

# WEDDING SCRIPTURE AND VOWS

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**Scripture Passages** *(The following selections are just a few of the possibilities. Please choose a couple that you would like read at your ceremony. You might also discuss who you would like to be the readers/lectors: the pastor, a relative, a friend, etc. Sometimes a couple likes to get "important" people involved and other times they prefer to keep things very simple and just have the pastor read them. Whatever passages you choose, the pastor will base the message on them. Again, this is not an exhaustive list, but simply a place to begin.)*

Psalm 33  
Psalm 100  
Psalm 117  
Psalm 127  
Psalm 128  
Psalm 136  
Psalm 130

Genesis 1:26-31  
Genesis 2:18-24  
Isaiah 63:7-9  
John 2:1-10  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Ephesians 5:21-33  
Colossians 3:12-14  
Romans 12:1-2  
John 15:9-12  
Matthew 19:4-6  
1 John 4:7-12

**Vows** *(You may write your own vows, but please keep in mind the following: One, they should reflect the overall worship service; two, the vows are to reflect a lifetime commitment; three, be careful about word choice. Also, you may memorize your vows, but this is not recommended. Too many people stumble on their wedding day. Generally, the pastor will give you a small portion of the vow at a time to repeat.)*

OPTION A: I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

OPTION B: In the presence of God and this community, I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, name, to be my wife/husband; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live, according to God's holy Word. This is my solemn vow.

OPTION C: I take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you. I will be faithful to you and honest with you. I will respect and trust, help and care for you. I will share my life with you. I will forgive you, as we have been forgiven. And I will try with you to better understand ourselves, the world and God, through the best and worst of what is to come until death parts us.

OPTION D: I take you \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband. I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful husband/wife, to share with you in plenty and in want; in joy and in sorrow; in sickness and in health; to forgive and strengthen you, and to join with you, so that together, we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.