ETERNAL PURPOSE OF A GODLY MARRIAGE

MANY WOULD HAVE DEFFERED THEIR WEDDING CEREMONY TO ENTER INTO MARRIAGE DURING THIS PERIOD OF PESTILENCES (COVID-19), BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO HAVE **THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE ALL THE THINGS THAT DEFINED A WEDDING CEREMONY** TODAY.

THE SIMPLICITY AND ETERNAL PURPOSE OF A GODLY MARRIAGE HAVE BEEN LOST.

LET'S LOOK BACK TO THE FIRST MARRIAGE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

IN THE FIRST MARRIAGE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN BETWEEN ADAM AND EVE THERE WAS NO WEDDING CEREMONY.

THERE WERE NONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **NO** WITNESSES OTHER THAN THE GODHEAD OF THE GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE WORD WHO BECAME JESUS CHRIST; GOD THE SPIRIT WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND THE ANGELS
- **NO** MAID OF HONOR
- **NO** BEST MAN
- **NO** BRIDESMAIDS
- **NO** GROOMSMEN
- **NO** CUTTING OF CAKE
- **NO** PHOTOGRAPHY; (BUT WRITTEN WORD RECORDED FOR OUR LEARNING IN THE SCRIPTURES GEN 2:16-24)
- **NO CLOTHES**: BOTH ADAM AND EVE WERE NAKED; NO STRESS ON WHAT TO WEAR.
- **NO** MUSIC: MAY BE THE ANGELS OF GOD SANG FOR JOY!
- **NO** OFFICIANT OTHER THAT THE LORD GOD WHO BLESSED THE MARRIAGE
- **NO** DINNER: THEY WOULD PICKED A FRUIT OR TWO AFTER THE WEDDING CEREMONY IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

THE GODHEAD IS TAKING THE WEDDING CEREMONY OF GODLY MARRIAGE BACK TO THE SIMPLICITY OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN!

EVE WAS CREATED TO BE A **SPIRITUAL HELP MEET** TO ADAM; NOT JUST A PHYSICAL HELP MEET IN THE FLESH ONLY TO HAVE GODLY OFFSPRING.

THE LORD GOD MADE **ALL THE MATERIAL PROVISION**, SO THERE WAS NO NEED FOR EVE TO SLAVE AS A WIFE.

YET THE FIRST MARRIAGE FAILED!

BUT WHY DID THE FIRST GODLY MARRIAGE WHICH WAS BLESSED BY THE LORD GOD FAIL?

TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE FIRST MARRIAGE, FAILED, WE MUST START AT THE BEGINNING WHEN **NO MARRIAGE** EXISTED.

THE GODHEAD OF **GOD THE FATHER**, **GOD THE WORD** WHO BECAME JESUS CHRIST AND **GOD THE SPIRIT** ALWAYS EXISTED WITHOUT BEGINNING AND WITHOUT END.

THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF THE GODHEAD IS TO CREATE **SPIRITUAL SONS OF GOD** IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD.

THIS ETERNAL PURPOSE WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN THE CREATION OF ANGELS AND THERE WAS **NO MARRIAGE** IN HEAVEN AT THIS TIME.
WHEN LUCIFER AND A THIRD (1/3) OF THE ANGELS SINNED, THERE WAS **NO REDEMPTION** FOR THEM AND THEY INHERITED ETERNAL DEATH IN THE LAKE OF FIRE.

THIS ETERNAL PURPOSE TO CREATE SPIRITUAL SONS OF GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD **WAS NOW DESCENDED TO MAN AND WOMAN** WHO WERE

CREATED **LOWERED THAN THE ANGELS** FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING SONS OF GOD IN THE FLESH TO BE PROVEN BEFORE INHERITING THE ETERNAL SALVATION OF GOD IN HEAVEN.

