

YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS

Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and
Minds of All Who Receive Him

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Numbers 30: The Law Concerning Vows

Good evening, welcome to our Friday Night Bible Study. Tonight we begin our study of Numbers 30 (verses 1-4). In this chapter, we will read and discuss the specific instructions God gave Moses concerning the binding nature of a vow. If a man or woman makes a vow to God, that vow is a binding vow and cannot be broken; but if a vow is made to another, stipulations could exist which may nullify that vow. In this study we will discuss and gain a better understanding of what it means to make a vow, the binding force behind a vow, and the importance of honoring it.

In the life of a born-again believer, what we say, what we do, and our behavior should be a direct reflection of the life we confess in Christ. When we committed our lives to Christ, as born-again believers, the vow we made before our Father and our God was to give our lives, our whole hearts, to Jesus Christ our Lord; the only begotten son of the living God. We made a promise to love God and to love one another; therefore, we cannot talk about honoring a vow without discussing the binding force behind that vow; which is love.

Satan's most powerful weapon against humankind is division, and his agents of chaos are good at creating that division by attempting to destroy the unity which is gained through love. Unity in marriage is important, because in that union, fruit is brought forth; when division is sown it becomes difficult to make manifest God's intent for mankind, which is to love Him, to love one another, and to be fruitful and multiply. The widowed and the unmarried are not left out of this unity, nor in the bearing of fruit ([1 Corinthians 7:32-35](#)).

The institution of marriage is considered sacred; God blessed marriage between a man and a woman, and between us and Christ; both relationships bring forth children, children of men and children of God, but Satan delivered a deception into the world that caused humankind to believe that this holy union was unacceptable ([Matthew 5:31-32](#); [2 Corinthians 4:1-6](#); [Romans 1:20-32](#); [1 Timothy 4:1-5](#)).

In the Natural Order, God Honored Relationships Between Men and Women

- [Genesis 2:18-24](#); [Hebrews 13:4](#) (Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother

and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh)

- [1 Corinthians 11:3](#) (The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God)
- [1 Corinthians 7:10-16](#); [1 Corinthians 7:39-40](#) (Vows in marriage)

Examples of Vows Made to the Lord

- [Genesis 28:10-22](#) (Jacobs vow at Bethel)
- [1 Samuel 1:8-28](#) (Hannah's vow to the Lord)
- [Numbers 6:1-21](#) (The law of the Nazarite vow)
- [Judges 11:1-40](#) (Jephthah's vow to the Lord)
- [Numbers 21:1-9](#) (Israel's made a vow to the Lord)

Love Brings Unity In the Body of Christ

- [John 13:34-35](#) (Jesus commanded that we love one another)
- [Matthew 22:34-40](#) (The great commandment)
- [1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#) (Love is the greatest gift that anyone can give)
- [Ephesians 4:1-6](#) (Walk in unity)
- [John 15:9-17](#) (As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you)
- [1 John 4:1-21](#) (Love for God and for one another)

Who We Are, Whose We Are

- [John 1:10-18](#) (But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God)
- [Galatians 3:26-29](#) (You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus)
- [2 Corinthians 6:14-18](#) (You are the temple of the living God)
- [Romans 8:14-17](#) (For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God)
- [1 Corinthians 6:14-17](#) (God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power)
- [1 John 3:1-17](#) (What manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God)
- [Colossians 3:1-25](#) (You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God)
- [Ephesians 4:20-32](#) (Put on the new man which was created according to God)
- [2 Corinthians 4:7-15](#) (We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us)

Forgiveness for Sin

- [Romans 8:1-17](#) (There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit)
- [Psalm 34:15-22](#) (The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous)

- [Hebrews 10:5-18](#) (We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all)
- [Matthew 12:31-32](#) (Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men)
- [Romans 8:31-39](#) (Who shall separate us from the love of Christ)