

Messenger:

**Marriage—It's More Than
We Bargained For
Malachi 2:13-15**

Marriage Is a Divine Covenant

- Authored by God

Malachi 2:10

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God create us?*

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Malachi 2:10-11

Why do WE profane the covenant of our fathers by breaking faith with ONE ANOTHER? ¹¹ Judah has broken faith. A detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: Judah has desecrated the sanctuary the LORD loves, BY marrying the daughter of a foreign god. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us?

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2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

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¹³ Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. ¹⁴ You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. ¹⁵ Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his.

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- Bonds us together as a husband and wife

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To Which I Pledge My Allegiance

- This pledge is ratified by vows.
- This pledge is made first to God, then to my spouse, then to my community.
- This pledge is a promise, not a feeling.
- This pledge will test us.

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“Marriage is God’s invention for our good and His glory. Its purpose is to sanctify (transform) us. I would not be where I am today as a man following Jesus if it hadn’t been for my marriage. God takes our selfishness in marriage, exposes it, and uses it against us for our own good. The reason you have to finally come to grips with your faults in your marriage is because they are ruining your life!”

--Tim Keller

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- God is a witness. (v. 14)
- God calls us to account.
- God has a big purpose!

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To Which God Commits Himself

Malachi 2:15

Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

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Important Questions

- *What does it look like for you to not simply make a covenant, but to lean into becoming the kind of person the covenant describes?*
- *What are the personal issues you need to deal with?*

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