

# Numbers 30:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

**Her husband heard it, and held his peace at her** (וְשָׁמַע אִישָׁה וְהִחֲרִישׁ לָהּ, veshama ishah veheherish lah)—The same principle applies in marriage as under paternal authority: silence equals ratification. **In the day that he heard it** (בְּיוֹם שָׁמָעוֹ, beyom shom'o) again emphasizes the same-day requirement. The husband cannot later claim ignorance or change his mind; immediate response or permanent acceptance.

**Her vows shall stand** (וְקָמוּ נִדְרֶיהָ, vegamu nedareyha)—Once established through the husband's acquiescence, the vow has full legal and spiritual force. This protects wives from husbands who might retroactively object to inconvenient commitments. The law balanced male headship with accountability, preventing tyranny while maintaining order.

## Historical Context

Unlike Greco-Roman law where husbands held virtually unlimited authority over wives (including life-and-death power in some cases), Mosaic law constrained male authority with procedural requirements and divine oversight. A husband's silence bound him as much as it bound his wife—mutual accountability before Yahweh.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the same-day requirement prevent manipulation while still honoring marital headship?
2. In what ways should Christian husbands view their authority as protective accountability rather than unilateral control?

## Interlinear Text

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שָׁמַע וְ	אִישׁ הָ	בִּי וּמִ	שָׁמַע וְ	וְהָקֵר יֵשׁ	לָהּ
heard	And her husband	at her in the day	heard	it and held his peace	H0
H8085	H376	H3117	H8085	H2790	
יָקֻמוּ:	נִדְּבָהּ יְהִי	וְאֶסְרָהּ	אֲשֶׁר	אֶסְרָהּ הָ	עַל
shall stand	it then her vows	and her bonds	H834	wherewith she bound	H5921
H6965	H5088	H632		H631	
נַפְשָׁהּ הָ	יָקֻמוּ:				
her soul	shall stand				
H5315	H6965				

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