



Session 4

The Bridegroom God

Review

1. Knowledge of God
2. God of Glory
3. Intimate

I. The Bridegroom God

The identity of Jesus as the Bridegroom is important to grasp because it's a direct reflection to the identity that you and I must walk in more as we come closer to the end of this age and Jesus' return.

Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus.

A. The Garden

1. The place of fellowship, the place of encounter
2. We see the garden in Genesis & we see it in Revelation
3. We also see the garden throughout the storyline of the Bible
 - a) Queen Esther
 - b) Solomon
 - c) Garden of Gethsemane
 - d) Our hearts are seen as picture of a garden
 - (1) It's in the secret place of the heart that we must encounter Him.

B. The Wedding

1. Genesis – in the Eden, the Garden of God
2. Revelation – marriage of the Lamb & the Bride

C. The Bridegroom

1. He who has the Bride is the Bridegroom
 - a) Joh 3:28-29 "You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.
 - b) Mat 9:14 Then the disciples of John *came to Him, asking, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

- c) Mat 9:15 And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.
- d) Jesus is the one who has the Bride, therefore Jesus is the Bridegroom
- e) Jesus is God, therefore Jesus is the God who is the Bridegroom. He is the Bridegroom God.

D. Bride & Bridegroom – Key word

1. Song of Solomon

- a) Love is used 61x in 8 short chapters.

2. Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,...

- 3. Eph 5:28-33 **So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies.** He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body. **FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.** Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

4. Attribute of God

- a) 1Jn 4:16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love,** and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.
- b) Eph 3:16-21 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge,** that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
- c) The vastness of God's love is like...
 - (1) An infinite ocean with an infinite sky above
 - 1) *Wide – as far as the east is from the west – like standing on the shore*
 - 2) *Long – from eternity past to eternity future (from eternity to eternity)*
 - 3) *Deep – the depths of His heart – place of mystery, hidden and secret places, ...*
 - 4) *High – the exhilarating place, those who climb higher mountains, jump out of perfectly good airplanes, etc.*
 - 5) *Comprehending the incomprehensible. – to throw beyond a target.*
 - (2) It's massive!
 - (3) It's unfathomable
 - (4) It's unbelievable
 - (5) This is why we need Holy Spirit to work within us to enable us to comprehend this love for us. It takes God to comprehend His love.

5. Before we can understand the love of the Bridegroom towards us...

- a) **The Fellowship of God - how does God love God?**
- b) How does the Father love Jesus?

- (1) Mar_1:11 and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."
 - (2) Joh_3:35 "The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.
 - (3) Joh_5:20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.
 - (4) Joh_10:17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.
- c)** How does Holy Spirit love Jesus?
- (1) Joh_16:14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.
- d)** How does Jesus love Father?
- (1) Joh_15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
- e)** How does Jesus love Holy Spirit?
- (1) Luk_12:8-10 "And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.
- f)** How does Father love Holy Spirit?
- (1) Jas_4:5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?
- g)** How does Holy Spirit love Father?
- (1) Rom_8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"
 - (2) Gal_4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
 - (3) Full of Zeal
- h)** If God is love - I Jn 4, then the love that exists within the Godhead, that flows freely between the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit must be ...?
- (1) Perfect
 - (2) Sublime
 - (3) Astonishing
 - (4) Unfathomable
 - (5) Infinite
 - (6) Passionate
- i)** 1Co 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails;...
- j)** The Flame of Yah
- (1) Son_8:6-7 "Put me like a seal over your heart, Like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as severe as Sheol; Its flashes are flashes of fire, The very flame of the LORD. Many waters cannot quench love, Nor will rivers overflow it; If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love, It would be utterly despised."

- (2) Holy Flame of Love
- (3) Mat 3:11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

6. How does God love me?

- a) Now how does God love you?
 - (1) The Father loves me
 - 1) *Joh_16:27 for the Father himself loves (phileo) you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.*
 - (2) Jesus, the Bridegroom, loves me
 - 1) *Joh 15:9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.*
 - (3) Holy Spirit loves me
 - 1) *Luk 12:11-12 "When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."*
 - 2) *Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*
- b) Trying to grasp the fact that God loves me **as much as He loves God** is like trying to drink the ocean.

7. Loving God with my whole heart...

- a) Mat 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."
- b) Joh 17:25-26 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, **so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**" (The love of the Father = HS = in us)

E. Prayer over us

F. Tools

1. Fasting

- a) The Rewards of Fasting download

G. Love

1. **aheb - Affection - H157**
2. **chashaq - desire - H2836**
3. **racham - fondle - H7355**
4. **dode -boil - H1730**
5. **chesed - lovingkindness - H2617**
6. **agape - G25**
 - a) selfless love, unconditional love
7. **phileo - G5368**
 - a) Phileo

- (1) Joh 5:19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. Joh 5:20 "For the Father **loves** the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. Joh 5:21 "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.
 - (2) Joh 11:3 So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You **love** is sick." Joh 11:35 Jesus wept. Joh 11:36 So the Jews were saying, "See how He loved him!"
 - (3) Joh 16:26 "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; Joh 16:27 for the Father Himself **loves** you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father.
 - (4) Joh 20:2 So she *ran and *came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and *said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."
 - (5) Joh 21:15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He *said to him, "Tend My lambs." Joh 21:16 He *said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He *said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." Joh 21:17 He *said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus *said to him, "Tend My sheep.
 - (6) 1Co 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed. Maranatha.
 - (7) Rev 3:19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.
- b) to be a friend
 - c) fondness
 - d) tender compassion

8. eros
9. storge - G5387
 - a) Familial love – within the family