adversary's temptation.*" This speaks volumes.

The following are a few things worth making note of in regards to marriage and sex between a man and a woman.

No sexual relations when a women is having her period:

Lev. 20:18 declares, ***"If a man lies with a woman during her monthly period and has sexual relations with her, he has exposed the source of her flow, and she has also uncovered it. Both of them must be cut off from their people."***

Ezek. 18:5-6 ***"But if a man is righteous and practices justice and righteousness, and does not eat at the mountain shrines or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor's wife or approach a woman during her menstrual period".***

No sodomy:

Sodomy is **sexual intercourse involving anal or oral copulation**. These kinds of acts are sinning.

What does Sodomizing a woman mean? (Anal or oral intercourse between man and wife)

The mouth has a purpose, and it's most certainly not for sexual intercourse. The mouth has the highest number of filthy microbial flora (species of micro organisms) on the human body. The anus is the next most filthy part of a person. The mouth is not designed to be part of sexual relations other than kissing with the lips. The mouth has never been part of sexual relations, and nothing will change that. In the same manner, the anus is for bowel movements only. It is meant for that purpose only.

Some believe it's ok to commit oral sex for pleasure on their partners, but anal and oral sex is simply perverse. Both qualify as wicked, whether you believe that or not. Our Father put a system together for having sexual relationships and breaking or manipulating that system is indeed a sin. It is perverse.

No tongue in the mouth kissing:

The mouth is made for many things, but not for another person to shove their tongue into and swirl it around. That simple process is extremely gross, and is physically and spiritually symbolic of sexual intercourse. It is simply unacceptable. If a married couple desire to have sex then they should be doing it the way their bodies were designed to do it, not doing it in an orgy looking manner.

No perverse sexual acts:

1Cor. 6:9 *"Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of Yah? Don't fool yourselves. **Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,**"*

No sex on shabbat:

The weekly and High Sabbaths are special in every way, dedicated totally to honoring Yahveh. It is your day to honor Him, and one cannot do so if sexual relations are included in that time period.

When all is said and done, sexual relationships in marriage are an anchor in marriage. They should be enjoyable for both parties at all times or there are issues between them that need to be dealt with. Everyone understands that emotional trauma always interferes with sexual relations. That is normal. These issues should be at the top of their list of problems that must be dealt with. A great healthy sexual relationship is basic for a great marriage. The two go together like a hand in a glove.

BETROTHAL COVENANT...MARRIAGE CONTRACT

We are all His bride if we keep the betrothal covenant that He made available at Mt. Sinai. His bride are all those who obey His Word, the children of Israel. Neither Jew or gentile, man or woman. The moment we are born again we accept the betrothal contract and become one of Yah's brides, one of His Priests (Isa. 61:5), and one of His Kings. As Priests we are to keep ourselves clean and holy, we don't eat food that is unclean. As kings, the Torah is to be written on our heart, not just on a scroll like the kings of old were required to do.

Symbolically Yah is calling all His children to come to Mt. Sinai and renew or accept His marriage covenant (contract), the Torah. We are to be His bride and express His love and truth throughout the world. As in the Jewish wedding ceremony, He is coming for His bride some day. Israel was His bride and we likewise, if we heed His Word spoken at Mt. Sinai. The sabbath is His wedding ring. Those who keep His Saturday sabbath, by doing so, declare that they are brides of Yah. Their ring stands out more than diamonds.

Note: The "till death do us part" idiom used in common wedding ceremonies comes from Rom. 7:2/1Cor. 7:39.

DIVORCE

Marriage is a sacred vow, a covenant. Very briefly, before we can properly discuss what divorce is, we must first establish what a vow is compared to a promise.

Yah is the Great creator, but in a sense He has given us the ability to "change His creation", by making a vow. The vow actually takes His created word and adjusts it so to speak for our spoken word. He in fact gives us authority to put into action or make things happen that normally wouldn't happen. Because of this divine right He bestows upon us, the responsibilities are supernatural also. By His spoken word all things were created and by our spoken word (in a sense) we create slight changes to His Word.

A promise is something spoken between two or more people. The reason a vow is far more powerful than a promise, is because when we make a vow we are asking Yahveh to be our witness. As a result, He is going to hold us accountable for it if we break the vow. A vow is the strongest form of speech there is. Vows and promises are reserved for very specific things. With that said, the wedding vow is to be taken very seriously. We can be blessed or cursed according to our keeping or breaking that vow. So whether one understands it or not, when we divorce we are officially breaking that vow and we are cursed for doing so.

