

DAVIDIAN WEDDING RULES

Worldly Display To Be Avoided As Far As Possible

Bride

May have a wedding dress and veil

Attendants

May be father of bride or one close relative or friend to give bride away.

Also father of groom.

No maid of honor, bridesmaids, best man, etc.

Decorations and Flowers

They can use some simple fern on or on either side of platform.

Bride may have bouquet

Groom may have boutonniere

Music

Sacred music appropriate for chapel; no popular songs

All right for some one to sing appropriate song

Walking Down the Aisle

None

Kissing

None

Congratulations

May be received in the chapel as congregation files by quietly

Pictures

None are to be taken during services

OFFICIAL NOTICE

*Information
File
("Weddings,
Davidian")*

In a meeting of the Executive Council, held March 14, 1956 it was the unanimous decision of the Council that:

"In view of the solemnity of the hour and the lateness of the time it is imperative that The Association adopt the pattern set by Brother Houteff in regard to marriage ceremonies, wedding receptions and the display of wedding gifts.

"The standard of wedding ceremonies is on record in the Office and is to be the standard for all wedding ceremonies performed in the Mt. Carmel chapel.

"It is further stipulated that there will be no wedding receptions in any public buildings on Mt. Carmel and that no Institutional help is to be taken off their jobs during working hours to help in arranging wedding receptions to be held anywhere else.

"It is further recommended that true Christian taste be exercised by the newly-married couples when they put on display their wedding gifts, by not making known who the givers of the gifts are."

MARRIAGE

Instructions to the Officiating Minister--

Since marriage is in reality an extension of creation, the means of upbuilding the Kingdom of God, it must be entered into intelligently and in the fear of the Lord if it is to have God's blessing and if the home is to prosper. A present Truth believer who enters upon marriage for any reason other than for God's reason, or for a purpose irrelevant to His business, is sure to fail in one respect or another. It is therefore exceedingly important that the officiating minister make certain that the individuals who seek the rite of marriage are intelligently and in the fear of God venturing life together.

Even the civil authorities recognize that premature marriages are unadvisable, and for that very reason the state governments will not in such cases issue marriage licenses without the parents themselves assuming the responsibility. And since the Bible

plainly instructs that governments are of God (Rom. 13:1-3), who then dare not seriously take age into consideration? And what parent would not take this to heart? It is therefore the minister's duty when requested to perform a marriage ceremony, first to investigate the eligibility for marriage of the individuals involved. No Davidian minister is authorized to perform any marriage except both parties be Davidians, and after the woman has reached her eighteenth year of life, and the man his twenty-first year of life--government approved age of maturity--and only after proper preparation for married life has been made by both parties as outlined in The Answerer, Book No. 3, pp. 79-86 and Book No. 4, pp. 69-78.

If, in the light of this information, the minister feels justified in performing the ceremony, then he should ask both of the contracting parties to study the ensuing vows, that they may have every opportunity to realize the seriousness of the step they are taking.

of the field, but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

God Himself performed the first marriage. The marriage institution, therefore, "has for its originator the Creator of the universe. 'Marriage is honorable; it was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is one of the two institutions that, after the fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gates of Paradise. When the divine principles are recognized and obeyed in this relation, marriage is a blessing; it guards the purity of the race, it provides for man's social

As a Davidian Seventh-day Adventist minister, in the fear of the Lord and to the best of my ability I have carried out these instructions, and I believe that these two who now stand before me are eligible for the holy rite of matrimony.

SERMON

"And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created He him...." Man, you see, is given charge over the creation of God.

"And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast

yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat...and it was so."

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree in the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Man is by creation a vegetarian; and projecting our mind's eye into the very near future we behold that "the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the felling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down

need, it elevates the physical, the intellectual, and the moral nature."--Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 46.

Marriage is a contract entered into under oath of Heaven after man reaches full maturity, and after he acquires an understanding of life's purpose and the ability to evaluate and appreciate values even as Adam was able to give names to all the cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field before he was given his wife.

As eve was created from a rib taken from the side of Adam, it denotes that she was a part of himself, and that she was not to be treated as inferior but to stand by his side as an equal, to be loved and protected by him as his own flesh and bone.

"And God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree

The home which God grants to His saints is, therefore, to be kept in good shape attractive and orderly.

"And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."

"...Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Ex. 20:8-11.

Here you recognize that man is made to work six days a week, to finish all his week's work and to rest on the Sabbath.

together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the holy of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Isa. 11:6-9

Since greater knowledge of the Lord has now been given us along with the work to proclaim that the time is at hand to set up this kingdom of peace,-- peace between man and man, man and beast, also beast and beast,--the practice of vegetarianism becomes an absolute necessity if our God-given work is to have effect upon our audiences, and if it is to prosper in our hands. Daniel of old was vegetarian and when he was thrown in the lions' den, the beasts did not harm him because the Lord locked their mouths.

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed.... And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

(To the Groom): full name, do you acknowledge that the vows you are now taking are vowed to God and not to man, and that the words of your lips, yea, the very thoughts and intents of your heart, are being flawlessly and indelibly recorded in the books of heaven?

