

# GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

Malachi 2:10-16



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**Husband:** Sure, what are the choices?

**Wife:** Yes or no.



# What's the difference between love and marriage?



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**Love is one long, sweet dream,  
and marriage is the alarm clock**



**Man is incomplete until he is married.**



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**Then he is really finished.**



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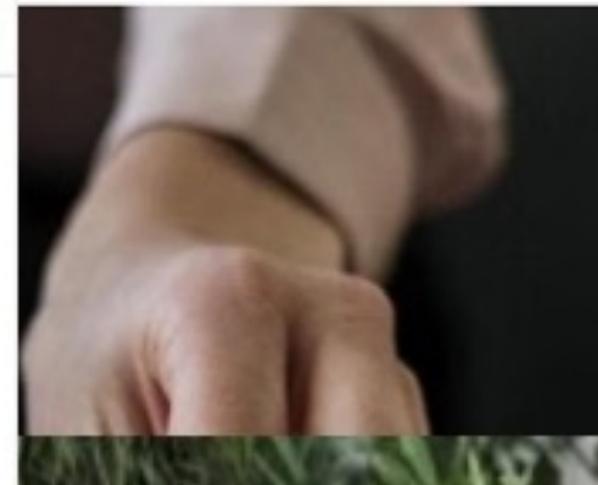
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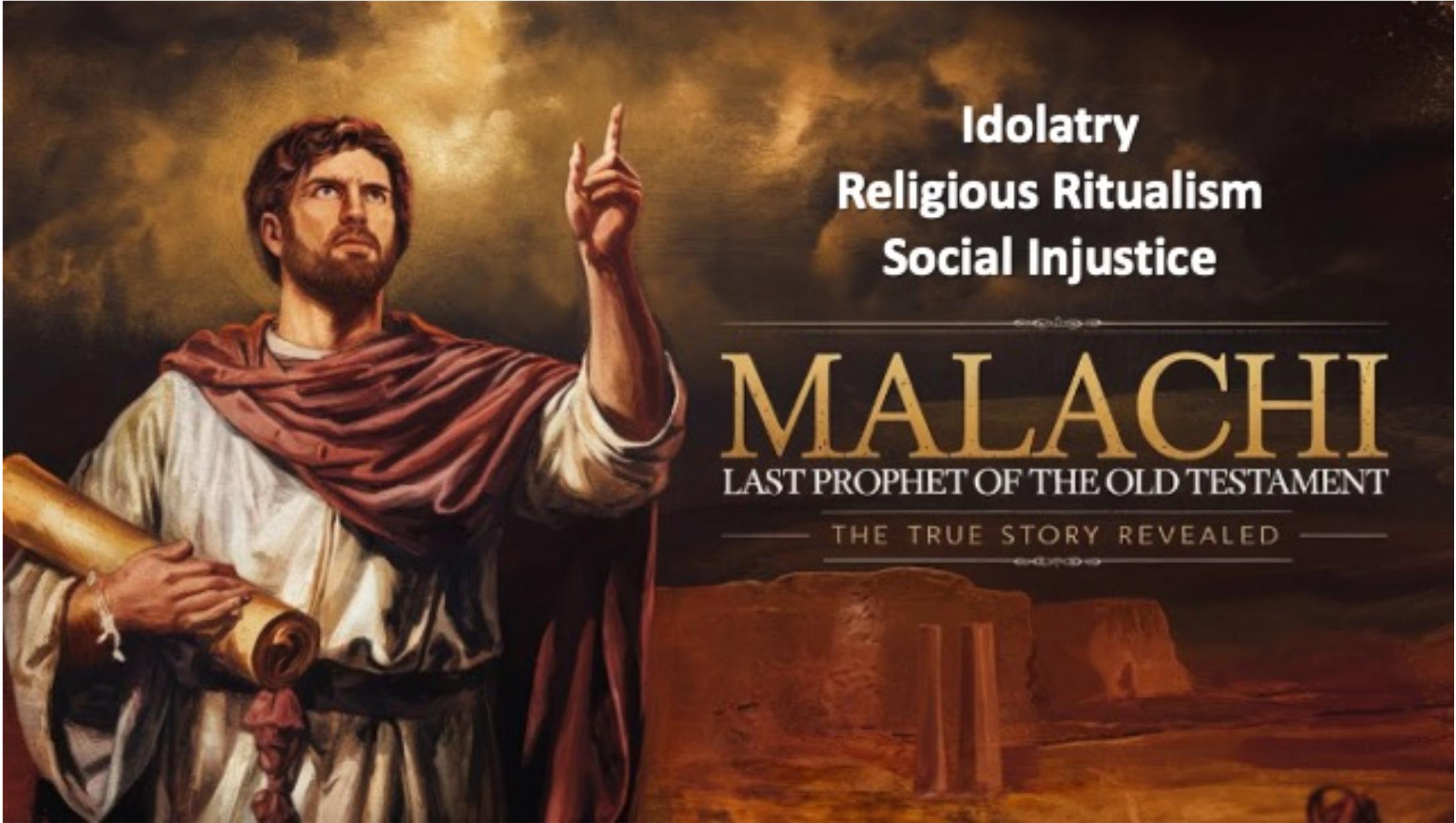
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**Idolatry**  
**Religious Ritualism**  
**Social Injustice**

