

LESSONS FOR HOLY MATRIMONY

801 READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

- 801 (1) Genesis 1:26-28, 31a
"Male and female he created them."
- 801 (2) Genesis 2:18-24
"They become one flesh."
- 801 (3) Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67
"Isaac loved Rebekah and was comforted after his mother's death."
- 801 (4) Tobit 7:6-14
"You are her relative, and she is yours. The merciful God will guide you both for the best."
- 801 (5) 8:4b-8 *"Grant that I may grow old together with her."*
- 801 (6) Song of Solomon 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7ab
"For love is strong as death."
- 801 (7) Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16
"Like the sun rising, so is the beauty of a good wife in her well-ordered home."
- 801 (8) Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a
"I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

802 READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

- 802 (1) Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
"Who will be able to separate us from the love of Christ?"
- 802 (2) 12:1-2, 9-18 OR SHORTER: Romans 12: 1-2, 9-13
"Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."
- 802 (3) 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
"Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit."
- 802 (4) 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a
"If I have not love, I gain nothing."
- 802 (5) Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33 OR SHORTER: Ephesians 5:2a, 25-33
"This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church."
- 802 (6) Colossians 3:12-17
"Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."
- 802 (7) 1 Peter 3:1-9
"All of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren."
- 802 (8) 1 John 3:18-24
"Let us love in deed and in truth."
- 802 (9) 1 John 4:7-12
"God is love."
- 802 (10) Revelation 19:1-9
"Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the lamb."

805 GOSPELS

- 805 (1) Matthew 5:1-12a
"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."
- 805 (2) Matthew 5:13-16
"You are the light of the world."
- 805 (3) Matthew 7:21, 24-29 OR SHORTER Matthew 7:21, 24-25
"He built his house upon the rock."
- 805 (4) Matthew 19:3-6
"What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

805 (5) Matthew 22:35-40

"This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it."

805 (6) Mark 10:6-9

"They are no longer two but one flesh."

805 (7) John 2:1-11

"This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee."

805 (8) John 15:9-12

"Abide in my love."

805 (9) John 15:12-16

"This is my commandment, that you love one another."

805 (10) John 17:20-26 OR SHORTER John 17:20-23

"May they become perfectly one."