

# Wedding Vows: Rooted In The Concrete Of Faith

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Personal wedding vows are usually written from a root of ones faith. For most couples it is a commitment of body and soul and it means marrying the whole person, past and present, and of course in almost every case, that person's family as well. Therefore, making the wedding vows reflect a couples deep commitment to each other and the life they will build together is the basis of these promises.

## Choosing wedding vows in utmost faith

Many couples prefer to vow to their future life partner in the name of God and church. Many faiths are closely related to or considered to be Christian and each individual branch may have somewhat different wording to their particular vows depending on customs and traditions. The vows may therefore depend on what is common practice in each church and may take on the form of the specific manner in which the church conducts their services.

Jewish wedding vows are commonly given when the rings are exchanged. The focus of the vow is a commitment to be wed to that person by the laws of Moses and Israel.

For Muslims, wedding vows are more of a contract between two families, which state the conditions desired and expected by each family and a commitment to uphold those conditions in the name of Allah.

Buddhist wedding vows give the two people an opportunity to voice their love, dedication, and future hopes for their lives together with respect given to their shared religious beliefs. Their use of meditation and contemplation to make their lives and marriage stronger is an important part of their vows to one another.

Non-denominational vows will hit many of the traditional points of commitment between two people, omitting the direct mention of God or a higher power in any form. People being married by judge or justice of the peace may prefer to use non-denominational vows if religion is unimportant to them. Sometimes two people have come together from completely different faiths and therefore choose this type of vow to eliminate any conflicting areas, where they would then prefer neither religion was the focus of their ceremony.

Wedding vows are a personal choice. The bride and groom can choose traditional vows of their faith, write their own, or allow their religious leader to choose the vows.

A wedding day represents a joining of two people in their choice to become life long partners and so much of this special

day reflects who the couples are and what their future together will hold. In addition to this is the promise of love, honor, and appreciation of each other for the rest of their lives.

Wedding vows can sometimes be so impersonal. So much goes into planning the engagement and the wedding and yet so many couples forget that the true meaning, no matter what religious faith you practice, is about your commitment to one another. Wedding vows, whether rooted in faith in religion or rooted in the faith of each other should be written and proclaimed from the heart.

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