



Calling a Bride

We can all become part of God yet be individuals. That is what a wife is. A wife is part of a husband, in God's eyes the two are one. That's what marriage is.

The bride has taken the husband's name, she has allowed her identity to become a part of her husband. A husband has the final decision in all things but his love for her gives her access to all he has and all he is. She becomes his queen.

Adam was made in the image of God. According to Genesis 2 Adam needed a wife. If Adam is the image of God and he needs a wife then God needs a wife. John the Baptist calls Jesus the Bridegroom. So where's Jesus Bride?

She is like Solomon's wife. There were 1,000 women that made up the wife of Solomon. They were all married to him. Although there were a thousand of them they could not marry anyone else, they all had one husband. He could marry many, but the women could only marry one.

These women represent the Bride of Christ, thousand times ten thousand may make up this Bride, so many in fact that they are a city, the New Jerusalem. They can only have one God, Jesus Christ but He can have many believers.

Adam was originally spirit form in Genesis 1. He had to be placed in a physical body in chapter 2. Where was His bride? Inside him. He had to be put to sleep have his side opened for his bride Eve to come into existence.

The great Spirit God had to become a man, born of woman. He had to be put to sleep on the cross and His side opened for a church to be born, and from that comes the Bride of Christ.

Now there may be many girls a man might admire and even consider to be his wife. Yet out of that group he will choose one to be a bride. There will be many called, but few will be chosen! There will be many who make up the church, (the word church means called out) but few will be bride, the chosen.

Getting scary isn't it.

Now how does a bride get chosen?

God does it, and he does it through servants.

Abraham had a son Isaac. This was the promised son, this was the impossible son as Abraham and Sarah were too old to have children. Both were dead as far as human reproduction was concerned. But God brought this promised son on the scene straight after He visited Abraham on the plains of Mamre. (Genesis 18)

Notice how God added a part of His name, the H from Jehovah into Abram and Sarai's name. H in Hebrew is breath, life. They became young again. So much so that a king wanted Sarah in his harem! A woman of ninety for a harem? Anyway the son came, Isaac. He grew up. He needed a bride. God had a son, Jesus. He needs a bride.

There was no way Abraham the Father, was going to have His Son marry a local worldly girl. The only bride for Isaac would have to come from where Abraham came from. The only bride for Christ has to come from the Father's home. The only bride suitable for Christ must have been in God before the creation of the world.

The Elect are predestinated by foreknowledge. They do not know who they are, but God does. Like Rebekah they do not even know of the existence of Isaac.



So what has to happen?

Abraham calls his servant Eliezer and sends him back to his home town. This is Genesis 24.

Jesus is in Eternity. He needs a bride, a grown up bride. A lot of time has passed since Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees. A lot of time has passed since Jesus went up to heaven. A new generation has emerged. He will not send Isaac back to that country just as Jesus is not to come down to earth in human form until Armagedon.

So what does Abraham do? He does what God does. He sends a servant with a message to call out a bride. That servant through prayer is brought into contact with Rebekah, gives her gifts and asks to take her back to Isaac. The family want her to stay awhile but no the servant wants to go now. She agrees and goes with him.

God has sent a messenger with a message to call out the Bride of Christ. She is part of God's family but doesn't know it until the message comes. This is a spiritual call, only the Bride can hear it and respond correctly. Her parents, those around her, the church she is in all want her to stay awhile but the servant is insistent she must come at the calling, she must be prepared to leave and journey to meet this Jesus who she didn't really know without delay.

They arrive back in Canaan in the evening time. The Evening Time is always our time, now. Notice what happens, Rebekah sees Isaac in the fields in the evening time and jumps down off the camels just as we will jump off our church and meet the Lord in the air to be forever with Him.

Did you catch that?

God sent a prophet William Branham to preach a message that only those who were a part of God's thoughts before the creation of the world could catch and get excited by just as Abraham sent Eliezer to get a bride for

Isaac.

But to get the correct Word we need to listen to or read the sermons of William Branham.

He was the Elieaser of our day, a great servant, a great messenger, but don't worship the messenger. He only pointed to Christ just as Eliezer pointed Rebekah to Isaac.

A prophet speaks the word of God, and Jesus is the Word. It is Jesus, represented by Isaac in that story that we are to marry.

This is the secret coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to call away His bride to the Rapture

