

# 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** (ושמע אישה ו靜ר 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** (בַּיּוֹם, 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** (וְקֹמֹת נְדָרֶיהָ, veqamu 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	הַ	בַּיּוֹם	שָׁמַע	וְ	יָקֹרֶר	וְ	לְ
heard	And her husband	at her in the day			heard	it and held his peace			Ho
H8085	H376	H3117			H8085	H2790			
יְקַמֵּה:	וְ	יְמִתְבָּאֶה	וְ	יְמִתְבָּאֶה	וְ	אָסַכְתָּה	וְ	עַל	
shall stand	it then her vows	and her bonds			asher	wherewith she bound			H5921
H6965	H5088	H632			H834	H631			
נַפְשׁ	וְ	יְקַמֵּה:	וְ	יְמִתְבָּאֶה	וְ	אָסַכְתָּה	וְ	עַל	
her soul	shall stand								
H5315	H6965								

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