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The Engaged Female Vow
30: 6-8

The engaged female vow DIG: What complications would an engaged female make for her fiancé if she made a foolish vow or oath? In the Jewish culture how were the engaged female and her fiancé viewed? How would this concept transfer to today's world?

REFLECT: How do you feel when someone breaks their word to you? Why? Why is speech so powerful? Why is speaking the truth and keeping your word so essential? Why do you think God places so much importance on vows? What does that say about God and His promises?

The principal for today is that an engaged female is to be obedient to her fiancé,
and consult him before making a vow because God holds him responsible for what goes on in their relationship preparing for marriage.



When **a couple** becomes engaged today, **they** are one **vow** away from marriage. **Their** commitment to each other deepens. **Their** actions toward each other more closely mirror marriage than not, excluding sexual contact. Therefore, in many respects, **their** roles need to mirror that of a married couple. If **the man** will not love **his wife-to-be as Messiah loved the Church and gave Himself up for her** (see the commentary on **Ephesians, to see link click Bx – The Role and Priorities of the Husband**) during **their** engagement, then **he** will undoubtedly not do so when married. And if **the woman** will not **submit** to **her fiancé** during the engagement (see **Ephesians Bw – The Role and Priorities of the Wife**), then **she** will undoubtedly refuse to do so when married. Therefore, **she** would need to discuss any **vows** made during **their** engagement. **The engaged couple** needs to start out on the right foot and begin to practice what will become the norm after **their** marriage **vows** to each other.

This principle for our modern behavior in this matter is based upon Scripture. **God's Word** has not changed. **If, after having made vows or rashly committed herself to an obligation,** (see **Fi – The Fulfillment of Vows and Oaths**) **a woman gets engaged; and her fiancé hears but rises no objection with her on the day he learns of it, then her vows and obligations she has bound herself to will stand. But if her fiancé cancels her vow on the day he hears it, he will void the vow which is on her and the obligation to which she has bound herself; and ADONAI will forgive her** because **God** recognized **his** authority over **her.** When **Joseph** and **Mary** were engaged, the Jewish community treated **them** just as if **they** were married (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Ap – Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son**).

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, praise **You** for being so wise and loving in all **You** do, including **Your** guidelines for marriage relationships. Though **You** have placed **the** married **man** as head over **his wife** (**Ephesians 5:21-23), Messiah** models how **the husband** is to care for **his wife** in a loving way. **Husbands, love your wives just as Messiah also loved His community and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, having cleansed her by immersion in the Word. Messiah did this so that He might present to Himself His glorious community – not having stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but in order that she might be holy and blameless. In the same way, husband's ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself (Ephesians 5:25-28).** Thank **You** for being the perfect **Husband** for **Your Bride, the Church (Second Corinthians 11:2). Your Bride** waits in eager anticipation for the*

marriage supper of the lamb ***(Revelation 19:6-10).*** *In* ***Messiah Yeshua's*** *holy* ***Name*** *and power of* ***His*** *resurrection. Amen*