


Choosing a Bride

 [Rev 19:7](#)


7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

 [Eph 5:31-32](#)

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Prophecy

 [1Co 14:24-25](#)

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

- Prophecy - "speak the truth by the Spirit"
- Something that can only have been known supernaturally

The Mystery of Marriage

- In all of these great Seventh Seal types, the end result is marriage
 - The full unveiling of redemption in each of the types of the Bride was through marriage
 - Only then could they bring forth the Seed of Promise for their day
 - Sarah
 - Had to receive a part of His Name before she could bring forth Isaac (the type of Christ)
 - Rahab
 - Deliverance through the Token, and then full redemption (and inclusion into Church Israel) through union with Salmon
 - Who took her down to Bethlehem-Judah
 - Then she brought forth Boaz – the Lion of Judah and Kinsman Redeemer
 - Ruth
 - Ruth deciding was a wonderful first step
 - Ruth serving was a necessary time of testing
 - She rested after the betrothal at the Threshing Floor
 - But could only receive the full reward through marriage to Boaz

 [Ruth 4:13](#)

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

- It required the consummation of their marriage to bring forth Obed
 - Through whom came forth David (who established the Throne)
- Even Tamar
 - Who had to receive seed from Judah to allow the blood line of the Messiah to continue
- Natural marriage is but a type of the spiritual union between Christ and His Church

 [Mat 22:30](#)

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Eph 5:30-32

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

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The four stages of Marriage

- The phases of marriage (as shown in Ruth)
 - Decision
 - Courtship
 - Covenant (Engagement/Bethrothal)
 - Consummation

Choosing a Bride

- Choosing of a Bride

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46 ... **The natural is a type of the spiritual.** Then, the choosing of a bride, in the natural, is a type of choosing a Bride, the Bride, in the spiritual.

47 Now, **it's a serious thing** when we go to choose a wife, a man, **for the vows here is until death do we part.** That's how we should keep it. **And you take that vow before God, that only death will separate you.** And I think we should. A man in his right mind, **that's planning a future**, that he should choose that wife very careful. **Be careful what you're doing.** And a woman accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing, **and especially in these days.** A man should **think and pray** before he chooses a wife.

48 I think, today, what's got **so many divorce cases now...** I think, the reason of it, is **because that men has got away from God, and women has got away from God.**

49 And we find, that, if a man prayed and a woman prayed over the matter; not just look at a pretty set of eyes, or big strong shoulders, or such as that, or some other worldly affection; **but would look first to God, and say, "God, is this Your plan?"**

- God looks with the **spiritual eye**
 - He is **never deceived by natural beauty**
- He is **looking for character**
- Abraham's instructions to Eliezer
 - Didn't want his son mixed up into such stuff as that

Adam

Gen 2:20

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was **not found an help meet for him.**

- Such decision, **to be correct**, need to be **left up to God**
- Note – **God knew exactly** the wife that Adam needed
- Just as much as **Eliezer knew** that the choosing of a Bride for such a son as Isaac **needed the personal leading of the Angel of the Lord himself**

Requires the Holy Ghost

- Speaking of a married woman who was travelling around with a married man

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122-89 Now, **what would happen to that woman?** The same thing would have... **She had kept messing around without receiving the Holy Ghost**, just like that woman over yonder today **that called me and wanted to marry that man, and leave her own husband, and marry the man**. She had come in such a place, **maybe one time being in contact with God**, but had been **lusting after the things of the world**. And I asked her; I said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost?"

She said, "Not yet, but I'm seeking It."

I said, "**You get the Holy Ghost first, and He'll tell you what husband to have.**" That's right. See?

You--you've got... That's what it is. **If you don't, you'll die spiritually.**

Ahab and Jezebel

 1Ki 16:31

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshiped him.

- p4 - Painted Face Jezebel
 - "Ahab's heart went to tumbling, because he didn't have God in there to teach him better"
- p6 - Be Certain of God - fell for what she looked like in the stead of what she was
- p6 Thirsting for Life - Born again

 Deu 7:3-4

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 **For they will turn away thy son from following me**, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

Isaac and Rebekah


- p6 - Hear Recognise Act

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E-13 And this time came, and **Abraham was determined that he did not want his son to marry an unbeliever**. That would be **good decision for a Christians today**, who are **sons and daughters of Abraham**, to make the same decision about their children.

Now, it didn't make any difference **how pretty those unbelieving girls were**, and how nice a women they were, but **Abraham did not want his son connected with that kind of stuff**. And so he had to make a time of decision on who he should marry.

Days of Noah

 Gen 6:1-3

1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

THE.GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE_ JEFF.IN V-4 N-9 SUNDAY_ 65-0801M

118 Notice, "The sons of God saw the **daughters of men**," **not daughters of God**, "the daughters of men, that they were beautiful," **and it caused the sons of God to fall into this delusion**. "And **took them kind of women** and married them," **and it brought a age of prostitution**, just like it is today; like it was in Sodom, like it's predicted to be today.

