



Lesson 56 - Marriage

In this lesson we are going to talk about marriage. The Lord spoke with us this week and said, *Chalice, take this cup. It is sweet. Join with me; embrace relationship. Fusion. Immerse yourself completely in our union. Marriage faith, marriage love, marriage dependence...(a need for each other). This marriage is not about losing self but becoming a better self. Made better by the presence of the Lord.* Before a marriage takes place a proposal is made. The Lord is sending out His proposal. He asked you to take this cup and join with Him. He is asking for your hand, your heart, your love. He is seeking a marriage. But what is marriage?

It's a Legal Matter

I think marriage entails a lot. Let's start by looking at the definition of marriage: 1) the state of being united to a person as husband or wife in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law; 2) an act of marrying or the rite by which the married status is effected especially the wedding ceremony and attendant festivities or formalities; 3) an intimate or close union. The interesting part of this definition for me is that marriage is a state that is recognized by the law. It is a legal matter. We've learned a lot about legal matters from the THH website haven't we. For example, in regards to salvation we've learned that Iniquity has to do with lawlessness. What they lacked was legal entry and we learned about Legal Protection and more. The Lord's kingdom is ruled by His law. Marriage is no different; it is a legal uniting of the bride and groom.

Your Acts are Important

We have established thus far that marriage is a legal matter between contracting parties. And from the THH website, <http://www.takehisheart.com/kingdomofgodpriests.htm> we have this regarding marriage:

I have reported for years: that the Spotless Bride of Christ is a legal issue, that the marriage takes place on earth, and that the difference between a harlot and a spotless Married Bride, is in their acts, both illegal acts and legal acts.

Therefore this excerpt above from the Kingdom of God article, "A Passion for Me is Not Enough", gives us confirmation that marriage is a legal matter. But it also teaches us that the Lord's bride has additional legal responsibilities she must fulfill. She must be spotless. This article teaches us that our acts are important. This union, this marriage is serious business; even for the guests of the wedding.

Matthew 22: 2-14

"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready, Come to the wedding."' "But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those

murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 'Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' "So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless, Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are called, but few are chosen."

These guests are discussed on the THH website:

Years ago I saw small spots as well as the three large ones on the body of Christ. They are also wrong patterns of doing things. Looking at the big picture, the guests are not fitly joined together and do not have the intimacy with the Lord that the Bride has.

These people, the guests, did not have the right attire for the wedding. They made light of the wedding and went their own way. They did not get rid of their spots and blemishes.

Looking at the parable of the *Marriage Feast* picture again, the Groom is the Lord, the King. The Bride is a corporate body made up of many parts fitly joined together before the actual marriage and **spotless because she has prepared herself**. See <http://www.takehisheart.com/marriagefeastparable.htm>

Ephesians 5: 22-27

*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that **she should be holy and without blemish**.*

The bride is spotless. He is asking us to be holy, without blemishes, spots or wrinkles. On 1/3/10 the Lord said this, *The spots; the blemishes on the body are real. They are septic. And on 5/28/11 He said, Work on your blemishes. These are different from the three spots. You can see how clearly the Lord is stressing the importance of being prepared correctly. Your acts are important! The Lord gave this illustration also:*

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also saying, 'Lord, Lord,

open to us!’ “But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

We all must ask ourselves these questions: Is there oil in my lamp? Am I prepared? Do I have the correct garments? Remember your acts are important because it is a legal matter.

We don't want to forget the Lord said, **Marriage faith, marriage love, marriage dependence...(a need for each other)**. Let's look at each one of these.

Marriage Faith

In the definition above it stated that marriage is a consensual (made by mutual consent) and contractual relationship. Well I had to look that one up. A contractual relationship is a legal relationship between contracting parties evidenced by an offer, acceptance of the offer and a valid (legal and valuable) consideration (of the offer). I guess that's the legal jargon for the proposal and acceptance of said proposal. Your belief in this marriage or contractual relationship is the "valid consideration" part. In other words, faith, you have faith in this relationship, in the promise (i.e. I promise to love, honor and cherish). Jesus is offering Himself, **Chalice, take this cup. It is sweet**. You can place your faith in the Lord.

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,*

There may be times when we fall short but the Lord will never fail us. We can have faith in Him. He does not alter His word or lie. We can have assurance in the Lord.

Psalm 89:

If his sons forsake My law and do not walk in my judgments, if they break my statutes and do not keep My commandments, then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes, Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie.

Marriage Love

Join with me. Genesis 2:18 *And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone.”*
Join with me. Genesis 2:24 *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Embrace relationship. It is the fusion of two into one. It is a union that is divinely instituted. Immerse yourself completely in our union, in our Fusion.*

On 6/03/09 the Lord taught us this in one of our meetings when He said, **Jesus' blood spilled for you. Jesus' life spent for you. The cup is His life taken into you, a communion between me and you a union; a marriage, and the two become one. Communion is sacred. It symbolizes our union. Chemistry; elements coming together representing our marriage. Not only does it serve as a remembrance of my sacrifice for you but it also serves as a symbol of our union. Think of this as you take your communion. Our relationship is alive and active as a bride and her groom. Sacred, Sacred, Sacred. Understand this, this is now. It is real. I am with you. I am your lover. Be intimate with me. This is marriage love. It is intimate. Our marriage relationship demonstrates Marriage faith, marriage love, marriage dependence...(a need for each other)**.

1 Corinthians 13:8 offers this assurance when it states, *Love never fails. Marriage love.* Embrace this never failing love that Jesus is offering.

Marriage Dependence

We've gone over the words we received from the Lord; we have talked about love and faith in regards to marriage. And we briefly discussed that it is a legal matter. So what is marriage dependence? The definition of dependence is *existing or made by mutual consent without an act of writing, involving or based on mutual consent.* And the definition of its root word depend is *to place reliance or trust.* Let's think about what that just said. It is something that is agreed to between people, in this case marriage. It is not in writing, therefore, this does not involve legalities; it involves trust and reliance.

Psalm 46:1-2a

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear...

1 Peter 5:7

casting all your care upon Him, for He care for you.

Psalm 125:1

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

The Lord is reliable. You can trust Him. He cannot be moved. He will never abandon you. His love endures forever.

Your House

One of the definitions of House is *a family.* And this is something I have been thinking about a lot lately in relationship to marriage. Because I think you establish your house when you get married. You've heard expressions like the "House of Winsor" and the such. I think Kate Middleton joined the House of Winsor when she married Prince William.

One of the things we have learned from the THH website <http://www.takehisheart.com/lordofrevelation.htm> is that "Our house represents what we believe". Therefore when you relate this all to our marriage to Christ I believe we can conclude that we are establishing our beliefs when we are joining Him in marriage. Do you recall the verse from Genesis ?

Genesis 2:24 *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

We are legally establishing our unity to Christ, establishing our beliefs. We are to *Immerse ourselves completely in our union.* Cherishing and holding on to *Marriage faith, marriage love, marriage dependence...(a need for each other).* The Lord assures us also that *This marriage is not about losing self but becoming a better self. Made better by the presence of the Lord.*

The Lord also said, *Diligence to the end is required. Call on me when you need uplifting. Let's get closer and closer still. We can never be too close. Relationship, relationship, relationship...in Me. It's all in Me.*

Revelations 19: 7-9

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”

May the Lord Bless and Keep You,
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