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### God's importance to marriage

Through reading Numbers, chapter 5, one can gain revelations about God's importance on marriage, God's justice and judgment, opportunities for repentance and restoration, and the preservation of the holiness of marriage.

### God's importance to marriage

Marriage is a vital institution in human society, carrying numerous cultural, religious and social values. In many religions, marriage is seen as a sacred covenant, and God's importance to marriage is fully reflected in all religions.

Christianity views marriage as God's work and as God's gift to mankind. There are many passages in the Bible about marriage, the most famous of which is probably Genesis 2:24, which says, "Therefore man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and they will become one flesh." This verse emphasizes the sanctity and indivisibility of marriage. Christian doctrine holds that marriage is a commitment, a covenant between two people before God who are to live, support and love each other.

In general, different religions emphasize the sanctity and importance of marriage. It is seen as a gift from God and a key component of human life. Marriage is seen in these religions as a sacred covenant that requires mutual respect, support and fidelity between husband and wife.

There are many passages in the Christian Bible that speak of God's importance to marriage. Here are some relevant verses:

Matthew 19:4-6:

He replied: When they were created, they were made men and women, saying, "Therefore man will leave his parents and be united with his wife, and they will become one flesh." In this way, they are no longer two people, but one flesh. Therefore, man cannot be separated by God's cooperation. "

Jesus Christ quoted passages from Genesis that emphasized God's role in marriage and the indivisibility of marriage.

Ephesians 5:22-33:

This passage details the principles of Christian marriage, emphasizing that husbands should love their wives and wives should submit to their husbands, and emphasize the sanctity of marriage by comparing the relationship between Christ and the church to that of husband and wife.

Hebrews 13:4:

"Marriage shall be respected by all, and the bed shall not be defiled; For God will judge those who commit adultery. "

This verse teaches that Christians should respect marriage and warns against tarnishing the sanctity of marriage.

These verses emphasize God's emphasis on marriage in Christianity, viewing marriage as a sacred covenant and God's creation. They teach Christians to cherish, respect, and preserve the marriage relationship in order to fulfill God's will. These verses are often used in the Christian church to teach about the mutual relationship and responsibility between husband and wife. Christian views on divorce vary by denomination and interpretation, but in general, Christianity views marriage as a sacred covenant that encourages faithfulness, mutual respect, and strives to maintain the integrity of marriage. However, Christianity also acknowledges that divorce may be inevitable in some cases, especially in the face of serious marital problems and irreconcilable differences. Here are some Bible verses related to the Christian view of divorce:

Matthew 19:3-9:

In this passage, the Pharisees come to ask Jesus about divorce. Jesus quotes Genesis and explains that because of the hardness of human hearts, Moses allowed repudiation for many reasons, but this was not God's original plan. Jesus further said, "Therefore, the husband and wife are no longer two persons, but one body. The indivisibility of marriage is emphasized here.

Matthew 5:31-32:

Here Jesus taught, "It is also said that whoever repudiates his wife should give her a resignation." But I tell you, whoever repudiates his wife is called an adulteress if it is not for the sake of sexual immorality; If anyone marries this woman who has been suspended, he is also guilty of adultery. "

This verse clearly emphasizes that divorce should be made for sake, not a rash decision. Christians are taught to be cautious when it comes to divorce.

Mark 10:11-12:

Jesus said, "Whoever repudiates his wife and marries another is a sinner, and so is he who marries a woman who is repudiated." "

This verse reaffirms the seriousness of the problem of divorce and remarriage and emphasizes the indivisibility of marriage.

In general, Christian doctrine emphasizes the sanctity and indivisibility of marriage and encourages harmony and mutual respect between husband and wife. Divorce is seen as a last resort option and is only accepted in certain circumstances, especially when faced with such serious problems. However, Christian doctrine also emphasizes the importance of forgiveness and revival, and many Christian denominations resort to seeking marriage restoration when faced with divorce. Different Christian denominations may have different views and teachings, so individual Christians may make decisions about marriage and divorce based on their denomination and beliefs.

Let us pray together

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray before you for marriage, the sacred covenant that you have bestowed. Thank you for creating marriage for us, connecting the hearts and lives of two people as one flesh. We feel valued and blessed by your marriage because it represents your love and care for humanity.