MARRIAGE BELONGS TO GOD AND **THE MARRIAGE OFFICE WAS CREATED BY GOD**, AND WE MUST HONOR GOD IN OUR MARRIAGE BY THE FULFILMENT OF OUR ROLES AS HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

THE FIRST MARRIAGE FAILED BECAUSE ADAM AND EVE FAILED TO HONOR GOD IN THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES AS HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Gen 2:16-17 (KJV) 16 And THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
Gen 2:17 (KJV) 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3:2-3 (KJV) 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
Gen 3:3 (KJV) 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Gen 3:6 (KJV) 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, SHE TOOK OF THE FRUIT THEREOF, AND DID EAT, AND GAVE ALSO UNTO HER HUSBAND WITH HER; AND HE DID EAT.

JUDGMENT IN OUR ROLE IN MARRIAGE

WE WILL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST ON JUDGMENT DAY TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT AND BE JUDGED AS TO OUR FULFILMENT OF OUR ROLES AS HUSBANDS AND WIVES ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.

WHEN WE COME TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MYSTERY OF THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF A GODLY MARRIAGE THEN WE CAN LIVE WITH THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

1. LET YOUR MARRIAGE BE USED BY JESUS CHRIST TO CARRY THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN OF WHICH CHRIST IS KING!

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS THE COUPLE OF AQUILA AND PRISCILLA WHOSE HOUSE WAS USED FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Rom 16: 3-5 (KJV) 3 Greet PRISCILLA AND AQUILA my helpers in Christ Jesus:
Rom 16:4 (KJV) 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.
Rom 16:5 (KJV) 5 LIKEWISE GREET THE CHURCH THAT IS IN THEIR HOUSE. Salute my well-beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Cor 16:19 (KJV) 19 The churches of Asia salute you. AQUILA AND PRISCILLA salute you much in the Lord, WITH THE CHURCH THAT IS IN THEIR HOUSE.

2. LET CHRIST RULE YOUR MARRIAGE

MANY A TIME **WIVES OR HUSBANDS DECIDE THAT MARRIAGE BELONGS TO THEM** AND THEY SELFISHLY ATTEMPT TO ORCHESTRATE MARRIAGE TO **THEIR OWN DESIRES** AND NOT CHRIST'S.
THEY DO NOT WALK IN **GODLY FEAR** WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT **WE WILL BE JUDGED** AT THE END OF THIS LIFE AGAINST OUR ROLES AS HUSBANDS AND WIVES IN MARRIAGE.

Eph 5:21 (KJV) 21 Submitting yourselves one to another IN THE FEAR OF GOD.

- **THE CHURCH OF GOD CALLED THE BRIDE OF CHRIST IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE ETERNAL MARRIAGE TO JESUS CHRIST OUR BRIDEGROOM.**

THOSE WHO ARE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST MUST BE LOOKING FORWARD TO **THE FUTURE ETERNAL MARRIAGE TO JESUS CHRIST IN HEAVEN** AT **THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.**

Rev 19:1-9 (KJV) 1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:
Rev 19:2 (KJV) 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.
Rev 19:3 (KJV) 3 And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
Rev 19:4 (KJV) 4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.
Rev 19:5 (KJV) 5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.
Rev 19:6 (KJV) 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Rev 19:7 (KJV) 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME, AND HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY.
Rev 19:8 (KJV) 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.
Rev 19:9 (KJV) 9 And he saith unto me, Write, BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE CALLED UNTO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

WE MAY CHOOSE TO HAVE OUR OWN WAY AND NOT HONOUR GOD IN OUR MARRIAGE ON THE EARTH. BUT **THE BRIDEGROOM JESUS CHRIST** WILL **NOT BE** CHOOSING ANY OF US TO BE HIS WIFE WHO WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO HIM AS OUR ETERNAL BRIDEGROOM.

Eph 5:22-27 (KJV) 22 WIVES, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
Eph 5:23 (KJV) 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
Eph 5:24 (KJV) 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
Eph 5:25 (KJV) 25 HUSBANDS, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
Eph 5:26 (KJV) 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
Eph 5:27 (KJV) 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Eph 5:33 (KJV) 33 Nevertheless LET EVERY ONE OF YOU IN PARTICULAR SO LOVE HIS WIFE EVEN AS HIMSELF; and THE WIFE SEE THAT SHE REVERENCE HER HUSBAND.
MAY YOU BOTH FULFIL YOUR GODLY ROLES AS HUSBAND AND WIFE!