

Vision

As the Holy Spirit was once again confirming to me the sanctity of the bridal relationship He enables us to have with Jesus, He revealed to me that this book - as it would come forth to the body of Christ - would actually be in partial fulfillment of Jesus' own prophecy in Matthew 25:1, that in these very last days before His return (*Matthew 24*), the kingdom of heaven would be likened unto virgins going forth to meet the Bridegroom. There is to arise, therefore, in these days the teaching of the bridal relationship to be experienced between Jesus and His church.

Surely, God has His reasons for choosing such a "parabolic teaching" for this time in history. I believe that one such reason is to prepare us for what is to come both in heaven and on the earth. Only with a fervor toward Jesus such as that found in the marriage relationship can we be made ready for Him and for the rigors of this day in which we live so we, indeed, can live without fear, face situations in an overcoming posture, and thereby, beam Him forth with glory on our faces, in our mouths and through our lives. Praise the Lord! He is worthy of our heart's supreme devotion, our highest energies, our full and unwavering commitment!

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:30

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:11

When we realize that:

- 1) Jesus, Himself, is the living Word (*John 1:1-18*)
- 2) we, as His blood-bought bride, are now in vital spiritual union with Him (*John 14-17, Colossians 1:25-27, Ephesians 1:9-10, II Corinthians 6:16, I Corinthians 6:17*) and
- 3) the written word, the Bible, exposes Him to us in His beauty and power (*II Corinthians 3:16-18 Amp.*)

THEN life takes on an exciting new style.

As we prayerfully delve into the scriptures and ask Him, as our Lord, to actually live out His life and His revealed word in and through us, there comes the glowing reality of His presence to be enjoyed each minute of the day. Made aware, then, of His constant availability to receive our worship, each day can be spent ministering to and receiving from the very God of the universe regardless of what we do or where we go. The minutes and hours of each day can, in this way, be transformed into precious crystal moments, each a varied cameo of life in the spirit, lived and walked with the King of Kings.

Filled and empowered with His Spirit and equipped by His words abiding in us, we are ready for any event or task. To be content with less than this is to rob ourselves and God of what He desires for each one of us ... for our sake and His, as well as others.'

Psalm 25:14 Amp.

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