

## **DANIEL HOOK and AMY BASS**

Solomon must have been scripting a tender scene such as this when he wrote, "Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm." Your touching and meaningful pledges attest that you have each sealed yourself on the heart of the other. Now, by the exchange of rings you will each place your seal upon the hand of the other for the world to see from this day forward.

**DANIEL**, we have heard your vow of lifelong commitment to Amy. Will you now place this visible and symbolic token upon her hand as a seal of guarantee of your irrevocable commitment to her?

**AMY**, will you place your ring upon Daniel's hand as a seal and guarantee of your life-long commitment to him.

Your families and friends here today are witnesses of your solemn vows. Of more importance, they are promises made before God whom you serve.

Throughout history, impressions made by signet rings were used to attest to contracts and commitments. The impression made in wax was the sign, or signature, which sealed and guaranteed the document of agreement.

It is fitting, then, that artfully designed rings of precious metal have become tokens of marriage. **DANIEL**, in giving yourself to Amy, you have also placed your signature on her hand signifying further that she belongs to you. And **AMY**, in giving yourself to Daniel, you have also placed your signature on his hand, witnessing further that he belongs to you.

In this new relationship, each of you will hold claim to the other. *This is the mystery of oneness, like that of Christ and his church, when two become one flesh.* There is a sharing of life in common--- a communion of two people.

**Another aspect of this union** is the sharing of life in

God in Christ---a true communion with our Creator and his spiritual family. Jesus gave us a perpetual reminder of our oneness in him in the Lord's Supper, The Communion. We are brought into this oneness with God through Christ's atoning blood symbolized here by the fruit of the vine. Our state of unity in him is depicted by the bread---the symbolic one loaf of which we eat in one body. At this time, as Daniel and Amy celebrate their oneness in Christ by participation in this Communion, we invite you to be praying with and for them.

QUARTET:

PRAYER: Father, we thank you for loving us and wanting us to be reconciled to you. We thank you for giving your Son in our place so that in him we can be in constant communion with you. We thank you that through the Covenant you made with man and the covenant that Amy and Daniel have made with each other, they may they be truly united with you and one another from this day forward.

PRONOUNCEMENT: **Daniel** and **Amy**, because of your vows, we trust that God now has joined you as husband and wife. We who are present here today have witnessed your covenant of marriage. So now, in accordance with the laws of our land, with joy and best wishes I pronounce you husband and wife. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.

PRAYER: Todd

PRAYER: Cecil

Father, we thank you for those who love us enough to share their very lives with us. Thank you for the answer to prayers in bringing Daniel and Amy together. Make them aware of your purpose in this and the mission you have for them to fulfill. Give them wisdom, courage, and strength as they devote themselves to it. May generations to come benefit from the fruit of their lives. Let them share many joys and much happiness. In times of

trial, weakness, or woe, may they be understanding and supportive of each other. As they walk life's uncertain road

in confidence, may their love grow more precious and the grip of your hand be more secure.

SOLO:

PRESENTATION: Family and friends, Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you Mr. And Mrs. Daniel Hook.

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