

# A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW OF OUR LORD'S BRIDGROOM LOVE FOR US

## THE BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF READY - REVELATION 19:7

How much does the Lord love His people? Let the following verses declare it: ***"The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: 'Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.'" Jeremiah. 31:3***

***"And it shall be, in that day," says the LORD, "That you will call Me 'My Husband,' And no longer call Me 'My Master,'" Hosea 2:16.*** Because of this infinite love for us **John 14:23** proclaims what our love in response to His heart should produce: ***"Jesus said "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word...."!***

When **LADIES** read the Word of God they must become accustomed to being called **"sons of God"**. This has **nothing to do with the masculine gender**, it is about the **FAMILY RELATIONSHIP** with their Abba, Father (**Rom.8:15; Gal.4:6**). Can you imagine being given to Jesus as a bride by His Abba Father? It's absolutely true. Jesus said clearly that we are a gift to Him from His Father in **John 10:29**, **"My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."**

For **MEN**, they need to understand that being the bride of Christ is **not a gender issue**. It is a heartfelt **SURRENDER** issue. Read **Rom.12:1,2**. It is sad that so few men are able to enter into the glories of the Song of Songs because they think it is feminine. God's Word teaches clearly in **Gal.3:28** ***"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*** Online go to page 12 and see what three well known men and one well known lady had to say. Women and men who have received Christ as their Lord and Savior will be living in that relationship in eternity. Why not now?

Our Bridegroom Jesus asks, ***"And why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say?" Luke 6:46.*** Your Bridegroom didn't die simply to be just your Savior. He became your Savior that He might be Lord of your life. ***"For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living."*** Romans14:9.

The theme of this wonderful Song is about a believer who desires a deeper more intimate relationship with her Bridegroom through daily **surrendering** her/his will to Him in all the daily issues to Him in whom are ***"hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"*** Colossians 2:3.

All of us in the body of Christ need to be very submissive to our Lord, our Husband. It is an act of being humble before our eternal Husband - wasn't that a characteristic of Jesus as He walked this earth? He declared of Himself in **Matt. 11:29** ***"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*** His yoke is easy and His burden is light because we are drawn so close to Him in that yoke and He is carrying all the weight of that yoke. Isn't that what a real husband is supposed to be like?

Jesus, your Bridegroom humbled Himself for you, His bride (**Phil.2:5-9**) and did this for you, **Eph. 5:25-26**, ***"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."***

He still is giving Himself for you, **Heb. 7:25**, ***"Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."*** WHAT A HUSBAND!

Imagine Jesus, with great joy, looking closely at this precious gift of you to Him and saying, ***"Thank You my Father, thank You so much, she looks terrible right now, but I'll die for her! She will become my beautiful, perfect, spotless, glorious bride forever and ever!"*** (Heb.12:2). This is part of the great joy that was set before Jesus causing Him to endure the cross and despising the shame!

Oh the precious oneness you have as a bride with your heavenly Bridegroom who came to live in your heart (Eph.1:13; Col.1:27; John 17:22)! Yes, He lives intimately in you. That is spiritual oneness.

This spiritual oneness is what real marriage is all about. Jesus loves you, His blood-bought bride so much, that at the moment of salvation He had to indwell you immediately by His Spirit. That's oneness! He would not leave His bride alone in this sinful wilderness but would stay with her until He escorts her to their permanent home (John 14:2-3).

The devotional is to be read slowly. Each time it is simply sitting privately with your most intimate spiritual Friend (John 15:15, 17:26), the Lord Jesus Christ, having Him reveal to you the deepest thoughts about you, His blood bought bride. Many, many times you will just sit and savor in your heart the joys of Him who is your Bridegroom/Friend.

May the Holy Spirit touch your heart while reading the following verses:

***Isa 54:5; "For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth."***

***2 Corinthians 11:2; "For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin."***

***Hosea 2:19-20; The Lord speaking about His people, "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In lovingkindness and in compassion, and I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD."***

John the Baptist speaking about Jesus, ***John 3:29, "He who has the bride is the Bridegroom..."***

***Revelation 19:7, 9; "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. Then he said to me, 'Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.'"***

***Revelation 21:9; "Then one of the seven angels...spoke with me, saying, 'Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.'"***

The Lord even uses the analogy of a bride and bridegroom in giving us the garments for salvation. What a gift!!!  
***Isaiah 61:10; "I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."***

*Always for His Name's sake alone,*

***Esher Shoshannah*** Psalms 106:8; 109:21; 143:11