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<sup>3</sup> You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons,

<sup>4</sup> for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the Lord would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly.

Deuteronomy 7:3-4

# 1. Perversion of Marriage

## Denigration

<sup>16</sup> “For the man who **does not love his wife but divorces her**, says the Lord, the God of Israel, **covers his garment with violence**, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.”

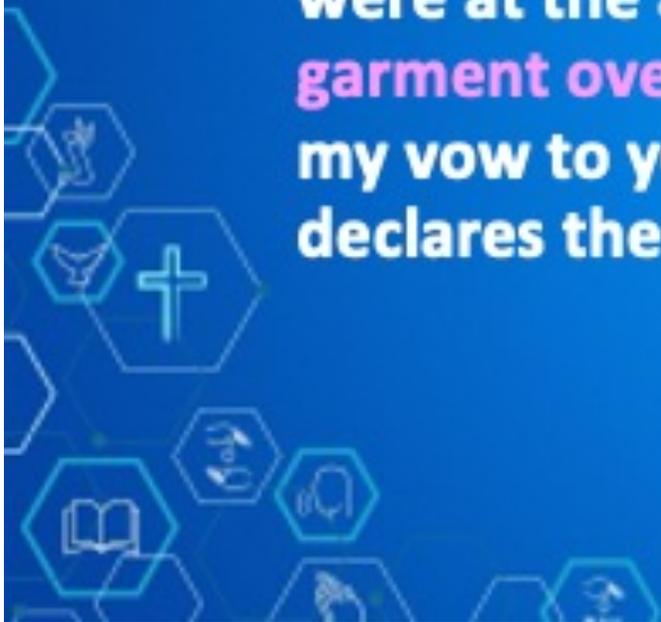


# 1. Perversion of Marriage

## Denigration

“When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine.

Ezekiel 16:8



# 1. Perversion of Marriage

## Denigration

7 They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?”

8 He said to them, “**Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.**

9 And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

Matthew 19:7-9

## 2. Plan for Marriage

### Companionship

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*“Haberet”*

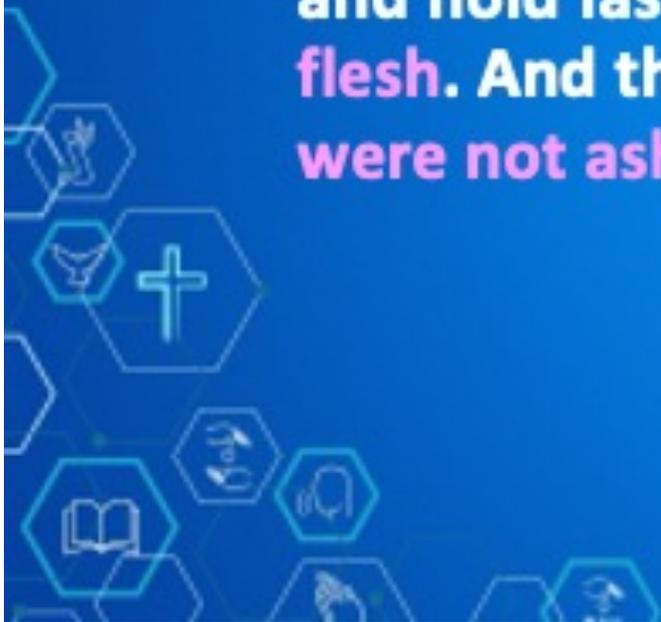
Root word *“Haber”* – United, Bind Together

## 2. Plan for Marriage

### Companionship

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become **one flesh**. And the man and his wife were both **naked and were not ashamed**.