We must keep in mind that the proper definition of a biblical marriage is explained as what Elohim (God), put together, not what mankind, the government, or society put together. True Godly marriage is one where both partners commit to their marriage with the torah/instructions as their basic wedding contract (ketubah). In a proper Biblical marriage both the man and wife will be covenant keeping "fearers" of Yah. People who go out and get married without following torah are simply not married. For thousands of years people have been getting married for the wrong reasons. If one doesn't pursue torah he cannot be married in the eyes of Elohim. They may have a contract, but it is not a "marriage contract" in His eyes.

The following verses clearly reveal one of the reasons for a biblical marriage.

Matt. 19:3-6 "Some P'rushim came and tried to trap him by asking, "Is it permitted for a man to divorce his wife on any ground whatever?" **4** He replied, "Haven't you read that at the beginning the Creator **made them male and female**, **5** and that he said, '**For this reason a man should leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two are to become one flesh**'? **6** Thus they are no longer two, but one. So then, no one should split apart what God has joined together." (CJB) Here we see marriage explained as what God (Elohim) put together, not what mankind, the government, or society put together.

In a true marriage the two will become one spiritually speaking. That is why we are told not to be unequally yoked together. **2Cor. 6:14-17** **Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?** **15** Or what harmony has Messiah with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? **16** Or what agreement has the temple of Yah with idols? For we are the temple of the living Yah; just as Yah said, "I Will Dwell In Them And Walk Among Them; And I Will Be Their Yahveh, And They Shall Be My People. **17** "Therefore, Come Out From Their Midst And Be Separate," says Yahveh. "And Do Not Touch What Is Unclean; And I will welcome you." Many people don't realize that in these verses, Paul is instructing people who are going to get married. He is not addressing people who are already unequally yoked. In other-wards, a Believer in Yah should never actively pursue someone who is not, someone who is lawless.

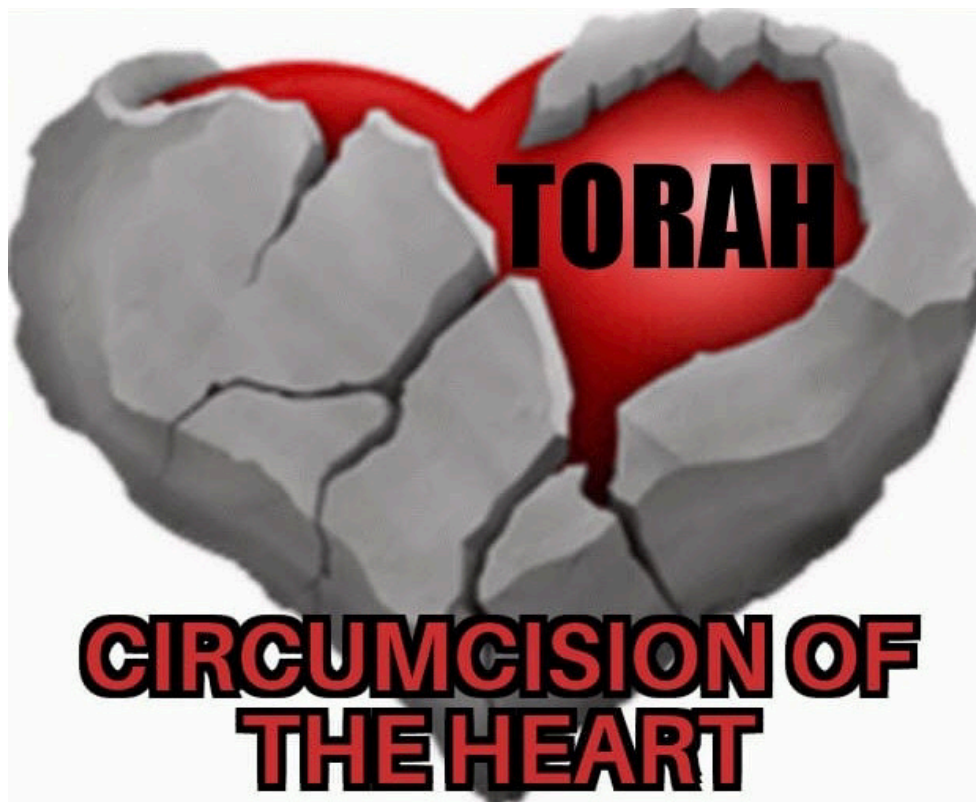
What the world in general considers to be marriage, is not biblical marriage. **What is commonly called marriage in the world, is nothing more than a contract they associate with marriage as they know it, and they don't know it.** This secular marriage is a contract between a man and a woman and the legal system (government). Nowadays it can, in many perverted nations, be considered marriage even though the couples are of the same sex. These same sex marriages are considered an abomination in the eyes of Yah.

