

## The Wilderness (50): The Protection of Family Num 30

A new census has been taken and they are now ready to embark on marching into the Promised Land. After giving instructions for the sacrifices in worship events, Moses gives instructions on vows.

### God Expects Integrity

1. Vows are solemn **promises** to the Lord. (Hanna: 1 Sam 1:11, 24)
  2. Oaths in the Lord's name must not be taken in **vain** or profaned by swearing falsely. (Ex 20:7; Lev 19:12)
  3. Numbers 30 is primarily concerned with dependent women who bind themselves to God producing a conflict with fathers/husbands.
  4. Overview of chapter 30
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5. Why are vows discussed at this point of Numbers?
    - a. Vows usually sealed with sacrifice; when answered another sacrifice would be offered (Lev 7:16; Ps 50:14).
    - b. Vows usually frequent during war; Israel is set to engage in war.
    - c. Vows discussed at Sinai (1st Law); here at Moab (2nd Law).
    - d. Israel made a vow to wipe out Canaanites, (Num 21).

### What Are Some Truths about God, Jesus, and His People?

1. Promises made to God are **serious**. (Eccl 5:4; Deut 23:21-23)
2. Vows/pledges **affect** other people. (Jud 11; 1 Sam 14:24-45)
3. Family **harmony** should be kept unless absolutely necessary.
4. Believers do not need to insist on their rights, but live in **submission** to one another. (Husbands/wives - Eph 5:24; 1 Pet 3:1-7; 1 Cor 7:4-5)