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Deut. 23:21—*When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.*

22—*But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.*

23—*That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.*

Ecc. 5:4*—When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.*

5*—Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.* 6*—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?*

Psalm 66:13*—I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,*

***Vow***

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A voluntary promise (to God); To perform some service or do something pleasing to Him, in return for some hoped for benefits or abstain from certain things.

In the O.T. vows were never regarded as a religious duty, but once they were made they were considered sacred and binding.

Gen. 28:20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Lev. 27:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons shall be for the LORD by thy estimation.

8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

Deut. 23:18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Mark 7:9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Acts 18:18 And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

Num.30:1-16

2 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.

3 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;

Nu 30:4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

7 And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

8 But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

9 But **every vow of a widow**, and of **her that is divorced**, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

Nu 30:13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

15 But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard them; then he shall bear her iniquity.

1 6 These are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father's house.

Judges 11:30—*And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,*

31—*Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.*

34*—And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.*

35*—And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.*

Lev. 27:28*—Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD.*

*Nazarite, Nu 6:1-21*

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1. All our vows are Promises and all our Promises are vows*.*
2. Our promises and vows are very important because God’s Word is important.
3. Our promises and vows are very important because our word is important to God.
4. Our promises and vows are very important because our word is important to our friends.
   * 1. You give your word of honor.
        1. Being and remaining respectful
        2. Having and holding a good reputation.
     2. You make an oath.
        1. A solemn respect of loyalty.
        2. A solemn responsibility
        3. A solemn holy promise
     3. You give a guarantee, warranty or make a contract.
     4. A pledge
        1. Of allegiance
        2. Of dedication
        3. Of faithfulness
        4. Of stedfastness
     5. To assure or reassure
     6. To encourage them to trust you.
     7. You make some kind of agreement.
     8. A commitment.
        1. A planned engagement.
        2. An appointed time.
        3. A bill that’s due.
        4. An obligation.
        5. A duty
        6. Family commitments
        7. Ministry commitments

D. Our promises and vows are subject to the laws of God.

E. Our promises and vows must mean something to us.

What does your vow or promise to someone mean to you?

1. Promises and vows reveal our level of experience and understanding.
2. Jacob’s vow after blessing.
3. Hannah’s vow from desire.
4. Jephthah’s vow from desperation for victory.
5. Jonah’s vow made from desperation of disobedience.
6. Vows are prayed.
7. Vows are to be made to be obeyed.
8. Time to pay the vow.

Mal 1:14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.