



Blest be the Tie that Binds

Introduction

Why did people used to get married?

Why do people get married now?

Why should people get married?

A. The Mystery of Marriage

Genesis 1:27-28

Genesis 2:24

Malachi 2:13-14

B. The Why of a Wedding

So what is a wedding?

What is a promise? Why is it important?

A promise is a stated _____ to a certain future _____, that serves as a foundation for relationship.

Psalm 15:4 He swears to his own hurt, and does not change;



C. The Concept of a Covenant

- "an agreement entered into in friendship placing obligations on both parties" (from Dr. William Larkin in conversation).
- "a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement; a compact." (The Webster's Dictionary)



Genesis 6 - Sign and celebration of the covenant with Noah.

Genesis 15 - Unilateral or bilateral?

How serious is it to break a covenant?

Joshua 9:11, 15 – Covenant wrongly made with the Gibeonites.

2 Samuel 21:1-2, 6 - God punished them hundreds of years later when they broke it.

We are by nature selfish and “faithful” only to ourselves. We want to seek pleasure and avoid pain. The seeds of our divorce are already in us. Your yard already has “weeds”.

But our new and best hope is that the “covenant-keeping God” now lives in us.