**Genesis 2:24-25**



# 2. Plan for Marriage

## Companionship

### One Flesh

Radical Intimacy

“Deep Soul Oneness”



## 2. Plan for Marriage

### Covenant

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# 2. Plan for Marriage

## Covenant

Promise to Love?

Legal Agreement?



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Promise to Love + Legal Agreement



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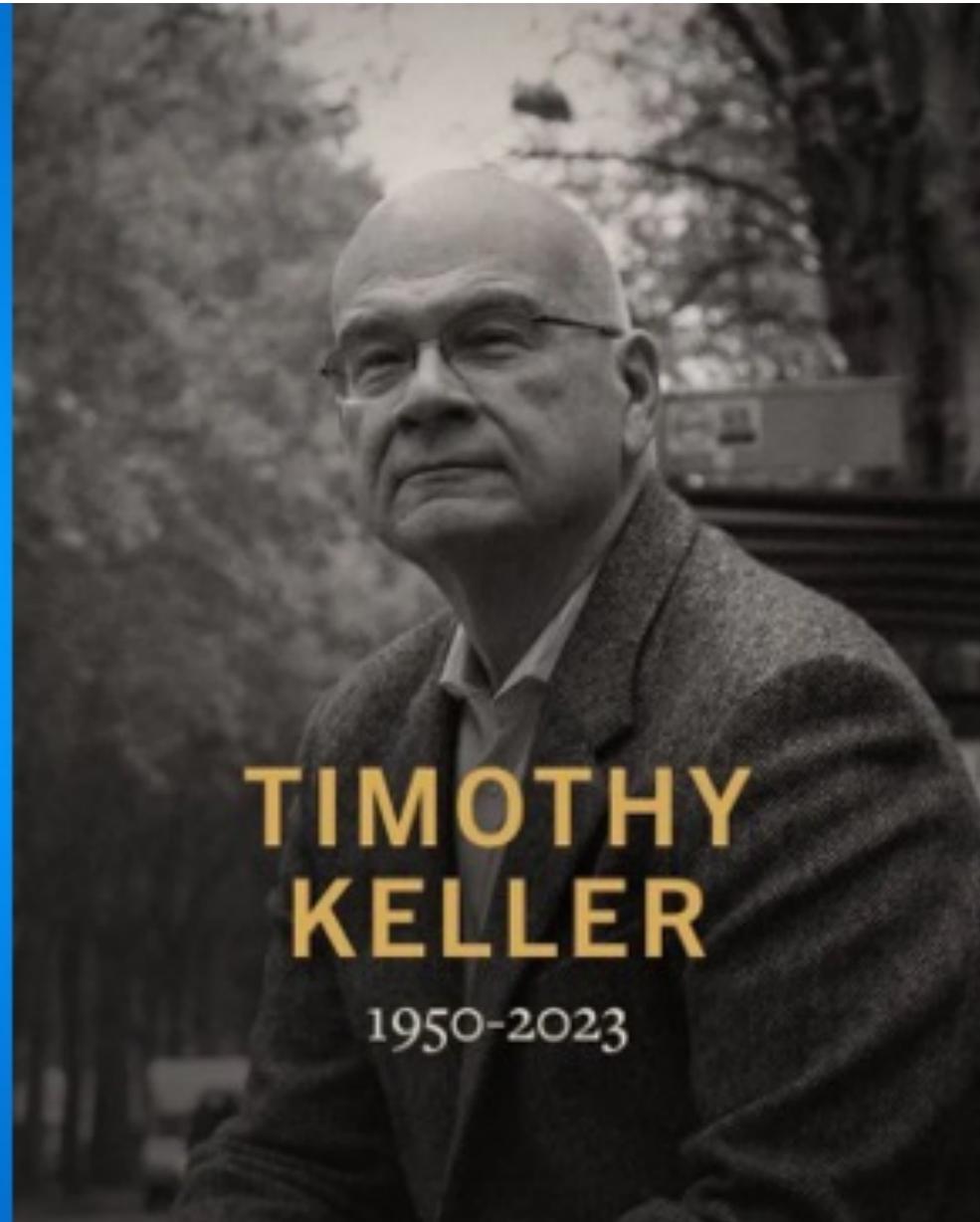
Unwavering faithfulness  
Lifelong commitment



