

Devin and Nicky, Please take each other by the right hand.

Devin Joseph Eller, and Nicky William Thompson

You have taken one another other by the right hand in token of the covenants you will now enter into in the presence of God and these witnesses.

Devin Joseph Eller, do you take Nicky William Thompson as your lawfully wedded wife, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as her companion and lawfully wedded husband that you will cleave unto her and none else, that you will observe all the laws, covenants, and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony; and that you will love, honor, and cherish her as long as you both shall live?

Nicky William Thompson, do you take Devin Joseph Eller, as your lawfully wedded husband, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as his companion and lawfully wedded wife that you will cleave unto him and none else; that you will observe all the laws, covenants and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony and that you will love honor and cherish him as long as you both shall live?

By virtue of the legal authority vested in me as an elder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, I pronounce you, Devin Joseph Eller, and Nicky William Thompson, husband and wife, legally and lawfully wedded for the period of your mortal lives.

May God bless your union with joy in your posterity and a long life of happiness together and may He enable you to keep sacred the covenants you have made. These blessing I invoke upon you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

You may kiss each other as husband and wife.

A Token of Your Marriage Covenant

Devin and Nichole Smith Ring Ceremony, 10 July 2009

Ladies and gentlemen; much-loved family and friends, it gives me great pleasure to now say a few words about the rings which Devin and Nicole will exchange.

Devin and Nicole, as I have been pondering the privilege of officiating at this service this afternoon, I think back to a couple of weeks ago to the time we spent discussing your new-found love and the plans you are making which include the Savior and the words of latter-day Prophets as a solid foundation as you build your new family. Pause for a second, take a deep breath, look around these beautiful surroundings and *savor* the company and the deep and profound love of all who are present at this occasion.

Today you have exchanged vows or covenants in marriage, and now, as a token of these covenants you will be exchanging rings..

God has made it clear that there is *no relationship quite so sacred* as that of a husband and wife. Today, you have made covenants to each other and with the Lord that have established *your* family.

These covenants make you *full and equal partners* in this marriage. You both realize that "the family is ordained of God" and that your marriage covenants are essential to His plan of happiness.. I want you to know that nothing can bring you both greater joy in this lifetime than *keeping these very covenants*.

Each of you hold a current recommend to attend the temple and you are looking forward to the time when you can be sealed to each other for Time and for all Eternity. Although circumstances have brought us together today for this civil marriage, I encourage you to attend the temple together often and remember every blessing promised to you in the temple is conditioned upon your *faithful obedience* to the individual covenants you make in the temple.

Now, whenever we make covenants with God's sanction, he provides tokens for us so that we can remember these promises. A *token* is some symbolic item or practice that symbolizes these covenants and reminds us of the intention that the two of you have today to keep these covenants.. Each kiss that you exchange is one such token. We are nearing the moment when you will present another symbolic token to your companion – the ring.

The rings that you place upon one another's hand will help you to *remember this day* and the *covenant* that you both have made with each other and the Lord.

Devin, the ring on your finger will remind you that all of your *deepest love, affection, and loyalty* is to be focused on Nichole, your companion. She is the choicest woman in all of the world – a living personification of one of the richest blessings that the Lord has to offer you. The ring reminds you to *look* for every chance to serve her, particularly with your priesthood. Your most pressing responsibility for the rest of your mortal life will be to provide every opportunity and blessing that will help her back to the presence of our Father in Heaven.

Nicole, the ring on *your* finger will remind you of the same degree of fidelity, and of the great blessings that only you can provide for Devin. You get to help train a priesthood holder, and the patience and steadfastness that you bring to this marriage will be a great blessing to the both of you.

And now, we are pleased to witness as Devin and Nicole exchange these rings as a sign of these covenants, and as tokens of their love and commitment to one another. [Rings are exchanged... and then as the newlyweds kiss spontaneously in front of everybody:] I am pleased to present Devin and Nicole Smith...!