

## Sermon Discussion Questions: Numbers 30

August 26th, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
  
2. Read Numbers 30:1-2. According to the text and the sermon's interpretation of the text what is the nature of a vow?
  
3. What vows have you made in your life? If you are married, consider your wedding vows or the traditional vows the church uses down below. Or consider a few of the vows to the church below. How do these vows secure a relationship of mutual benefit?  
I, (Spouse), take you, (Spouse)/ to be my wedded wife/ And I do promise and covenant/ before God and these witnesses/ to be your loving and faithful (husband or wife)/ in joy and in sorrow/ in plenty and in want/ in sickness and in health/ as long as we both shall live.
  - 1) Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God justly deserving His displeasure and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
  - (2) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and trust Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the gospel? (EPC 2)
  - (3) Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
  - (4) Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability
  - (5) Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?
  
4. Read Psalm 50:10-15. How does realizing all we own belongs to God and ultimately comes from God keep us from having a demanding attitude when we vow to the Lord? What should be the focus of our vows according to Psalm 50:14-15 and how does this also keep us from being demanding?
  
5. Because of our physical limitations of forgetfulness as humans and sinful inclination as rebels we break our vows constantly. How is God's vow different than ours in Hebrews 6:13-18? How does the author describe our hope from this vow in Hebrews 6:18-20?