... And women so pretty that they're almost irresistible. And what is it? The devil! **See Satan still in beauty? Notice.**

119 **Notice, that sin was never forgiven them.** That pretty, scientific age was **the very evil age that God destroyed off of the face of the earth**; that pretty, scientific age. **Jesus said it'll be that again just before the coming of the Son of man.** That right? Notice, Jesus said, "As it was in days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man," when they all tried to marry... Now watch, "The sons of God married the pretty daughters of men," and God never did forgive them for it.

120 **Just the same as Balaam's teaching**, that he caused **the pretty, intellectual, scientific women of Moab to... with their flirty eyes, her paints and powders, her fine perfumes, to entice the sons of God; against their own women that worked and had callouses in their hands, with no makeup on.** Enticed them over, and, "Let us marry one another, because we're all the same people." That was a lie! **It was a lie, and an achievement of the devil, to get the sons of God to marry the daughters of men.**

Courtship

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119 But, see, it's like the Church, has to pass through the hall of critics. We go through. You're going to be called "holy-roller," you're going to be called everything. But if you could only hold your position in Christ, then someday He'll take us to the Hall of Fame. But first we've got to stand criticism. There is where the littleness of us stand, there is where it shows. "He that cannot stand chastisement is an illegitimate child, and not a child of God." No matter how much he's joined church, and whatever he's done, he is still, if he cannot stand chastisement, he's an illegitimate, and he's not a real child of God. **But a real, genuine child of God don't care what the world says, everything else is secondary. He's got his mind on Christ, and that settles it. Yes. Whatever Christ says do, he'll do it. Wherever the Lamb goes, they're with Him, wherever.**

And then you see **His appearing, His Presence, and what He does.** He is always with His people, His Bride. **He is courting her.** Someday there is going to be a Wedding Supper.

court-ship

1. A period **during which a couple develop a romantic relationship**, esp. with a view to marriage.
2. **Behavior designed to persuade someone to marry one**

ro-mance

A feeling of excitement and mystery associated with love.

Verb: Court; woo: "the wealthy owner romanced her".

- He has made Himself known through the revelation of His Characteristics
- There could be no marriage without the revelation of the Son of man
- Courtship under the First and Second Pull
 - Moses took Israel to meet their Husband at Mt Sinai
 - Moses was the Friend of the Bridegroom (like Eliezer and John)
 - The prophet, the Cloud, the Mountain
- Christ at Mt Sunset
 - Headship
 - The Seals
 - The Unveiling of God

"How ironic in an age where women strive for personal freedom that He has come for a Bride who has completely, willfully, and joyfully surrendered all of her rights to Him".

Betrothal

Jer 2:1-2

1 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

2 Cor 11:1-4

- 1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.
- 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
- 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-2 SUNDAY_ 62-0318

81-4 ... Hybrid to Satan's lie, **his lovely bride become polluted. And so has Christ's Bride.** The bride, **what made her become polluted** (Adam's bride now)? **Because she never stayed with God's Word.** ...

The reason that Adam's bride--there's the three: Adam, Christ, God. The reason that Adam's bride never did bear right the life child is because she disbelieved God's Word. If that's right, say "Amen." [Congregation replies, "Amen."--Ed.] **The reason that Jehovah's wife was put away, or His bride, was because that she rejected God's Word, the Prophet.** Is that right? **The reason that Christ's bride is put away in divorce is because that she has rejected the Word of God, like Eve did, like the rest of them did; exactly, all whores, all polluted. Their husband couldn't get to them. They was already pregated 'fore their husband got to them.**

Oh, God, if that ain't a pitiful sight. Think of a young man coming to a woman and **find her with seed of some other man in her.** What a thing. That's what God's done. That's what Adam done. That's what Christ has done. Oh.

82-2 Yes, never stayed with the Word and caused a hybrid condition. That's what Israel did. See where she's at? That's what Christ's bride did. See where she's at? Right back to the rest of them. Christ's Pentecostal bride did the same.

She can't bring forth spiritual Word children, for she is a hybrid herself.

Appearing and Coming

“So what you are saying is that He is here to ensure that she doesn't fall like the first Eve fell.”

- His Perousia appearing to reveal His personal Presence
- To woo His Bride through the revelation of His personal Attributes
 - The revealing of the Son of man
- Eliezer, Isaac and Rebekah was but a shadow
 - In this day this Perousia was through the ministry of Mal 4

Rahab

- Rahab had heard of the great acts of the Lord
 - She believed the testimony of the 2 spies
- He had woo'd her by the revelation of Himself to her
- She made her vows to Him and received the pledge from Him
 - Betrothal under the Token
- She had to remain sanctified unto Him
 - Faithful to her marriage contract
- But her full redemption (adoption) could only come through oneness
 - Oneness with His Body (Israel)
- When she received the seed of the line of redemption
- Covenant and then Consummation
- Marriage is but a type
 - “The children of the Kingdom neither marry nor are given in marriage”
 - “I speak of Christ and His church”
 - “Saved in childbearing”
 - Requires legal union and receiving seed

1. WHAT MAKES A MARRIAGE IN GODS SIGHT?

MAL 2:14 Yet ye say, wherefore? Because the Lord has been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy COVENANT.

