

Inheritance of Christ Marriage Ceremony by Martin Cisneros

Wedding officiant begins by saying:

We are gathered together to celebrate the joining of _____ and _____ in holy matrimony.

Marriage in the Bible has a long tradition of being God's chosen vessel and institution through which He's been saving, subduing, shaping, and exalting the future, such as in the cases of Ruth's marriage to Boaz and Esther's marriage to the King of Persia. The marriage of Boaz and Ruth produced King David 3 generations later and King Solomon 4 generations later. Queen Esther was in God's chosen place for her as the wife of Ahasuerus to save the lives of the Jews in all 127 Provinces of the Persian Empire, from India to Ethiopia. The very existences of Judaism and Christianity in our world over the last two thousand years are because of God's grace in shaping the future through the marriages His Hand has guided from the days of Abraham and Sarah, 4,000yrs ago, until now.

Marriage is God's holy city through which His royal priesthods and chosen generations come into the future histories of the world and of Christendom. There is no such thing as an insignificant marriage. All of them create the Kingdom of God we'll live in tomorrow through their spiritual descendants, their shared sacrifices, their prayers, and through the private victories they share. As Esther, each marriage rescues nations to come, seen and unseen, whether human, animal, or at any other level of God's Creation. Ephesians and 1Peter assure us of these eternal realities that marriages are among God's Covenantal means of sanctifying. Marriages aren't consecrated by God to be either unending nightmares nor unending frivolity but to be the expression of God's Covenantal Hand in this universe through which the fate of Families and Empires are determined according to His plan and His wisdom. They are the continuation of the Abrahamic Covenant; it's heirs.

Wedding officiant instructs bride to take the ring for the groom's hand and to begin placing it on the groom's hand as the groom is instructed to say:

(bride's name spoken by groom), with this ring I receive God's blessing and destiny for my life, you as my bride, and all that the Hand of the Lord will produce in our lives, now, and for all future ages.

Wedding officiant instructs groom to take the ring for the bride's hand and to begin placing it on the bride's hand as the bride is instructed to say:

(groom's name spoken by bride), with this ring I receive God's blessing and destiny for my life, you as my husband, and all that the Hand of the Lord will produce in our lives, now, and for all future ages.

Wedding officiant instructs groom to say the following to his bride:

(bride's name spoken by groom), I vow to always be faithful to you, patient with you, to be your biggest cheerleader and encourager, to always keep the Bible as first place in our marriage, to tirelessly work on our future together, to never betray your trust, and to always work with you in our shared overcoming of disappointments, challenges, this world and every other.

Wedding officiant instructs bride to say the following to her groom:

(groom's name spoken by bride), I vow to always be faithful to you, patient with you, to be your biggest cheerleader and encourager, to always keep the Bible as first place in our marriage, to tirelessly work on our future together, to never betray your trust, and to always work with you in our shared overcoming of disappointments, challenges, this world and every other.

Wedding officiant's charge to the bride and groom:

I need to inform you that marriage is a gem to be polished, a precious metal to be refined, and that nothing, besides God's Word, before your marriage has prepared you for the realities of your marriage. Nothing prior to your marriage, besides God's Word, has refined or purified you for your marriage, nor prepared you for the ultimate realities of daily life with one another. Advice could be given, the solemnity and sanctity of the commitment could be impressed upon your minds, but there is no simulator that anyone has ever developed to prepare you for the realities of marriage prior to your marriage, besides the careful instructions of God's Word that you've observed from your youth that's been able to make you wise unto salvation. Marriage is redemption, baptism with fire, daily evangelism to one another's cause, a daily fight with one another's enemies, a mutual slaying by slow disembowelment, judgment, damnation to the lake of fire, unending torments 'til you've paid the uttermost farthing, salvation by Christ as Christ's final saving work, and entrance into God's Kingdom on earth where God

is all in all. It's heaven, destruction, hell, restoration, a literal sharing in the physical, spiritual, and soulful wounds of Christ, and nonnegotiable, nothing short of a full entering into all of the glories of Christ's resurrection.

Only those who endure the path of their Bibles to the end and do the will of their heavenly Father will enter into His Kingdom, His intended marriages on earth; His intended marital paradise, marital bliss, marital euphoria, marital Utopia, sexual satisfaction, and prophetic fulfillment of all your married lives are supposed to be. You're damned if you do, damned if you don't; blessed if you do, blessed if you don't, but if you do, the harvest proportions of God's promises for your life and His Acts of restoration for you, your spiritual, soulful, and physical seed; His command of the restoration of the portion of future world history that comes out of all of the little things that you do will be bigger, because it's a restoration you share together, it's redeeming mercies that you're given together as a package deal, in the here and now and in the ages to come! Marriage is everything you ever dreaded and absolutely everything you ever hoped it would be! Marriage is the strong meat of the Kingdom of Christ. It is everything the Bible ever taught from cover to cover.

Wedding officiant asks the groom: Do you reaffirm your commitment to her as your Covenantally and Lawfully wedded wife?

(Groom responds "I do.")

Wedding officiant asks the bride: Do you reaffirm your commitment to him as your Covenantally and Lawfully wedded husband?

(Bride responds "I do.")

Wedding officiant to the groom: You may now kiss your wife.

Wedding officiant's prayer:

Lord Jesus, they've affirmed their commitment to entering into this marriage Covenant with one another, and they've affirmed their commitment to entering into one another's Covenant with You. Lord Jesus, this marriage, this day, is part of Your inheritance. Sprinkle them and their vows with Your Blood, affirming the marriage Covenant You Receive and Celebrate this day with both of them, as their Head, the Conscience of this marriage union, it's Defender and Sanctifier by Your Blood and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If the wedding officiant wants to add anything either to the married couple or in prayer, it can be right here, otherwise conclude with:

I share all of Heaven's and Creation's joys in congratulating Mr and Mrs _____ whom God has joined together today in holy matrimony, whom nobody can separate from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, and whom nobody can separate from one another, in Jesus' Name!