

marriage



Man meets woman and they agree to be married. She becomes his bride. They are referred to as husband and wife at this point.

Called the start of the Betrothal period.

Words of commitment are given at this point to each other. Words were considered more binding than paper (as should be)

The TWO become ONE Flesh. After this any sexual relations by the husband with a woman that is married to another man is the sin of adultery. Also if the wife has sexual relations with another man, it is also called the sin of adultery.



The Betrothal period. This is the period that the husband was permitted to put away his wife if she was found to have committed fornication. See Matthew 1:18-25, concerning Joseph and Mary.

Couple becomes "one flesh" at this point. God's puts his seal on it; What therefore God hath joined together, **let not man** put asunder (Mk 10:9). Note it says, "not man", it does not say "no man" (another doctrine for another day)

It is important to note that this covenant can only be broken at the death of one or the other spouse.

1

She could not have committed adultery as the two had not as yet become one flesh.

2

Step 1

Step 2

These 2 STEPS TO MARRIAGE are not immediately understood by the western culture but known to the Jewish people and documented in the Old and New Testament.

Explaining Parallels in Scripture

Shining some more light on Matthew 19:9

The marriage of God and Man

Step 1: God verbally commits to man by his Word (God to Israel or Christ to the Church) and "she" becomes his wife (Israel commits to God too, when she is behaving well). When she goes with other gods, she is said by God to be committing fornication or whoredom (same Hebrew word) – compare Ezekiel 20:30 (whoredom) and Ezekiel 16:26 (fornication).

*When Israel/Church commits verbally to God, they become **one in spirit** with God. One in spirit – I will never leave you or forsake you etc.*

Step 2: God/Christ consummates the relationship with the Church before the marriage supper of the Lamb (Christ).

When the Church consummates with Christ; we will know Him like never before. There will be no adultery here as He knows the faithful.

The marriage of Man and Woman

Step 1: Man verbally commits to a woman by his word and she becomes his wife. If she goes with another man, she is said to be committing fornication.

*When man commits verbally to the woman, they become **one in spirit** with each other. One in spirit – I will never leave you or forsake you etc.*

Step 2: Man consummates the relationship with the woman before the marriage supper (celebration). If the woman goes with another man or if the man goes with a woman that is married to another man, they are committing the sin of adultery.

*When the man consummates with the woman; they become **one flesh** with each other.*

Summary: Step 1 is **one in spirit** (fornication possible only). Step 2 is **one flesh** (adultery possible only).

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