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Biblical Principles of Marriage

A Torah Study Lesson for Saskatoon Ecclesia Bible Study Group

Text: <u>Ephesians 5 :21-22, 25</u>	Date:
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Introduction:

God intends and expects marriage to be a lifetime commitment between a man and a woman, based on the principles of Biblical love. The relationship between Yeshua our Messiah and His Ekklesia (Kehilah) –His called out Assembly, is the supreme example of the committed love that a husband and wife are to follow in the relationship with each other. (based on Eccl 9:9, Mal 2:14, Matt 19:3-6, mark 10:6-9, 1 Cor 13:4-8 and Eph 5:21-33)

I. God's View:

Marriage is not a social convenience nor simply an invention for living together. It is ordained by Adonai our God to be a covenant of companionship and mutual complement (Gen 2:18,22-25 , Matt 19:3-6)

It is meant to keep you set apart in your physical relationship for one another (1 Cor 7:2-5, 10-11)

The Marriage relationship (covenant) is designed to be one of unity and one flesh (Mark 10:6-9, Eph 5:31)

This reflects the loving relationship between our Messiah and His Ekklesia (Eph 5: 21-33)

II. Our Hope:

If you are married, HaShem's Word's and Instructions written in the Torah (The Scriptures) instructs us to love your spouse (Eph 5:25, Titus 2:4) and if you are a believer in Yeshua Messiah you have already been enabled by Him to do so (Rom 5:5). Even if your spouse never practices Biblical love, you can still be at peace (Shalom) (See Psalm 119:165, Jn 14:27, 16:33, Rom 12:18, Galatians 5:22-23)

You can do your part to foster harmony in the your home (bayit shalom – peace in the home/family/house) (See 1 Pet 3:8-9)

Remember that we are not responsible to change others, but we are responsible to examine ourselves/ yourselves continually in a biblical manner (Matt 7:1-5, 1 Cor 11:31, Philippians 1:6, 2:13).

Let us be a (Torah based) biblical servant and be a blessing to your spouse (Romans 12:9-21, Eph 5:21-23, Philippians 2:3-4)

We can be assured that HaShem (Adonai Elohim) will work all things for good in your relationship with your spouse.

Not one, not even an unbelieving or unloving or rebellious spouse, can prevent it (Rom 8:28-29).