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Laws About Vows

- ¹ And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded.
- ² If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.
- ³ If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth;
- ⁴ And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.
- ⁵ But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.
- ⁶ And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;
- ⁷ And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.
- ⁸ But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

- ⁹ But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.
- ¹⁰ And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;
- ¹¹ And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.
- ¹² But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard them; then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her.
- ¹³ Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.
- ¹⁴ But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them.
- ¹⁵ But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard them; then he shall bear her iniquity.
- ¹⁶ These are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being yet in her youth in her father's house.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Forgive — סֵלַח / נַשָּׂא (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (חַלַים) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

Iniquity — עוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (μ) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

Lord — יָהוָה / אֲדֹנֵי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (הְּוָהְיִ), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנֵי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Word — דָבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבֶּר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

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Numbers 30:2 Parallel theme: Job 22:27; Psalms 22:25; 50:14; 55:20; Proverbs 20:25;

Nahum 1:15; Acts 23:12; 23:21. **References Lord:** Psalms 116:14; 116:18

Numbers 30:5 References Lord: Ephesians 6:1

Numbers 30:6 Parallel theme: Psalms 56:12

Numbers 30:8 Parallel theme: Genesis 3:16

Numbers 30:9 Parallel theme: Luke 2:37; Romans 7:2

Numbers 30:12 References Lord: Numbers 30:8

Numbers 30:13 Parallel theme: 1 Corinthians 11:3

Numbers 30:15 Sin: Leviticus 5:1

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