

Wedding Sermon

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The most exclusive of all relationships....the most Holy of all earthly covenants.....is that of marriage. For it is marriage that gives us a tiny glimpse of the very nature of God. The writers of Genesis tell us that God created human beings in the very image and likeness of God.....male and female God created them. As such, it is the man and the woman coming together who more fully express what it means to bear the image and likeness of their Divine Creator.

It is the covenant of Holy Matrimony that best illustrates this as a man and a woman are brought together as one. Hence, in the unity of matrimony we may also see yet a better picture of the One Who created them male and female, each bearing the image of the Creator God.

_____ and _____, today you are illustrating that for each of us as we witness the vows that you are making to each other, and to God.

You are getting married today, _____ and _____ because you have come to that place in your lives where you know that you love each other.

I would say to you also, that now there are other places to where your marriage must come: Realize that the person you are getting married to is not an angel from heaven, but a human being from planet earth.

Learn to forgive, and learn to ask for forgiveness. Learning to say "I'm sorry" is every bit as important as learning to not hold onto a grudge.

Understand that you are exclusive for each other. With your vows, you are now officially "off limits" to all others! This does not mean that you should live a reclusive life apart from family and friends, but it *does* mean that the relationship you share with your spouse has an inherent level of emotional, spiritual, and physical intimacy that belongs to no one else BUT your spouse. The time has come to burn the lists of old flames, and to kindle the one and new flame of your marriage to each other!

May God richly bless you as you enter this Sacred covenant. Amen.