

The Father's Gift To The Son

The Biblical Unfolding Of

The Ultimate Purpose For Everything

Last Week's Conclusion

- The Father's ultimate purpose has ever been **to provide a suitable bride for His Son.**
- The Trinity created all things, not out of a personal need for glory, but out of the overflow of the Father's love for the Son.

Two Practical Questions

1. How can Christian *men* come to terms with a bridal destiny?
2. Isn't the idea of a *corporate bride* a contradiction in terms?

Two Theological Questions

1. What kind of a Bridegroom is God's Son?
2. What kind of a Bride could possibly be *suitable* for God's Son?

The Biblical Answers

1. **PENTATEUCH:** A holy Bridegroom, a priestly Bride.
2. **HISTORY:** A warrior Bridegroom, a warrior Bride.
3. **POETRY:** A glorious Bridegroom, a fruitful Bride.
4. **PROPHECY:** A faithful Bridegroom, a holy Bride.
5. **GOSPELS-ACTS:** A servant Bridegroom, a forgiven Bride.
6. **EPISTLES:** A gracious Bridegroom, a servant Bride.
7. **REVELATION:** A victorious Bridegroom, a ruling Bride.

Pentateuch: Wedding At Sinai

- “You are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy....” (Leviticus 20.26)
- “You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” (Exodus 19.6; Revelation 5.10)

History: Warrior Wins The Bride

- “The one who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will even give him my daughter for a wife.” (Exodus 15.3; Joshua 5.13-15; Judges 1.12-15; 1 Samuel 18.27)
- ... in order that the generations of ... Israel might be taught war (Judges 3.1-2)

Poetry: Pictures Of Intimacy

- You are doubly beautiful compared to the sons of men ... (Hebrew of Psalm 45.2)
- "Awake, O north wind, And come, wind of the south; Make my garden breathe out fragrance ..." (Song of Songs 4.16)

Prophecy: Loving An Adulteress

- “Your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts....” (Isaiah 54.4)
- “You will call Me Ishi, And will no longer call me Baali.” (Hosea 2.16)
- “I will betroth you to Me forever....” (Hosea 2.19)

Gospels-Acts: Meet The Bridegroom

- “The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as **the bridegroom is with them** ...” (Matthew 9.15; Mark 2.19-20)
- “her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much...” (Luke 7.47)
- “He who has the bride is the bridegroom...” (John 3.29)
- “I go to prepare a place for you. ... I will come again and receive you to Myself ...” (John 14.2-3)

Epistles: Wedding Preparations

- ... Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present to Himself the church in all her glory ... (Ephesians 5.25-27)
- ... Jesus, ... **who for the joy set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame ... (Hebrews 12.2)

Epistles 2: Wedding Preparations

- ... the married woman ... if her husband dies, she is released ... you were made to die to the Law ... so that you might be joined to another ...” (Rom 7.1-4)
- ... I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. (2 Corinthians 11.2)

Revelation: Marriage of the Lamb

- "... the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." (Revelation 19.7-9)
- ... I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21.2)
- "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." (Revelation 21.8)

Conclusion

- The reason for everything is the Father's gift of a Bride for His Son.
- The death and resurrection of Jesus not only secured our redemption, but won His bride from the clutches of the enemy.

Invitation

The Spirit and the Bride say,

“Come.”

(Rev 22.17)