

# The Marriage Song

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In term of relationships, a married Godly woman will have God as her priority. The relationship with her husband comes next.

A Godly woman will have the Lord as her security. But next to the Lord, her security is in her husband. If the husband is unreliable or unavailable, her security crumbles.

One of a man's responsibilities is to reassure his wife everyday of his life that she is the most important person in his life.

King Lemuel demonstrates this in Proverbs.

**Proverbs 31:28-29:** *"Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her, saying: "Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all." NASU*

Praise and affirmation begets more of the same.

**Proverbs 31:10-12:** *"An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life".*

Some husbands' hearts do not trust in their wives and some wives do their husbands **both** good and evil!

## **Five Stages to a Relationship – adopted from a message by Jim Downing.**

1 **Awareness.** Most young people are aware of one person more than another at every stage of their life. Then you become better acquainted and exchange value systems. If they match up fairly well, you develop **respect** for the other person.

2. **Respect** – you pretty well approve of everything you find out about the other person. Mutual respect is the foundation for a lifelong relationship. This leads to admiration.

3. **Admiration** – you begin to see more in the other person than anyone else sees. This leads to affection.

4. **Affection** – there is a fondness, warmth and care. Behavior becomes illogical. Then you know you have affection.

5. **Behavior/Love** Your chemistry blends leading to irrational behavior for a while. Proverbs 30:19 describes 4 things hard to understand – the way of a man with a maiden is one of them.

## **When a marriage struggles, here some questions to ask:**

- What did you respect and admire about the person?
- What caused it to deteriorate?
- Can it be restored? If it can't, the relationship is in bad shape.

- What have I done that diminished your respect for me?
- What do I need to do to restore it?

*At this stage, play an instrumental and ask audience to listen carefully and give feedback.*

## **The Marriage Relationship**

- The Marriage relationship is like a piece of music **sung in the right tune**. Instruments relate to one another. Instruments **behave well towards one another**. They **wait for their turn** before they play. If they play too early or too late, they mess up the piece. The whole song is messed up by playing out of turn.
- A song may have more than one tune. It is important that those singing it sing the same tune at the same time. Get the audience to sing “*Amazing Grace*” in two different tunes simultaneously.
- Another thing that messes up music – **when instrument are out of tune**. The instrument is not at peace with itself

**Michal Saul’s daughter who became David’s wife is an example of this.**

- **Michal loved David** 1 Samuel 18:20 “*Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David*”. She must have been aware of him, respected him, admired him, had affection for him etc.
- **Michal Protects David** 1 Samuel 19:11-14 “*Then Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, in order to put him to death in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death." So Michal let David down through a window, and he went out and fled and escaped. Michal took the household idol and laid it on the bed, and put a quilt of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with clothes.*” NASU

Have you ever wondered where the household idol comes from?

David loved God and was not an idol worshipper. I dare say that the idol may be something Michal brought in. Did she worship it?

Michal’s instrument was out of tune. She was not at peace with herself

Acts 24:16 – I strive always to have a clear conscience between God and man

- **Michal despises David** 2 Sa 6:16 “*Then it happened as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart*”.
- **When a person despises another, respect and admiration are lost.**
- **Michal destroys her house:** Proverbs 14:1 “*A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands*”.

David not able to bless his house: 2 Sa 6:20-23 “*But when David returned to bless his household, Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today! He uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers*

himself!" 21 So David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the Lord. 22 "I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished." 23 Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death". NASU

### **3<sup>rd</sup> stage in the song**

You must sing the **right song** and the **same song**

In a wedding, you expect joyful music. If one were to play a dirge, a funeral song, a sad song, no matter how well it is played, it is not welcome in a wedding.

**Marriage of Isaac and Rebecca** – singing different songs

Rebecca barren. Isaac prays

Genesis 25:21-22 *"Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived"*.

Then trouble began. God tells Rebecca that she is expecting twins. Older shall serve the younger. No record of communication between Rebecca and Isaac on this matter. Isaac treats Esau as first born according to tradition. Rebecca treats Jacob as first born according to promise. Outcome? Disaster in the home.

### **Is there a good example?**

Two that come to mind – Manoah and Zacharias & Elizabeth.

Zacharias - Luke 1:5-7: Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. **6 They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.** NASU

### **Comments on Manoah**

Judges 13:2-14 *"There was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no children. 3 Then the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son. 4 "Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing. 5 " For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines." 6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, " A man of God came to me and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. And I did not ask him where he came from, nor did he tell me his name. 7 "But he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and now you shall not drink wine or strong drink nor eat any unclean thing, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'" 8 Then Manoah entreated the Lord and said, "O Lord, please let the man of God whom You have sent come to us again that he may teach us what to do for the boy who is to be born." 9 God listened to the voice of Manoah;*

*and the angel of God came again to the woman as she was sitting in the field, but Manoah her husband was not with her. 10 So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, "Behold, the man who came the other day has appeared to me." 11 Then Manoah arose and followed his wife, and when he came to the man he said to him, "Are you the man who spoke to the woman?" And he said, "I am." 12 Manoah said, "Now when your words come to pass, what shall be the boy's mode of life and his vocation?" 13 So the angel of the Lord said to Manoah, "Let the woman pay attention to all that I said. 14 "She should not eat anything that comes from the vine nor drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; let her observe all that I commanded." NASU*

### **What do we see?**

- A beautiful display of team work
- A mutual respect for one another
- A seeking of the Lord concerning matters
- The presence of the Lord in the marriage
- Like a song well played with each instrument in tune
- Harmony

### **Conclude with Ephesians 5:33**

However, let each man of you (without exception) love his wife as (being in a sense) his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects and reveres her husband – that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly

### **In a good marriage**

- Love is never demanded – it is given because God commands it.
- Respect is not earned – it is given because God commands it.
- When this happens, the love song continues to play – the right song, the right tune, each instrument being at peace with itself. Perfect harmony results.
- I pray that the love song in your marriage would be like that of Manoah!
- How is your marriage doing?