



Lesson 97 The Bride

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The Bride

07/24/12 BT – What I say will be and I say "Bride Come forth." My Bride will manifest in the earth. Will you be a part? She will be spotless and clean and I will adorn her in fine linen. You must learn My ways if you want to be apart of My true Bride. There is no other way. The path is narrow. The path is Me – Jesus. You must follow after My heart. Come Forth Bride.

I believe the Lord wants us to be focusing on Brideship in this lesson. And I believe He has also been trying to get us to understand the importance of our actions, our efforts in this regard. Brideship doesn't just happen it takes effort. It is a process we must go through. This is why He said "set" our eyes on Brideship. It is something to work towards. There are several definitions that will help us understand this concept and they are:

Bride- a woman who has just been or is about to be married; the relation between Christ (the bridegroom) and His church (the bride)

-ship: indicating state or condition, rank, office or position; craft or skill

Marriage: a relationship, an institution, in which two have pledged themselves to each other legally and ceremonially; a close, intimate union.

Set: to apply, to put into a particular place or position; to place in some relation to something or someone.

After reading the definitions above we can gather that when we put Bride and -ship together the definition for Brideship would be the state, office or skill of those who have just been or are about to be married to Christ, His Church. They have pledged themselves to Him. They have made a commitment to this relationship, this institution.

Hence, when the Lord tells us to set our eyes on Brideship, He is telling us to not only focus, to not only pledge, our commitment, to our relationship with Him, the groom. But He is also telling us to apply effort into this commitment, this relationship with Him, the groom. **And it is about doing it legally and ceremonially correct.**

We cannot enter into marriage any which way we would like to. The correct way to enter into marriage has already been legally established. Therefore, we must follow what has been established. This is what we are learning on the Take His Heart website. We are relearning what has been forgotten over time.

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To become the Bride we must learn His ways. It is a process we will go through. It takes time to get it all down correctly. For example, we have learned about the three spots, one of which being “How the Holy Spirit Teaches”. It is through this spot that we will learn about His ways. The legally correct ways we must apply to our lives. But we must understand that it takes effort on our part.

07/20/12 BT - Learn My ways and I will spare you like a man spares his son who does right by him.

07/22/12 MVA - My ways are learned. Each built upon another. Fine lines details are important. Look to Me Jesus as I fill in the details. Cleanliness important. Respect, honor, show always to your God Jesus.

07/23/12 MVA - My ways are not mans' ways. I AM showing you My ways.

It Takes Effort

Yes, it will take effort on our part to become **spotless and clean**. It will take effort on our part to become the Bride. The Lord said, **You must learn My ways if you want to be apart of My true Bride. There is no other way. The path is narrow. The path is Me – Jesus. You must follow after My heart.**

The Lord has taught us so much about following after His heart. As we have said, He has taught us about getting rid of the three spots. He has taught us about meeting with Him. He has taught us about Mount Zion. Yes, we have learned so much. But there is more to be learned. Remember, this week, He said we **must learn His ways if we want to be apart of His true Bride**. In one of our meetings this week He added this:

07/25/12 CT - **Hearing Me, you must be listening to Me in order to hear Me. How can we have a conversation over the loudness, the pushiness of the world? You will not hear Me, when you are listening to it. Cleanse yourself. Our time together is precious. It is revitalizing. It is cleansing. It is a time of growth and learning. Quiet the world in your soul. Disconnect from it and be one with Me. Chambers, cells forming of solitude, of peace. The Secret Place within.**

Know Me! Spend time with Me! How excited did you get in your youth over a date? You are in your youth now. Make a date. Have a date with Me. Get excited about it. You still have much to learn, much to grow into but it takes time. Use your time wisely. Come forth Bride!

You can see that the Lord is emphasizing the fact that it takes effort on our part. We have to step away from the world. We have to be quiet and listen to the Lord, giving Him a place within ourselves, giving Him the time He deserves. This is how we will begin to learn His ways. This is how we will get on this path by spending time with Him.

The Lord described us as being in our **youth**. And He asked us to reflect back on our youthful days when we were dating. We would get so excited over a date. Hours would be spent in daydreams. We would get excited just thinking about it, over the sheer possibility of it, not to mention the actual date itself. And then we would put a lot of effort in getting ready for our date. It was all very exciting. This doesn't even include the happiness and giddiness of the actual date itself.