With the difference between worldly marriage and biblical marriage established, let us move on to what divorce is considered to consist of in a true biblical marriage. What the legal systems of the world consider for divorce has no consideration because Yah's people are NOT of the world. We are in it, but not of it.

Death in a marriage

If the death of either partner in a genuine marriage takes place, no divorce is necessary because a person is dead. If one of the two partners is dead, there is no need for a divorce. The person who was left behind, is automatically decreed as free to re-marry. The marriage contract becomes immediately null and void. This is where we get the commonly used "till death do us part" idiom from (Rom. 7:2, 1Cor. 7:39).

Hardness of the heart



The primary issue for divorce is "hardness of the heart", not sexual adultery. That hardness of the heart

can come about through sexual infidelity but it can also come about by means of physical and emotional abuse, abandonment, etc. Hardness of the heart breaks one's spirit, the opposite of love. If someone isn't keeping torah it is because their hearts are hardened.

Matt. 19:7-9 *They said to him, "Then why did Moshe give the commandment that a man should **hand his wife a get** and divorce her?" 8 He answered, "Moshe allowed you to divorce your wives because **your hearts are so hardened**. But this is not how it was at the beginning. 9 Now what I say to you is that whoever divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery"* (CJB). There is no mention of a certificate in those verses. "Your hearts are so hardened" is the reason we break all the commandments. Hardness of heart establishes unbelief and disobedience. Hardness of heart is not unique to a marriage issue.

Ezek. 36:24-28 *"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you from all the countries, and return you to your own soil.*

25 *Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols.*

26 *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; **I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.***

27 *I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings and obey them.*

28 *You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors. You will be my people, and I will be your Elohim".*

Ezek. 11:19 *and I will give them unity of heart. "I will put a new spirit among you." **I will remove from their bodies the hearts of stone and give them hearts of flesh;**"*

If someone isn't keeping torah it is because their heart is hardened. When almost all people that get married don't pursue torah, their hearts are hardened, and they are not actually getting married in the first place. The torah is what reveals to us what love is. It teaches us how to treat each other. When we pursue His instructions He puts His spirit in us, otherwise we are simply dead worldly people. Without these instructions, one is not literally getting married, because they are simply worldly people. When one is worldly they are walking in unbelief, they are walking in the flesh, because they do not have Yah's Ruach guiding them on paper, or from their inner being.

Being put to death was the result of adultery

It is commonly thought by many that adultery is the only acceptable reason for divorce. The reality is, if adultery takes place in a biblical marriage, death for those participating in the adultery is the result, not a divorce. In the torah we have a clear verse that explains what is to take place if a husband and wife of two different God fearing couples commits adultery. They are both to be put to death.

Lev. 20:10 *"If a man commits adultery with another man's wife, that is, with the wife of a fellow countryman, **both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death**". **Deut. 22:22** *"If a man is found sleeping with a woman who has a husband, both of them must die — the man who went to bed with the woman and the woman too. In this way you will expel such wickedness from Isra'el."* So let's establish that Lev. 20:10 & Deut. 22:22 are NOT about divorce, they are about the death penalty for those who do so. So adultery between God fearing people is not grounds for divorce, it is grounds for death.*

Inappropriate behavior

In a biblical marriage "inappropriate behavior" is the reason for a divorce. Inappropriate behavior was usually the result of inappropriate sexual behaviour. In Hebrew the word commonly used to describe "inappropriate behavior" is "ervah". In Greek the word used for "inappropriate sexual behavior, or perverse sexual behavior, is "porneia". Porneia is the origin of what is commonly called pornography in the world today. Pornography is the picture or film version of sexual perverse acts. It can even be in the words used in novels and love stories.

