

MORMON MARRIAGE

Temple vs. Chapel Ceremony

GET A GRIP

Temple

Take each other in the patriarchal grip.

Civil

Please take each other by the right hand.

[Bridegroom's full name and bride's full name], you have taken one another by the right hand in token of the **covenants** you will now enter into in the presence of God and these witnesses.

TO THE BRIDEGROOM

Temple

by the right hand and receive her unto yourself to be your lawful and wedded wife for time and all eternity with a covenant and promise that you will observe and keep all the laws, rites and ordinances pertaining to this Holy Order of Matrimony in the New and Everlasting Covenant, and this you do in the presence of God, angels, and these witnesses of your own free will and choice?

The bridegroom answers, "Yes"

Civil

"[Bridegroom's full name], do you take [bride's full name] as your lawfully wedded wife, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as her companion and lawfully wedded husband that you will cleave unto her and none else; that you will observe all the laws, covenants, and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony; and that you will love, honor, and cherish her as long as you both shall live?"

The bridegroom answers, "Yes" or "I do."

TO THE BRIDE

Sister _____ do you take Brother ____ by the right hand and give yourself to him to be his lawful and wedded wife, and receive him to be your lawful and wedded husband for time and all eternity, with a covenant and promise that you will observe and keep all the laws, rites and ordinances pertaining to this holy order of matrimony in the new and everlasting covenant and this you do in the presence of God, angels, and these witnesses of your own free will and choice?

The bridegroom answers, "Yes"

Civil

"[Bride's full name], do you take
[bridegroom's full name] as your lawfully
wedded husband, and do you of your own
free will and choice covenant as his
companion and lawfully wedded wife that
you will cleave unto him and none else; that
you will observe all the laws, covenants, and
obligations pertaining to the holy state of
matrimony; and that you will love, honor, and
cherish him as long as you both shall live?"

The bride answers, "Yes" or "I do."

PRONOUNCEMENT

Temple

By virtue of the Priesthood and the authority vested in me, I pronounce you ______, and ______, husband and wife, legally and lawfully wedded for time and all eternity, and I seal upon you the blessings of the holy resurrection with power to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection clothed in glory, immortality, and eternal lives, and I seal upon you the blessings of kingdoms, thrones, principalities, power, dominions, and exaltations, with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I say unto you:

Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. All these blessings, together with all other blessings appertaining unto the New and Everlasting Covenant, I seal upon you through your faithfulness by virtue of the Priesthood, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Civil

"By virtue of the legal authority vested in me as an elder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I pronounce you, [bridegroom's name] and [bride's name], husband and wife, legally and lawfully wedded for the period of your mortal lives.

"May God bless your union with joy in your posterity and a long life of happiness together, and may He enable you to keep sacred the covenants you have made. These blessings I invoke upon you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

"You may kiss each other as husband and wife."