





Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

For they will turn away thy son from following me ...

The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers ...





Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness[devotion] of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness ...

Jer 2:2

Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you

Jer 3:14

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jer 31:3





If a damsel that is a **virgin be betrothed unto an husband**, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; ... he hath humbled his **neighbour's wife**..

Deut 22:23-24

When as his mother **Mary was espoused to Joseph**, <u>before they came together</u>, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to <u>put her away</u> privily.

Mat 1:18-19

Married to the Lord



Husbands and Wives

For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as**Christ is the head of the church ... Eph 5:23

Married to the Lord



For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have **espoused*** you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

2Cor 11:2

* Harmozo: to join as a carpenter fastens together beams for a house or a ship!

to betroth, to give one in marriage

Herein is love ...



Christ prayed for his Bride

That they might be one John 17

He gave himself for the ecclesia in sacrificial love

• Eph 5:25

He sanctifies and washes his Bride by washing of the water of the word

• Eph 5:26





Christ labours to present us to himself a glorious Bride

• ... not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph 5:27

Christ nourishes and cherishes his Bride

• Eph 5:29

Christ is loyal and faithful

• I am with you alway ... Matt 28:20

Our response ...



To know him

John 17 & Phil 3:8&10 (that I might win Christ ... that I might know him...)

Submission and respect

• Wives see that you reverence your husbands Eph 5:33 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Eph 5:21

Our response ...



Honour and Respect

 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Jn 5:23

Building faithful friendship

 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14

Our response ...



LOVE

- Love one another, as I have loved you. John 15:12
- Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, <u>ye have done it unto me</u>.

Matt 25:40

