

WEDDING CEREMONY

When God made the first man and placed him in the Garden of Eden he said, "It is not good for the man that he should live alone." So God made for the man a companion, the last and crowning creation, the woman. When Adam looked upon her he said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh." Then God said, "Therefore shall a man leave his Father and Mother and cleave unto his wife and the two shall be one flesh." For it was God himself who gave away the first Bride and there in the Garden, Our Lord hallowed and sanctified the very first home.

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

(Seat Audience)

We are gathered here in the presence of these witnesses to join this man and woman in the bonds of Holy Matrimony.

Let me admonish to you both to always remember that love and loyalty are the foundation of a happy and enduring marriage and that marriage is a relationship in which the independence of the parties is equal. If the vows you are about to take are kept sacred then your lives will be contented and peaceful and the relationship which you are establishing will survive all troubles.

PLEDGES: If you then _____ and _____ have freely and deliberately chosen each other as partners in the Holy estate, and know of no just cause why you should not be united, in token thereof, will you turn toward each other and join hands.

_____ please repeat after me:

I _____ take thee _____ to be my wife.....before God and the witnesses present..... I promise to love you.....honor you and to cherish you.....in sickness and health.....leaving all others cleave only unto you.....to have and to hold.....from this day forward.....until death do us part. Do you so Promise? Response: I do.

_____ please repeat after me:

I _____ take thee _____ to be my husband.....before God and the witnesses present..... I promise to love you.....honor you and to cherish you.....in sickness and health.....leaving all others cleave only unto you.....to have and to hold.....from this day forward.....until death do us part. Do you so Promise? Response: I do.

May I have the rings please?

These rings are also unbroken circles, the emblem of Eternity. May they truly represent your commitment towards each other, a commitment based on love that has begun, and by God's grace will never end.

(Judge holds rings until they both answer)

Do you give this ring to _____ as a token of your love for her?

Response: I do.

Will you accept this ring as a token of _____'s love for you and will you wear it as a symbol of your commitment to him?

Response: I will

(Judge gives groom the ring to place on Bride's finger)

_____ will you place this ring on _____'s left hand and repeat after me, "With this ring, I thee wed....and with all my heart's affection....I pledge to you my love...my loyalty...and my life".

(Judge holds rings until they both answer)

Do you give this ring to _____ as a token of your love for him?

Response: I do.

Will you accept this ring as a token of _____'s love for you and will you wear it as a symbol of your commitment to her?

Response: I will

(Judge gives Bride the ring to place on Groom's finger)

_____ will you place this ring on _____'s left hand and repeat after me, "With this ring, I thee wed....and with all my heart's affection....I pledge to you my love...my loyalty...and my life".

I want to take this time to share with both of you God's words on love from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy, It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

And now _____ and _____ having exchanged their marriage vows and having pledged their love and affection in the presence of these witnesses and evidenced the same by giving of a ring, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Justice of the Peace, Tonopah Township, County of Nye, State of Nevada, I pronounce you husband and wife. Sir, you may kiss your Bride. Presentation of Couple.