Lord, help us to experience your love and grace in our marriage. Give us wisdom and understanding that enable us to respect each other, be loyal and support each other in times of difficulty. Let our marriage be your glory and bring peace and joy into our lives.

Please also protect and strengthen couples who are experiencing a marital crisis. May your mercy and grace fill their lives to help them overcome difficulties, rebuild relationships, and find your will.

We also pray for those who are seeking marriage to find the right partner under your leadership, build a strong family, become your servants, and contribute to your kingdom.

Thank you for your importance of marriage, we owe everything to you, please continue to guide us so that our marriage can thrive with your blessing and become a loving and faithful family.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Numbers chapter 5

Nu. 5:1 The LORD said to Moses,

Nu. 5:2 "Command the Israelites to send away from the camp anyone

who has an infectious skin disease [Traditionally leprosy; the Hebrew word was used for various diseases affecting the skin — not necessarily leprosy.] or a discharge of any kind, or who is ceremonially unclean because of a dead body.

Nu. 5:3 Send away male and female alike; send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp, where I dwell among them.”

Nu. 5:4 The Israelites did this; they sent them outside the camp. They did just as the LORD had instructed Moses.

Nu. 5:5 The LORD said to Moses,

Nu. 5:6 “Say to the Israelites: ‘When a man or woman wrongs another in any way [Or woman commits any wrong common to mankind] and so is unfaithful to the LORD, that person is guilty

Nu. 5:7 and must confess the sin he has committed. He must make full restitution for his wrong, add one fifth to it and give it all to the person he has wronged.

Nu. 5:8 But if that person has no close relative to whom restitution can be made for the wrong, the restitution belongs to the LORD and must be given to the priest, along with the ram with which atonement is made for him.

Nu. 5:9 All the sacred contributions the Israelites bring to a priest will belong to him.

Nu. 5:10 Each man’s sacred gifts are his own, but what he gives to the priest will belong to the priest.””

Nu. 5:11 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Nu. 5:12 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘If a man’s wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him

Nu. 5:13 by sleeping with another man, and this is hidden from her husband and her impurity is undetected (since there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act),

Nu. 5:14 and if feelings of jealousy come over her husband and he suspects his wife and she is impure — or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure —

Nu. 5:15 then he is to take his wife to the priest. He must also take an offering of a tenth of an ephah [That is, probably about 4 pints (about 2 litres)] of barley flour on her behalf. He must not pour oil on it or put incense on it, because it is a grain offering for jealousy, a reminder offering to draw attention to guilt.

Nu. 5:16 ““The priest shall bring her and make her stand before the LORD.

Nu. 5:17 Then he shall take some holy water in a clay jar and put some dust from the tabernacle floor into the water.

Nu. 5:18 After the priest has made the woman stand before the LORD, he shall loosen her hair and place in her hands the reminder offering, the grain offering for jealousy, while he himself holds the bitter water that brings a curse.

Nu. 5:19 Then the priest shall put the woman under oath and say to her, “If no other man has slept with you and you have not

gone astray and become impure while married to your husband, may this bitter water that brings a curse not harm you.

Nu. 5:20 But if you have gone astray while married to your husband and you have defiled yourself by sleeping with a man other than your husband” —

Nu. 5:21 here the priest is to put the woman under this curse of the oath — ”may the LORD cause your people to curse and denounce you when he causes your thigh to waste away and your abdomen to swell. [Or causes you to have a miscarrying womb and barrenness]

Nu. 5:22 May this water that brings a curse enter your body so that your abdomen swells and your thigh wastes away.” [Or body and cause you to be barren and have a miscarrying womb]

“Then the woman is to say, “Amen. So be it.”

Nu. 5:23 “The priest is to write these curses on a scroll and then wash them off into the bitter water.

Nu. 5:24 He shall make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and this water will enter her and cause bitter suffering.

Nu. 5:25 The priest is to take from her hands the grain offering for jealousy, wave it before the LORD and bring it to the altar.

Nu. 5:26 The priest is then to take a handful of the grain offering as a memorial offering and burn it on the altar; after that, he is to make the woman drink the water.

Nu. 5:27 If she has defiled herself and been unfaithful to her husband,

then when she is made to drink the water that brings a curse, it will go into her and cause bitter suffering; her abdomen will swell and her thigh waste away, [Or suffering; she will have barrenness and a miscarrying womb] and she will become accursed among her people.