If one was found involved in perverse sexual acts (porneia or ervah) they were justified to get a divorce. They did not have to get a divorce because of this, but would have been justified and able to get a divorce certificate because of their actions.

The certificate of divorce (get)

Biblically speaking, in Hebrew, divorce papers are called a "get". A "get" is "sefer k'ritut" in Hebrew. A get will say that the man is releasing the woman from the marriage contract so she can do as she pleases from that moment on.

Deut. 24:1-4 *"When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, **and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house,** 2 **and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife,** 3 **and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife,** 4 **then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the Adonai, and you shall not bring sin on the land which***

Yahveh your Elohim gives you as an inheritance." (NAS)

As per our bible, a woman is allowed to get married again and again as long as she has a certificate of divorce from each husband. But she cannot return to one of those men after she receives her divorce. That would be an abomination. **As per Deuteronomy, people can be divorced, they can be put out, dismissed, as long as they have a certificate of divorce.**

One shouldn't be getting divorced if they are thinking of ever getting back together. If there is the slightest possibility of them getting back together, they should not be getting a divorce in the first place. Divorce should always be the last possible resort.

A common misunderstanding

Many use the verses of Matthew to say that a man who marries a divorced woman is committing adultery. When you first look at this scripture it appears to say that, but when you consider what was taking place when Yeshua spoke these words, it is better understood. **Matt. 5:32** *but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.* Yeshua was taking issue with a particular thing going on at that time that was very common. When you get married your wife bears children. Later on the mid life crisis occurs and men act and talk strange. They desire strange things, and sometimes they desire a newer younger woman. It was quite common at that time for men to give their wife a "get" after their children were all grown up, and get married again. In his heart the man was already committing adultery by pursuing the thought. This new marriage was not considered a marriage by Yah. Yeshua was saying *"you enter into a marriage like that it is still adultery,"* it is not a covering for sexual desires, it does not change the fact that it is adultery. Marriage like this is not acceptable, it is not a way to make what is adultery, acceptable in the name of marriage. People were abusing the covenant of marriage. Marriage doesn't mean anything to people who do this, they are not married in the first place in the eyes of Adonai.

Paul's opinion

2Cor. 6:14 *Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 Or what harmony has Messiah with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 16 Or what agreement has the temple of Yah with idols? For we are the temple of the living Elohim; just as Yah said, "I Will Dwell In Them And Walk Among Them; And I Will Be Their Elohim, And They Shall Be My People. 17 "Therefore, Come Out From Their Midst And Be Separate," says Elohim. "And Do Not Touch What Is Unclean; And I will welcome you."* Paul is instructing people who are going to get married. He is not addressing people who are already unequally yoked. In other-wards don't actively pursue someone who is lawless, unequally yoked.

1Cor. 7:10-17 *But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband 11 (but if she does leave, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not send his wife away. 12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, let him not send her away. 13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not send her husband away. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy. 15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the 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 Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And thus I direct in call the churches."*

Here we see Paul addressing an issue that was never directly addressed in torah, because he feels he has to. He states specifically that it is his opinion. He is mentioning this because sometimes even though one is a Believer and the other isn't, the un-believer may at some point change and become a Believer. So he is saying don't part from each other even if you don't agree with each others beliefs. Some day that other person may just change. If you love them enough you may want to believe in them and give them another chance.

Yahveh hates divorce?

Many people use the following verse in Malachi to show that Yah hates divorce, but they fail to understand why He is saying this. **Mal. 2:16** *"For I hate divorce," says Yahveh, the Holy One of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says Yahveh of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."* This verse should not be used as a weapon for anyone who talks about getting a divorce. He is saying this because divorce is a terrible problem that creates problems for everyone around the couple getting the divorce. He made provisions for divorce in Deuteronomy so obviously He accepts the fact that some will have to get a divorce.

Dad hates liars, adulterers, idol worshipers, thieves, etc. just as He hates divorce, but His word makes provisions for what is to be done in each situation (Exod. 21). Sometimes divorce is the best option of two terrible options. He is saying this because divorce should never happen in the first place. He hates all inappropriate behaviors. If you didn't get married right in the first place, divorce may be unavoidable later on.

He hates when we disobey because He knows it will end up hurting us in the long run.

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