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In the passage above, the writer of Hebrews connects two thoughts: marriage and God’s faithfulness. The first is actually an illustration of the latter. In establishing marriage, God provided a relationship by which a man and woman can begin to understand the importance of God’s faithfulness. Those who are faithful in that marriage relationship enjoy the wonder of having a faithful lifelong partner. In contrast to this, those who are unfaithful in marriage experience great sadness, conflict and even anger. Unfaithfulness in the marriage relationship perverts the intended pure picture of Christ’s relationship with His church. This invites severe judgment from God.

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