

MARRIAGE CEREMONY #3

(One ring ceremony)

We, who are led by faith, know that God originated marriage in the beginning when He made man and woman. God created man and there was found no help meet for him. And God saw it was not good for man to be alone, so He took one of Adam's ribs and made woman to be his companion.

God's purpose in marriage is three fold: (1) To satisfy man's desire for companionship; (2) To perpetuate the human race; (3) to prevent immorality.

"Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled" (Heb. 13:4). In marriage the husband and wife should possess each other (I Cor. 7: 2 - 5).

This marriage can only be dissolved honorably in one way -- that is the death of either companion (Rom. 7: 1 - 4). It can be dissolved dishonorably by fornication (Matt. 19:9).

ONE RING:

Repeat after me: As a token of my love, and as an expression of my devotion, I thee with this ring do wed.

PRAYER

VOWS:

MAN -- Do you _____, take _____ as your true and lawful wife? Do you promise to love, honor, protect and provide for her in sickness or in health, and forsaking all others for her alone to be true and faithful to her as God has ordered so long as both shall live? Do you?

WOMAN -- Do you _____ take _____, whose hand you now hold to be your lawful husband? Do you promise to love, honor, cherish, and forsaking all other men for him alone, be true and faithful to him? Do you?

By virtue of the authority vested in me as a minister of the Gospel according to the laws of the state of _____, and in harmony with the Laws of God, I pronounce you husband and wife. What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

I wish for you that your lives may be beautiful, useful and happy, and that when these beautiful bonds shall be broken by death, you may live together in heaven.

PRAYER