God says that He is witness of the covenant made between a husband and wife.

Vs 15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. Compare also Matt 19:4-6

God says that he made a husband and wife as one (one flesh). God at this time joins them together, this speaks of the consummation of a marriage. **These are the two things in Gods sight that make a marriage COVENANT & CONSUMMATION.** There are many other things that man has added to this, but they account for nothing. People all over the world have **differing wedding and marriage customs**, and some of these traditions do not include God. **But as long as there are these two elements God will join a couple together.** He is a **witness of the vows made and joins them together when the marriage is consummated**, unless of course the marriage is sinful in which case it is regarded as adultery.

- Vows made in the baptism pool are fine
- But the relationship needs to move on to consummation
 - Until you bring forth of His Seed
 - The Seed Promise
- The vows are binding
 - He takes you at your Word
- Church Ages – He addresses both groups
 - All who make the vow and claim on Him
 - But only the Bride in each age allowed things to come to consummation
 - Receiving the Spoken Word for your age

- Rebekah veiled herself
 - She recognised her head
 - Mt Sunset
 - No more leaning on your own thinking
 - Headship has come
- Ruth lay at his feet
 - Putting herself completely at his disposal
- All Christians are betrothed unto Him through the vows we make
 - But very few come unto the Consummation of the marriage
 - To receive His Seed
- Like Eve, Israel, the Early Church, they take another Seed before Consummation
- If you have received other seed (Romans 8) then the old husband has to die before you can legally marry

VII. *The girl must now spend her time learning how to be a wife and mother, and to learn how to please her husband. He may be gone for as long as 2 years or more.*

- The young girl and the boy from the Armor Company
- “The Bride has made herself ready”
- “Clothe her in the garments of the Word”
 - The prophet’s adoption
 - Crowning time
- The Wedding Garment is in the Shout

*He may communicate with his Bride, in secret--perhaps by messenger (represented by the Ruach ha Kodesh--**the go-between** between the Bride of Messiah and Jesus.*

- “We marry here and then go to the Marriage Supper”
- The 3-roomed house
 - The Tent Vision
- Spoken Word is the Original Seed

- Bro Branham knew that he was fulfilling the same role as John the Baptist
 - “As John the Baptist foreran the first Coming ...”

- The friend of the Bridegroom
- Eliezer

(11) *THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS – The Bridegroom Comes For His Bride Attended By the Friends of the Bridegroom (the Two Witnesses):*

(a) *Moses: He acts as a friend of the bridegroom (Exod. 19:17) when he leads Israel the bride out to meet YHWH her Groom.*

(b) **Paul:** *He viewed himself as a friend of the Bridegroom (Yeshua) in 2 Cor. 11:12, "I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Messiah."*

Adoption 4 (60-0522e)

90 "You will present us to Him, and then we'll all go back to earth again..."

- Rahab looking at the approaching judgment through the Token
 - The Token gave her rest
- She saw the coming collapse
 - All that the people were trusting in
 - That which they were building as the security for their future
 - Was prophesied to completely collapse
- Only that which was under the Token would be able to stand

Eve's Redemption

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Now Eve should have been burned along with the serpent for their awful deed. But Adam intervened, taking her quickly to himself so that she was saved.

- Only the Word (the original Seed) can bring redemption
- The genealogy of Jesus and the gentile women
- Each of them brought in through redemption through marriage

PROVING.HIS.WORD_ JEFF.IN V-9 N-6 SUNDAY_ 64-0816

235 Now, we say He's raised from the dead. I didn't say it, the Word here said it. They said, "He raised from the dead." He says He's the same yesterday, and forever. You believe that? He promised these things to happen in the last day, that the same Son of man will be made manifest.

236 Now, remember, that was not Jesus talking to Abraham there, that could discern the thoughts in Sarah's mind behind him. That was not Jesus, He had not yet been born. But it was a man in human flesh, that Abraham called "Elohim, the great Almighty." Showing... And Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom," now watch close, "in the days of Sodom, so will it be at the coming of the Son of man, when the Son of man is being revealed." Not no more as a church, see, not no more; the Bride is called, see. "In that day the Son of man will be revealed." What? To join the Church to the Head, unite, the marriage of the Bride. The Bridegroom call will come right through this, when the Son of man will come down and come in human flesh to unite the two together. The Church has to be the Word, He is the Word, and the two unites together, and, to do that, **it'll take the manifestation of the revealing of the Son of man.** Not a clergyman. I--I don't know, I... Do you see what I mean? See, it's Son of man, Jesus Christ, will come down in human flesh among us, and will make His Word so real that it'll unite the Church and Him as one, the Bride, and then she'll go Home to the Wedding Supper. Amen. **She's already united, see, we go to the Wedding Supper, not to the marriage.** "... fill your flesh... self, of all the flesh of mighty men, 'cause the marriage of the Lamb has come." But, **the rapture, is going to the Wedding Supper.** When, the Word here unites with the person, and they two become one. And then what does it do then? It manifests the Son of man again, not the church theologians. The Son of man! The Word and the Church becomes one. Whatever the Son of man done, He was the Word, the Church does the same thing.