## A True Relationship! Man & Women

Genesis 2:24 (NKJV) Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

 The seriousness of the relationship Exodus 20:14 (NKJV) "You shall not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:17 (NKJV) "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife...

- \*\*\*Deuteronomy 22:22 (NKJV) "If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel.
- 1 Corinthians 6:13 (NASB 2020) Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, however God will do away with both of them. But the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body.
- \*\*\*Hebrews 13:4 (NLT) <u>Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who</u> are immoral and those who commit adultery.
- 1 Corinthians 6:9 (NLT) Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,
- \*\*\*Romans 1:24-25 (ESV) Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie...
- Romans 1:26-27 (ESV) For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.
- \*\*\*1 Corinthians 6:12-19 (NASB 2020) <u>But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.</u> <u>Flee sexual immorality.</u> Every other sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Ephesians 5:28-30 (NASB 2020) So husbands also ought 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 parts of His body. for this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

## II. The Ceremony means something.

John 4:16-18 (NASB 2020) He \*said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." The woman answered and said to Him, "I have no husband." Jesus \*said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this which you have said is true."

John 2:1-2 (NASB 2020) On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

The Bible if full of ceremony! This is a ceremony of Covenant!

\*\*Genesis 15:17-18 (NASB 2020) Now it came about, when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, a smoking oven and a flaming torch appeared which passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram,

Hebrews 6:13-15 (NASB 2020) For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear an oath by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "INDEED I WILL GREATLY BLESS YOU AND I WILL GREATLY MULTIPLY YOU." And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

\*\*\*Hebrews 9:11-12 (NASB 2020) <u>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things having come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands, that is, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all time, having obtained eternal redemption.</u>

## Salvation!

Romans 10:9-10 (NASB 2020) that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

1 Peter 3:21 (NLT) And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## III. The blessings of the Fear of the Lord

Hebrews 13:4 (NLT) Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage.

**Honor:** g5093. τίμιος timios; from 5092; valuable, i.e. (objectively) costly, or (subjectively) honored, esteemed, or (figuratively) beloved: to regard or treat with admiration and respect...

**Isaiah 29:13 (AMP)** And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips but remove their hearts and minds far from Me, and their fear and reverence for Me are a commandment of men that is learned by repetition [without any thought as to the meaning],

The first thing you should think of when you think of Fearing the Lord is obedience. If you do not fear God you will not listen to him!

Romans 12:2 (AMP) Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs]

\*\*\*1 Peter 3:7 (AMP) In the same way you married men should live considerately with [your wives], with anintelligent recognition [of the marriage relation], honoring the woman as [physically] the weaker, but [realizing that you] are joint heirs of the grace (God's unmerited favor) of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered and cut off. [Otherwise you cannot pray effectively.]

Acts 10:35 (AMP) But in every nation he who venerates and has a reverential fear for God, treating Him with worshipful obedience and living uprightly, is acceptable to Him and sure of being received and welcomed [by Him].

When your relationship with God of off, every relationship will be off!! Because Relationships started with God!

Psalms 25:12-14 (NLT) Who are those who fear the LORD? He will show them the path they should choose. They will live in prosperity, and their children will inherit the land. The LORD is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant.

Psalms 128:1-2 (NLT) How joyful are those who fear the LORD—all who follow His ways! You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be!

Psalms 128:3-4 (NLT) Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine, flourishing within your home. Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees as they sit around your table. That is the LORD's blessing for those who fear him.

Proverbs 18:22 (NLT) The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the LORD.