***“In a covenant, two people look at each other and say: I will be what I should be whether you are being who you should be or not”***

**TIMOTHY  
KELLER**

1950-2023





There is no fear in love,  
but perfect love casts  
out fear...

1 John 4:18



John 4:18



**"...for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."**

**John 4:18**

# 3. Purpose for Marriage

## Commission

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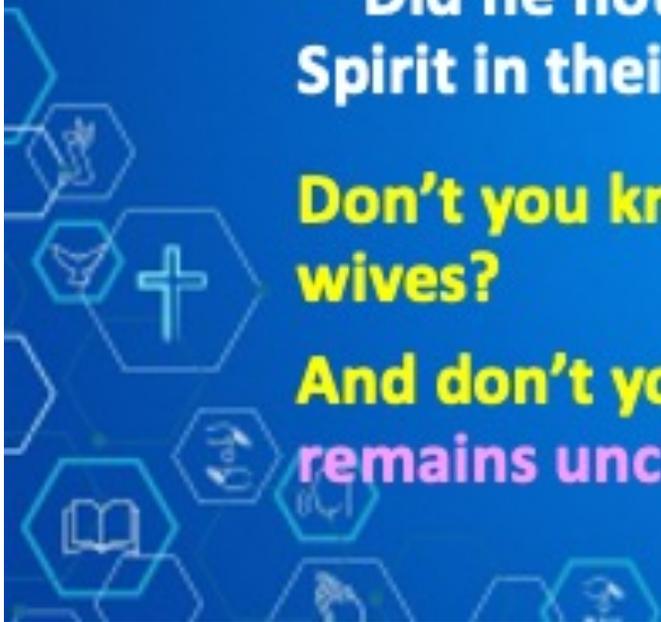
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**Don't you know that God made you one with your wives?**

**And don't you know that God's purpose for one flesh remains unchanged?**



# 3. Purpose for Marriage

## Commission

<sup>15</sup> Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? **And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring.**



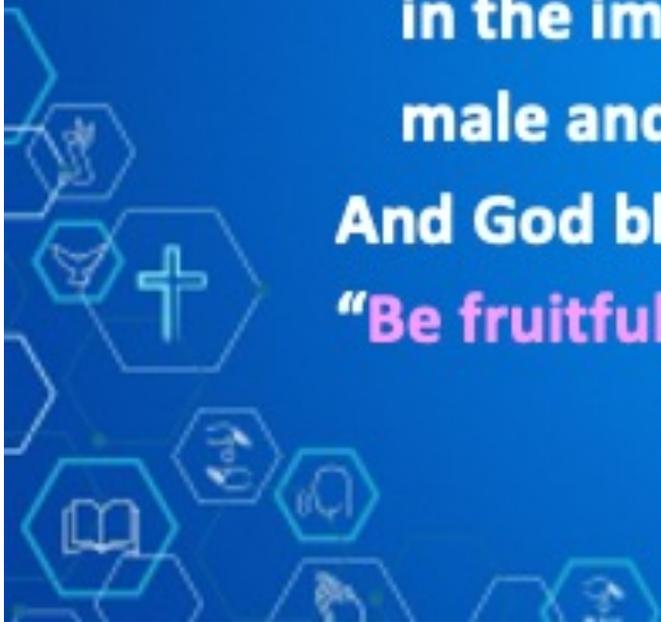
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So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them,  
“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...”