(Groom's response)

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(Bride's response)

And now, as a minister of truth and righteousness, serving just prior to the great and dreadful day of the Lord, the time in which He is to restore all things lost through sin, in God's sight I solemnly require and charge all of you in the presence of these souls who have been purchased by the spilled

"This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded. If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. If a woman also vow a vow unto the Lord, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth; and her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father hold his peace with her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand."

The Spirit of God further enjoins:
~~At this turning moment of one's life, the Spirit of God, in the words of the sweet singer of Israel, pleads with you: "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"~~

(Pause)

to abide with her forever, that nothing other than death may part you?

(Groom's response)

(The minister will hold the bride's right hand with his own while the following is said.)

Bride's full name, as you have consecrated your all to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the promulgation of the Eleventh Hour Message, both in word and in deed, do you now take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband, to establish a home after God's order? Do you vow to honor and respect him, to neither murmur nor complain, but to be his "helpmeet" after God's order, for better or for worse, in sickness or in health; and forsaking all others, to abide with him forever, that nothing other than death may part you?

(Bride's response)

(The minister here joins the bride and groom's right hands with his own right hand.)

Inasmuch as grooms full name and Bride's full name have covenanted together with the Lord God, and here in the presence of these witnesses,

blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord, that if any of you, even at this late hour, know of any just reason why this marriage ceremony should not be performed and bound, why these two souls should not be joined in holy wedlock, I admonish you to speak now or forever hold your peace, secretly or openly.

(Pause)

Who gives this woman in marriage?

(Reply from parent or guardian)

(The minister will hold the groom's right hand with his own while the following is said.)

Groom's full name, as you have consecrated your all to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the promulgation of the Eleventh Hour message, both in word and in deed, do you now take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife, to establish a home after God's order? Do you vow to love and cherish her even as Christ loved and gave Himself for you, to honor and to keep her in adversity or in peace, for better or for worse, in sickness or in health; to neither murmur nor complain, and forsaking all others,

seen and unseen, testify that they both have vowed to be true to this divine institution--marriage--I, upon the authority invested in me by the church, and also by the sovereign state of Texas, do at this moment pronounce you husband and wife.

(Prayer.)

And now it is my pleasure to introduce to you for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. _____.

Bob, that is the kind of vow
you take tonight

Therefore, to both of you I
say, in the days to come,
~~therefore, unto you both I say,~~

"Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin;
neither say thou before the angel, that it was
an error:" ^{Bob, Dorothy} **A never, never look back on this night,**
^{or even think} **and say, it was an error,** "wherefore should God
be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of
thine hands?"

Eccl. 5:6.

"~~Likewise~~, ye husbands, dwell with them
according to knowledge, giving honour unto the
wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being
heirs together of the grace of life; **that your**
prayers be not hindered." *our relationship*
such that God will hear I Pet. 3:7.

of Dorothy since you are
Bob. soon to be classified as
such, I address these words
to you through Paul.

And now, as a minister of truth and righteousness,
serving just prior to the great and dreadful day of the
Lord, the time in which He is to restore all things lost
through sin, in God's sight I solemnly require and charge
all of you in the presence of these souls who have been
purchased by the spilled blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
that if any of you, even at this late hour, know of any
just reason why this marriage ceremony should not be
performed and bound, why these two souls should not be
joined in holy wedlock, I admonish you to speak now or
forever hold your peace, ~~secretly~~ openly, *4 in secret.*

(Pause)

Gen. 1:26, 27

*The example
" 2:18, 21-24 what God there began is
continuing tonight, as it has continued for 6000
years, & will yet continue into the kingdom.*

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Mark 10:6-9

Eph. 5:22-24, Dorothy, 25, 28, 29, Bob, 33 audience

I Pet. 3:7 "

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Nu. 30:1, 2, Bob, 3, 4, Dorthoy

Eccl. 5:6

Who gives this woman in marriage?

(Reply from from parent)

(Take hold of groom's right hand while saying the following)

Paul Robert Glynn, as you have consecrated your all to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the promulgation of the Eleventh-Hour message, both in word and in deed, do you now take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife, to establish a home after God's order? Do you vow to love and cherish her even as Christ loved and gave Himself for you, to honor and to keep her in adversity or in peace, for better or for worse, in sickness or in health: to neither murmur nor complain, and forsaking all others, to abide with her forever, that nothing other than death may part you?

(Groom's response)

Paul Robert Glynn, do you acknowledge that the vows you are now taking are vowed to God and not to man, and that the words of your lips, yea, the very thoughts and intents of your heart, are being flawlessly and indelibly recorded in the books of heaven?

(Groom's response)

Dorothy Ann Springer, do you acknowledge that the vows you are now taking are vowed to God and not to man, and that the words of your lips, yea, the very thoughts and intents of your heart, are being flawlessly and indelibly recorded in the books of heaven?