Nu. 5:28 If, however, the woman has not defiled herself and is free from impurity, she will be cleared of guilt and will be able to have children.

Nu. 5:29 ““This, then, is the law of jealousy when a woman goes astray and defiles herself while married to her husband,

Nu. 5:30 or when feelings of jealousy come over a man because he suspects his wife. The priest is to make her stand before the LORD and is to apply this entire law to her.

Nu. 5:31 The husband will be innocent of any wrongdoing, but the woman will bear the consequences of her sin.’

Chapter 5 of the Book of Numbers in the Christian Bible provides instructions for dealing with various types of uncleanness and wrongdoing in the Israelite camp. The chapter begins by describing how anyone who had a skin disease or who had come into contact with a dead body was to be removed from the camp for a period of time until they were ceremonially cleansed. The chapter then describes how someone who wronged another person was to make restitution and offer a sacrifice to God. If the wronged person was dead or could not be found, the restitution was to be given to the priest. Finally, the chapter describes a ritual for testing a woman suspected of adultery, in which she would drink a concoction of water and dust from the tabernacle floor. If she was guilty, she would suffer physical consequences, but if she was innocent, she would be cleared of suspicion. The chapter emphasizes the importance of maintaining purity and justice in the Israelite camp.

Here are some of the key verses from chapter 5 of the Book of Numbers in the Christian Bible:

- "The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead.'" - Numbers 5:1-2
- "Say to the people of Israel, When a man or woman commits any of the sins that people commit by breaking faith with the Lord, and that person realizes his guilt," - Numbers 5:6
- "And the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel and take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water." - Numbers 5:17
- "And the priest shall set the woman before the Lord and unbind the hair of the woman's head and place in her hands the grain offering of remembrance, which is the grain offering of jealousy." - Numbers 5:18
- "Then the man shall be free from iniquity, but the woman shall bear her iniquity." - Numbers 5:31

Chapter 5 of the Book of Numbers addresses various laws and regulations pertaining to issues such as purity, confession of sin, and the process of dealing with suspected adultery. Here's a reflection on some key themes and lessons from Numbers 5:

**Holiness and Purity:** The chapter highlights the importance of maintaining holiness and purity within the community. It addresses situations where a person may have become ceremonially unclean or has potentially engaged in immoral behavior. Procedures are outlined for restoring purity and addressing any potential wrongdoing.

**Reflection:** This chapter reminds us of the significance of pursuing holiness and purity in our own lives. It encourages us to examine our actions, attitudes, and intentions, and to seek restoration when we have fallen short. By pursuing holiness,



we create an environment that fosters personal growth, integrity, and spiritual well-being.

**Accountability and Justice:** The chapter emphasizes the principles of accountability and justice in dealing with accusations and suspicions of adultery. The process involves bringing the matter before the priests and allowing God to reveal the truth through a specific ritual.

**Reflection:** This chapter reminds us of the importance of handling accusations and disputes with fairness and integrity. It teaches us to rely on God's wisdom and guidance in seeking justice. By upholding accountability and pursuing justice in our interactions and relationships, we contribute to the well-being and harmony of our communities.

**Confession and Repentance:** The chapter highlights the significance of confession and repentance in dealing with sin. In cases of wrongdoing, the guilty party was required to confess their sin and make restitution. It provided an opportunity for restoration and reconciliation.

**Reflection:** This chapter reminds us of the importance of acknowledging and taking responsibility for our actions. It teaches us the value of genuine confession and repentance as a means of healing and restoration. By humbly recognizing our mistakes, seeking forgiveness, and making amends, we open the door to reconciliation and personal growth.

**Trust in God's Judgment:** The chapter encourages trust in God's judgment and guidance. The process outlined in dealing with suspected adultery involves relying on God to reveal the truth through supernatural means.

**Reflection:** This chapter reminds us of the need to trust in God's wisdom and sovereignty. It teaches us that God is just and has the ability to discern truth. By entrusting our concerns and conflicts to God, we find reassurance that His judgment will prevail, and we can have confidence in His ability to bring about justice.

Overall, Numbers 5 addresses themes of holiness, purity, accountability, justice, confession, and trust in God's judgment. By reflecting on these themes, we can strive to pursue holiness in our lives, uphold accountability and justice, engage in genuine confession and repentance, and trust in God's guidance and wisdom.