Yes, we would take a shower, wash our hair, and brush our teeth. We would make sure that our clothes were clean and pressed. We wanted everything to be perfect. And we wanted to make sure it was perfect before our date arrived. We did all this because we wanted to be

pleasing for our date. We were putting forth an effort but it was one we were enthusiastic about. We didn't mind all the effort.... The date was worth it.

The Lord is asking us for the same. He is asking us to get this excited over Him. He is asking us to put forth the same amount of effort for Him as we did for those dates of old. He is asking us to make sure we are clean and that our clothes are ready. He would like us to be just as prepared for His arrival as we were for those dates of old. He wants us to want to be pleasing for Him as well.

07/19/12 SN - **Take the time to get to know Me better, You won't be disappointed, Lessons learned gives an opportunity to go beyond one's own thinking.**

07/20/12 BN – **Though there is much serious work to be done...I can be playful as well. There are so many ways and reasons to enjoy My company. Won't you join Me! I want to share Myself with you, My knowledge, My wisdom, My love, My feelings. Come to Me and learn. I AM the great teacher. Be My student. Do not teach yourself for you do not know the lesson plan.**

07/20/12 DP - **Work in Me, I call you to the work. So much enlightening I will give you.**

07/21/12 DP - **Guidance given beyond man's ways, take to heart the knowledge your being given. Stay focused, centered in Me. I will reveal all in My timing. So many things to be done so little time, work My works. I will lead you as to how.**

The Lord is asking us to put effort into our relationship. He is asking us to join Him.

I will Adorn Her

Over the course of our lessons, and through the THH website of course, we have talked a lot about cleaning ourselves up, becoming spotless. And as mentioned previously, we have learned about the three spots, meetings, Mt. Zion, fusion and more, much more in fact. Just last week we learned about being "self-sufficient in Him, in other words relying completely upon him. We have talked about trust and faith. So, yes, we have learned a lot thus far. But this week the Lord wants us to teach us about His statement of "adorning her in fine linen" and how this relates to Brideship.

First, we have to understand what exactly fine linen is. What does it represent? Well, the answer lies in a verse from:

Revelation 19:8 ...for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Hence, we learn that fine linen is actually righteous acts. Jesus, we know, walked in righteousness. We are to as well.

From THH <http://www.takehisheart.com/pdf/lords%20picture.pdf> we can learn how this righteousness applies to the Bride and Brideship.

Righteousness is a foundational act that the Bride must fulfill to come into the right position to be the Lord's wife.

Jesus fulfilled the law of righteousness, which in turn gave God the legal right to establish His throne. The Bride, as a corporate body, will fulfill the same law. When this really happens God will establish her position beside the Lord!

Could Jesus, so pure and clean, marry an unrighteous body, a spotted woman called the church?

Revelation 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.”*

No, Jesus cannot marry an unrighteous body, a spotted woman, a spotted church.

But in order to get the picture down straight in our mind we must understand exactly what was just said in the words above. It said that Jesus fulfilled the law of righteousness. What does fulfill mean? Well **fulfill** means to bring about the completion or achievement of, to carry out or execute, to conform with or satisfy (i.e. regulations, demands, laws, etc), to finish or reach the end of. Consequently, what it is saying is that Jesus achieved, carried out, conformed with, satisfied all the demands, all the regulations, all the statutes, all the laws that had been established. Jesus himself said this:

Matthew 3:15 *But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”*

Matthew 5:17-20 *“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

Jesus is teaching us through His example that we are to carry out, satisfy, achieve all that has been established by the Lord. He said that it is *fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness*. In other words He is teaching us to be obedient unto the Lord and what He established (laws, commandments, statutes etc). This is the first part of what He is teaching us as it relates to fine linen.

The second part of what He is teaching us in regards to our righteous acts relates to the Bride herself and what she will carry out.

Remember earlier in this lesson we said, *“It is a process we are going through.”* We talked about how we are taking steps, making the effort to prepare ourselves for Brideship. This process is described in the book of **Revelation** as *“His wife has made herself ready”*. The Bride is making herself ready by preparing herself for His arrival, just as we would have prepared for a date, except here we are preparing ourselves spiritually. We are cleaning ourselves up, we are getting rid of the spots, and we are being obedient unto Him.