(Bride's response)

(Join the bride and groom's right hands with my right)

Inasmuch as ^{you} Paul Robert Glynn and ^{you} Dorothy Ann Springer ^{made a} have ^A covenanted together with the Lord God, and here in the presence of these witnesses, seen and unseen, testify that ^{you} ~~they~~ both have vowed to be true to this divine institution--marriage--I, upon the authority invested in me by the church, and also by the sovereign state of Texas, do at this moment pronounce you husband and wife.

(Prayer.)

And now it is my pleasure to introduce to you for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robert Glynn.

(Take hold of bride's right hand while saying the following)

Dorothy Ann Springer, as you have consecrated your all to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the promulgation of the Eleventh-Hour Message, both in word and in deed, do you now take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband, to establish a home after God's order? Do you vow to honor and respect him, to neither murmur nor complain, but to be his "helpmeet" after God's order, for better or for worse, in sickness or ~~in~~ health; and forsaking all others, to abide with him forever, that nothing other than death may part you?

(Bride's response)

Eccl. 5:6.

Therefore,
"Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin: neither ~~touch~~ ~~to be made your table~~
say thou before the angel, that it was an error:" Wendell,
Jollet, never, never look back on this night, and say, or
now
even think it was an error, "wherefore should God be angry
at they voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"

The marriage institution had its beginning made
in the Garden of Eden. Moses in writing all
it

Gen. 1:26, 27

" 2:18, 21-24 Tonight's ceremony is ~~not~~ in God's
order, & is but a continuation of that which God has
in Eden

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Mark 10:6-9

I Pet. 3:7

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Eccl. 5:6

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purchased by the spilled blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
that if any of you, even at this late hour, know of any
just reason why this marriage ceremony should not be
performed and bound, why these two souls should not be
joined in holy wedlock, I admonish you to speak now or
forever hold your peace, openly, and in secret.

(Pause)

~~MAY in the judgement it never be said of you that after
witnessing this night the establishment of this greatest
of institutions, you sought to weaken and loose the ties
of this holy wedlock.~~

Use the word **Ceremony** at times

*You believe God brought you together
"prayed about."
This marriage ceremony, I believe to be part of God's
plan for these*

May in the judgement it never be said of you that
after witnessing this night the establishment of
this greatest of institutions, you sought to
weaken and loose the ties of this holy wedlock.

Who gives this woman in marriage?

(Reply from brother)

Take hold of groom's right hand while saying the following)

Wendell Springer, as you have consecrated your all to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the promulgation of the Eleventh-Hour message, both in word and in deed, do you now take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife, to establish a home after God's order? Do you vow to love and cherish her even as Christ loved and gave Himself for you, to honor and to keep her in adversity or in peace, for better or for worse, in sickness or in health: to neither murmur nor complain, and forsaking all others, to abide with her forever, that nothing other than death may part you?

(Groom's response)

Wendell Springer, do you acknowledge that the vows you are now taking are vowed to God and not to man, and that the words of your lips, yea, the very thoughts and intents of your heart, are being flawlessly and indelibly recorded in the books of heaven?

(Groom's response)

Jollet Adams, do you acknowledge that the vows you are now taking are vowed to God and not to man, and that the words of your lips, yea, the very thoughts and intents of your heart, are being flawlessly and indelibly recorded in the books of heaven?

(Bride's response)

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....Central to God's holy plan was the creation of beings made in His image who would multiply and replenish the earth and live together in purity, harmony, and happiness. For the accomplishment of this most important part of His whole creative activity, He performed a miracle, brought forth Eve from the side of Adam, and gave her to Adam as his wife. Thus was marriage instituted--God the author of the institution, God the officiator at the first marriage. When the Lord revealed to Adam the nature of the miracle performed upon him, that Eve was verily bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, there could never arise a doubt in his mind that they twain were one flesh. Nor could ever doubt arise in the mind of either of the holy pair that God intended that their home should endure forever."

a permanent union of man & woman

Mark 10:6-9.

....from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

(Take hold of bride's right hand while saying the following)

Jollet Adams, as you have consecrated your all to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the promulgation of the Eleventh-Hour Message, both in word and in deed, do you now take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband, to establish a home after God's order? Do you vow to honor and respect him, to neither murmur nor complain, but to be his "helpmeet" after God's order, for better or for worse, in sickness or in health; and forsaking all others, to abide with him forever, that nothing other than death may part you?

(Bride's response)

(Join the bride and groom's right hands with my right)

Inasmuch as you, Wendell Springer, and you, Jollet Adams
have made a covenant together with the Lord God, and here
in the presence of these witnesses, seen and unseen, testify
that you both have vowed to be true to this divine #
institution--marriage--I, upon the authority invested in me
by the church, and also by the sovereign state of Texas,
do at this moment pronounce you husband and wife.

(Prayer)

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And now it is my pleasure to introduce to you for the
first time, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Springer.

Peter tells us,

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"... ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge,
giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and
as being heirs together of the grace of life: **that your**

prayers be not hindered." *your relationship with
each other will determine to what extent
your prayers will be answered.*

*Wendell, Jollet, since you two will
soon be classified as husband & wife
I address these words to you through
Paul*