



# Promises, Promises!

## Marriage & Family

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**Genesis 1** <sup>26</sup> Then God said: “**Let us make a man and a woman in our image to be like us. Let them reign** over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the livestock, over the creatures that creep along the ground, and over the wild animals.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man and woman and shaped them with his image inside them. In his own beautiful image, **he created his masterpiece**. Yes, male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> **And God blessed them in his love, saying: “Reproduce and be fruitful! Populate the earth and subdue it!”** Reign over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every creature that lives on earth.” <sup>31</sup> **God surveyed all he had made and said, “I love it!” For it pleased him greatly.** TPT

**Genesis 2** <sup>18</sup> Then Yahweh-God said, “**It is not good for the man to be alone**. Therefore, I will fashion **a suitable partner to be his help and strength**.” <sup>21</sup> So Yahweh-God caused Adam to fall into a deep trance, and while he slept, he took a portion of Adam’s side and closed its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then Yahweh-God used the portion of Adam’s side and skillfully crafted a woman and presented her to him. <sup>23</sup> **Then Adam said, “At last! One like me!** Her bones were formed from my bones, and her flesh from my flesh! This one will be called: ‘Woman,’ for she was taken from man.” <sup>24</sup> **For this reason, a man leaves his father and his mother to be unselfishly attached to his wife. They become one flesh as a new family!** <sup>25</sup> The man and his wife felt no shame, unaware that they were both naked. TPT

**Psalms 68** <sup>5-6</sup> To the fatherless he is a father. To the widow he is a champion friend. The lonely he makes part of a family. TPT

**Ephesians 6** <sup>1</sup> Children, *if you want to be wise*, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. <sup>2</sup> For the commandment, “Honor your father and your mother,” was the first of the *Ten Commandments* with a **promise** attached: <sup>3</sup> “**You will prosper and live a long, full life if you honor your parents**.” <sup>4</sup> Fathers, don’t exasperate your children, but raise them up with loving discipline and counsel that brings the revelation of our Lord. TPT

**Joshua 24** <sup>15</sup> If it seems wrong in your eyes to serve Yahweh, then make your decision today which gods you will worship... **but I and my family, we will give our lives to worship and serve Yahweh!**

**Devoted:** give all or most of one’s time or resources to. Very loving, loyal, enthusiastic, zealous, or ardent in attachment in loyalty or affection.

**Ephesians 5** <sup>21</sup> And out of your reverence for Christ **be supportive of each other in love**. <sup>22</sup> For wives, this means **being devoted to your husbands like you are tenderly devoted to our Lord, (Note vs 22: The Greek word for “submit,” or “supportive,” is not found in v. 22. It is literally “Wives, with your husbands.”)** <sup>23</sup> for the **husband provides leadership for the wife, just as Christ provides leadership for his church**, as the Savior and Reviver of the body. <sup>24</sup> **In the same way the church is devoted to Christ, let the wives be devoted to their husbands in everything.** <sup>25</sup> **And to the husbands, you are to demonstrate love for your wives with the same tender devotion that Christ demonstrated to us, his bride.** For he died for us, sacrificing himself <sup>26</sup> to make us holy and pure, cleansing us through the showering of the pure water of the Word of God. <sup>27</sup> **All that he does in us is designed to make us a mature church for his pleasure**, until we become a source of praise to him—glorious and radiant, beautiful and holy, without fault or flaw. <sup>28</sup> **Husbands have the obligation of loving and caring for their wives the same way they love and care for their own bodies**, for to love your wife is to love your own self. <sup>29</sup> No one abuses his own body, but pampers it—serving and satisfying its needs. That’s exactly what Christ does for his

church! <sup>30</sup> *He serves and satisfies us* as members of his body. <sup>31</sup> **For this reason a man is to leave his father and his mother and lovingly hold to his wife, since the two have become joined as one flesh.** <sup>32</sup> **Marriage is the beautiful design of the Almighty,** a great mystery of Christ and his church. <sup>33</sup> **So every married man should be gracious to his wife just as he is gracious to himself. And every wife should be tenderly devoted to her husband.** TPT

**1 Peter 3** <sup>1</sup> And now let me speak to the wives. **Be devoted to your own husbands,** so that even if some of them do not obey the Word of God, your kind conduct may win them over without you saying a thing. <sup>2</sup> For when they observe your pure, godly life before God, *it will impact them deeply.* <sup>3-</sup><sup>4</sup> Let your true beauty come from your inner personality, not a focus on the external. For lasting beauty comes from a gentle and peaceful spirit, which is precious in God's sight *and is much more important* than the outward adornment of elaborate hair, jewelry, and fine clothes. <sup>5</sup> Holy women of long ago who had set their hopes in God beautified themselves with lives lived in deference to their own husbands' authority. <sup>6</sup> **For example, our "mother," Sarah, devoted herself to her husband, Abraham,** and even called him "master." And you have become her daughters when you do what is right without fear and intimidation. <sup>7</sup> **Husbands, you in turn must treat your wives with tenderness, viewing them as feminine partners who deserve to be honored, for they are co-heirs with you of the "divine grace of life," so that nothing will hinder your prayers.** TPT

**1 Corinthians 7** <sup>7</sup> **I would wish that all of you could live unmarried, just as I do. Yet I understand that we are all decidedly different, with each having a special grace for one thing or another.** <sup>8</sup> So let me say to the unmarried and those who have lost their spouses, it is fine for you to remain single as I am. <sup>9</sup> But if you have no power over your passions, then you should go ahead and marry, for marriage is far better than a continual battle with lust. <sup>10</sup> And to those who are married, I give this charge—which is not mine, but the Lord's—that the wife should not depart from her husband. <sup>11</sup> But if she does, then she should either remain unmarried or reconcile with her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. <sup>12</sup> To the rest I say, which is not a saying of the Lord, if a brother has an unbelieving wife and she is content to live with him, he should not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is content to live with her, she should not divorce him. <sup>14</sup> **For the unbelieving husband has been made holy by his believing wife. And the unbelieving wife has been made holy by her believing husband by virtue of his or her sacred union to a believer. Otherwise, the children from this union would be unclean, but in fact, they are holy.** <sup>15</sup> But if the unbelieving spouse wants a divorce, then let it be so. In this situation the believing spouse is not bound *to the marriage*, for God has called us to live in peace. <sup>16</sup> And wives, for all you know you could one day lead your husband to salvation. Or husbands, how do you know for sure that you could not one day lead your wife to salvation? TPT

**Hebrews 13** <sup>4</sup> Honor the sanctity of marriage and keep your vows of purity to one another, for God will judge sexual immorality in any form, whether single or married. TPT

**Proverbs 22** <sup>6</sup> Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go, and the values they've learned from you will be with them for life. TPT

**Isaiah 54** <sup>13</sup> **All your children will be taught by Yahweh, and great will be their peace and prosperity.** <sup>14</sup> You will be established in righteousness. Oppression—be far from them! Fear—be far from them! Yes, terror will not come near you, nor will you be afraid. <sup>15</sup> If anyone dares to stir up strife against you, it is not from me! Those who challenge you will go down in defeat. <sup>16</sup> See, I am the one who created the craftsman who fans the coals into a fire and forges a weapon fit for its purpose, and I am the one who created the destroyer to destroy. <sup>17</sup> **But I promise you, no weapon meant to hurt you will succeed, and you will refute every accusing word spoken against you. This promise is the inheritance of Yahweh's servants, and their vindication is from me," says Yahweh.** TPT