And this is where the second part comes into it. We are being obedient unto Him not only by remembering and complying with the statutes and laws He has set forth as in the bible. But we are also listening and obeying, following through, with His commands as He gives them today. We are doing this by spending time with Him, meeting with Him, listening and then

following through with what He has asked us to do. We are comparing spiritual to spiritual and we are learning, applying, doing. "It is a process we are going through".

Yes, there are righteous acts we can do and come up with on our own (of our own will) but His Bride will be seeking Him out. His Bride will be seeking and following after His Will not her own. Remember the story from the THH website that tells of the Lord saying, "this is good but it is not what I asked you to do".

The Lord is the one who knows what the acts are that we should be carrying out today. We do not. Therefore, we should go to Him to discover exactly what these acts are. We should then follow through with them. This is how we will become adorned in fine linen, through our righteous acts, of abiding by His will. Remember, it is a process we are going through. We are learning the Lord's ways.

07/19/12 BT - It is My will and your obedience that makes these things happen.

07/19/12 BN - Continue...Continue... to try...to be obedient...to let Me lead...Let Me lead more in all things...In all aspects of your life. I care about them all. Even the ones you think I do not. If they should not be there I will let you know.

07/19/12 DP - I AM shaping and molding you into a vessel usable by Me for My purpose. Listen for instruction. All will come down the river. See to it that it is followed directly as given. Make way for My path. I will lead and guide. Total transformation occurring. Allow Me to take you to the next step, I will perfect. Kingdom principles must be established, no self will be tolerated, all instruction is given by Me, proper protocol must be followed, these are My ways walk in them. Refinement ongoing in MY body purging the old way erasing the stain of wrong doings.

07/22/12 SN – Gather together here often. Won't you join Me? There are several things to show you. Choose not what you will. Choose what I will. I will not lead you astray.

07/23/12 DP - Follow My path until you are refined. I lead you in the ways of righteousness.

07/24/12 BT - You must learn My ways if you want to be apart of My true Bride. There is no other way. The path is narrow. The path is Me – Jesus. You must follow after My heart.

This week when the Lord said, She will be spotless and clean and I will adorn her in fine linen. He painted a picture in our mind of how exactly we come to be adorn in fine linen. He showed us that it is through our righteous acts of obedience unto Him. We become spotless and clean by getting rid of self, by going to Him, seeking His will and then following through with what He has told us to do. This is how we come to be adorn in fine linen.

Will we allow Him to shape us? Will we allow Him to teach us His ways? Will we follow through?

Summation

Yes, one day the Lord spoke to the prophet and told him, "Tell the church to set its eyes on Brideship." We (the church) need to do this because we won't just arrive there without effort on our part.

She (the bride) will cleanse herself and she will fulfill the "Law of Righteousness!"

When she does this, she (as a corporate body) will come to a position of authority in the Kingdom of God! This is a place of authority the church in the world has never seen.

This is correct. There is authority in the spirit realm, in the Kingdom of God.

A harlot (the church) has no authority, in the Kingdom of God!

She has no authority because she has not been faithful to the Lord. **She is a harlot because of her acts, because she has chosen to follow after her will, she has chosen to follow the world, as opposed to following after the Lord's will.**

But this does bring up an important point and that is that much of what we are talking about occurs in the spiritual realm. We, of course, realize when we were speaking of those dates of old, we understand that these occurred in the physical. Much, however, of what we have been speaking of today is occurring in the spiritual part of ourselves and in the spiritual realm like for example submitting to Christ, seeking after His will.

Our physical actions, however, do affect our spiritual life. A good example of this would be when we confess Christ to another person. This is a physical act we carry out that will affect our spiritual life as well. Therefore what we have learned is that it does take effort on our part. Yes, it requires both a spiritual and physical effort on our part.

We began this lesson by stating that the Lord wanted us to focus on brideship. We have learned that the bride will cleanse herself and she will fulfill the law of righteousness. We have learned this is because **A bride (faithful wife) is intimate with her husband. While a harlot is intimate with many men. In other words intimacy with the Lord comes from obedience and faithfulness not from harlotrous acts, not from following after world.**

We have also learned that we become adorned with fine linen when we are listening and obeying, following through, not only with those laws and statutes He established early on in His word but also with His commands as He gives them today. We are doing this by spending time with Him, meeting with Him, listening and then following through with what He has asked us to do. In other words He tells us what to do and then we do it, not the other way around.

