

Ephesians 5:21-33

v21 – submit	(verb)	show respect and honour for something
v21 – reverence	(noun)	respect
v26 – holy	(adjective)	set apart for God’s purpose; perfect; pure; unique
v27 – radiant	(adjective)	glows brightly
v27 – stain	(noun)	a mark that is difficult to remove
v27 – wrinkle	(noun)	a raised fold in a piece of cloth that spoils its appearance
v27 – blemish	(noun)	a small mark on something that spoils its appearance
v30 – united	(adjective)	joined together as one
v32 – profound	(adjective)	<i>used to emphasise that something is very intense or great</i>

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²¹ Follow the lead of one another because of your respect for Christ.

²² Wives, follow the lead of your own husbands as you follow the Lord. ²³ The husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church. The church is Christ’s body. He is its Savior. ²⁴ The church follows the lead of Christ. In the same way, wives should follow the lead of their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives. Love them just as Christ loved the church. He gave himself up for her. ²⁶ He did it to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her with water and the word. ²⁷ He did it to bring her to himself as a brightly shining church. He wants a church that has no stain or wrinkle or any other flaw. He wants a church that is holy and without blame. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands should love their wives. They should love them as they love their own bodies. Any man who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body. Instead, they feed and care for their body. And this is what Christ does for the church. ³⁰ We are parts of his body. ³¹ Scripture says, “That’s why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. The two will become one.” ³² That is a deep mystery. But I’m talking about Christ and the church. ³³ A husband also must love his wife. He must love her just as he loves himself. And a wife must respect her husband.

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Song of Songs 8:5-7

v5 – wilderness	(noun)	an area of natural land that is not used by people
v5 – leaning	(verb)	bending the body in a particular direction
v5 – roused	(verb)	woke (someone) up
v5 – conceived	(verb)	became pregnant with
v6 – seal	(noun)	a special mark placed on something to show who owns it
v6 – unyielding	(adjective)	fixed; unlikely to be changed; immovable
v6 – blazing	(adjective)	very hot
v6 – mighty	(adjective)	very strong
v7 – quench	(verb)	satisfy someone’s thirst
v7 – sweep	(verb)	move something along quickly
v7 – utterly	(adverb)	<i>a word used to emphasise something is very great in extent, amount, or degree</i>
v7 – scorned	(adjective)	rejected because it is not good enough

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The other women say

⁵ “Who is this woman coming up from the desert?
She’s leaning on the one who loves her.”

The woman says to the king

“Under the apple tree I woke you up.
That’s where your mother became pregnant with you.
She went into labor, and you were born there.
⁶ Hold me close to your heart where your royal seal is worn.
Keep me as close to yourself as the bracelet on your arm.
My love for you is so strong it won’t let you go.
Love is as powerful as death.
Love’s jealousy is as strong as the grave.
Love is like a blazing fire.
Love burns like a mighty flame.
⁷ No amount of water can put it out.
Rivers can’t sweep it away.
Suppose someone offers
all their wealth to buy love.
That won’t even come close to being enough.”