Gen 1:27-28



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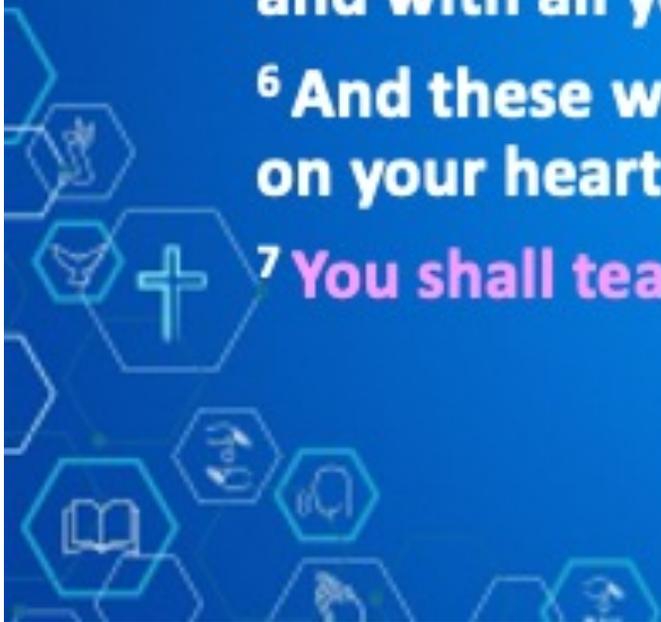
## Commission

<sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

<sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

<sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children...

Deuteronomy 6:5-7



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## Commission

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

# Plan for Marriage

## Companionship

## Covenant

# Purpose for Marriage

## Commission



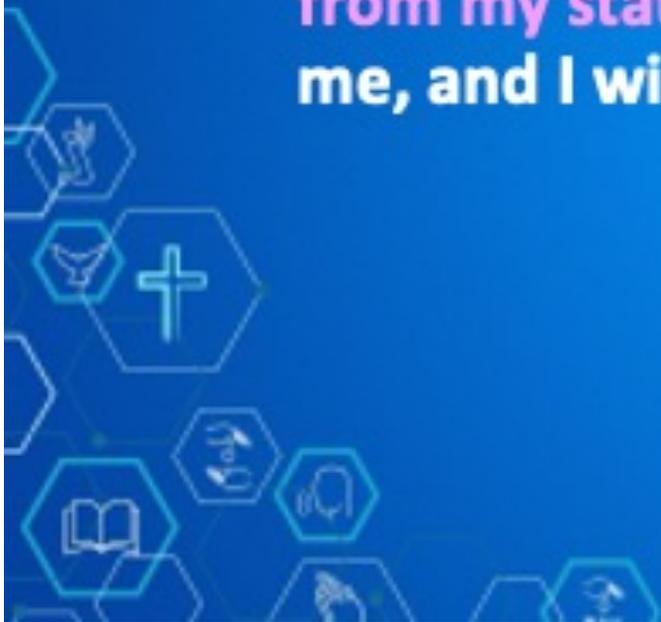
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**Malachi 3:7**



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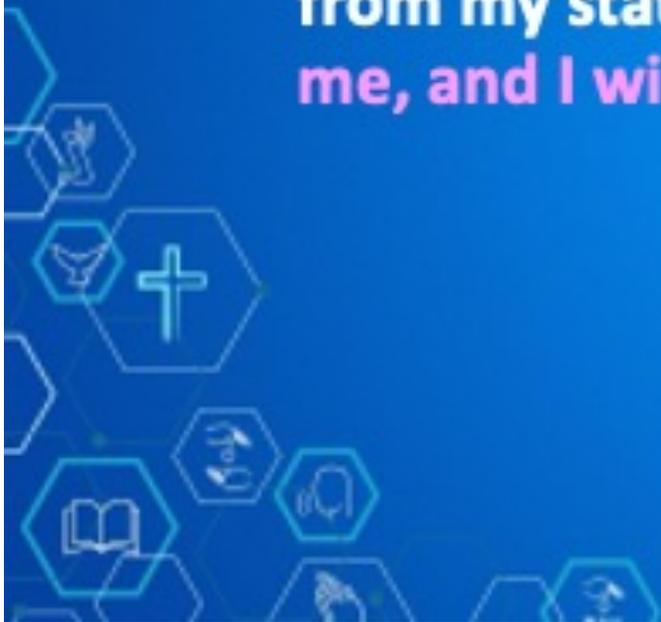
The **heart** of the problem  
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# 5. Power for Marriage

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**He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.**

**By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was **cut off** out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?**

**Isaiah 53:7-8**