This week the Lord said this:

07/20/12 MVA - Instruction followed precisely leads to victory. Sloppiness leads to heart ache and correction.

07/20/12 BN – Yes, wait for Me, wait for My guidance. Do this in all things so you know it is My will and not your own. See it through to the end. It is not too much longer. I know it can be difficult but it is worth it. Stay focused on Me and all will be well. Stay strong, resist temptations and turn to Me for help. That is all. You may go but remember...turn to Me.

07/21/12 MVA - Stay in tune with your God Jesus. Flow with your God Jesus. Be attentive and listening to your God Jesus. Wisdom is heard by listening to your God Jesus. Follow all My guidance and instruction.

07/21/12 BN - Simply wait for Me, for My guidance in all things. My corporate body is coming together. You (my family the 3 of us) are part of it. Let Me use you as one body for My purposes. Let My peace wash over you. Release yourself to Me fully. Keep the distractions (worldly thoughts) out of our meetings. Would you want cell phones or TV's in your meetings. Allow Me to use you fully. Do not worry I will lead. You will continue to grow closer and more intimate with Me as you try.

07/22/12 DP - I AM, Know that I AM HE who is, was and is forevermore. I rule by My hand, take My lead and follow. I will govern My people called by My name. Take heed to instruction being given at this time it will lead to safety. Diligence, course corrections receive, much

correction, much love. I will guide you as My sheep into green pastures. Only obey. Guidance given from throne room, impact made. What about? Serious matter, flowchart established, course corrections on going.

07/23/12 MVA - My ways are not mans ways. I AM showing you My ways. Covenant are My ways. Power My Power is located in covenant. Order there is a order to My ways. Covenant then ask and you shall receive that your joy may be full. My Power yes Jesus is released in covenant. Proclaim My covenant ways. Obstacles are removed in covenant. Many are awaiting on My promises yes Jesus. Covenant then ask and you shall receive. Correct ways of doing things. Order in all disorder not. Steps in walking hand in hand with your God Jesus. Traditions of men no My ways yes Jesus. Opportunities abound proclaim My ways. The ways of your God Jesus. I Love you. Stay attentive and learning.

07/23/12 CT – Celebrate the seasons, celebrate the season of learning, celebrate the season of forgiveness, celebrate the season of compassion, celebrate the season of healing. Yes, celebrate all the seasons. Now is the time to learn, now is the time to grow. Grow in Me. Grow in wisdom and knowledge. Ask and you shall receive. Pay attention, pay attention to all I AM giving. Pay attention and learn from it. Put 2 and 2 together. Join the pieces, however, you can't join the pieces together if you never review them, if you never look at them. Take the time to study the pieces. They form a picture and it is a picture of My plan, My love for you, act it out. Remember faith without works is dead. Have life and have it abundantly with Me. Celebrate and act.

07/24/12 BN – Rise up as a light before My people. Make sure you are following after Me. I cannot drive if you will not let go of the wheel. Let Me drive so the journey is easier. You may still get there in the end, but the road will be longer and filled with more obstacles. And eventually you will still have to yield control. Why not do so now?

07/25/12 BT - Seek Me and My ways. Follow after Me and My ways. Live your life for Me and you will be sowing wisely and you will reap the benefits. You will reap the blessing. My Will will come to pass. I respect your will. Will you get into My Will? This is a decision you must make. You must work at staying in My Will. I can help you if you ask Me to. But you must ask as I respect your will. I love you all and want all of you in My will. Come to Me My children.

07/25/12 DP - Preparation is a must. I Am guiding into perfection, you must follow Me close. Take what is given in the meetings, apply to life. I make it all possible. Listen for My voice I have the words which lead unto life. Follow Me and you shall live. New day dawning, coming forth that which has not been, I will have My Church, Amen.

The Lord has told us to “set our eyes on Brideship”. Thus He is telling is to apply what we learn. Put it into use in our lives. He said, Follow after Me and My ways. Live your life for Me and you will be sowing wisely and you will reap the benefits.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You,
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