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MARRIAGE PART 7 - BECOMING A PURE VIRGIN

In part 7 we are going to look at what it is to be presented as a pure virgin, one who has never been with the world, because of the power of God to transform a person from being of absolute darkness, to the purity of light, God's own glory.

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Ephesians 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Colossians 1:21-22 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.

This is the entire point of our Covenantal relationship with Jesus Himself. He didn't just die on a cross and be risen again for the nature and power of sin which infects us. He died and rose again to completely restore us back to our original state.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

The Spirit's role is to present us as complete, spotless and blameless on our wedding day with the Son. We are to be a pure virgin, a radiant bride, full of the glory of the Father, just as the Son is, and if we don't have a living revelation of this truth, we won't be living in alignment to it.

We will ultimately reject the process of sanctification, rejecting the will of God for our lives, and never know this is what we are doing.

In fact, we will be being led astray as Paul mentioned in 2 Corinthians 11:3 from this central purpose, of being and becoming a pure virgin.

Just like Eve was deceived in the garden, so will we be. Paul compares the fall of mankind, to you and I being led astray by the devil, from the simplicity and purity of a singular devoted life to Christ.

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Ask yourself this question today. Do I have a singular devoted life to Christ and Christ alone, or do I share this part of my life with many other people, possessions and priorities?

Paul is saying the craftiness of the devil is leading us astray in our minds, as well by the lies he feeds us, just like he fed her a lie when he said "did God really say?" He says to us "keep doing what you are doing," or, "what is being spoken isn't correct".

To not know of this eternal truth is to be prioritising other things ahead of it, like feeding the poor, signs and wonders, gifts, reaching the lost, programs, attending services or groups, singing songs etc. etc.

Paul warns us of this very fact in verse 4 where he says ***"For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully."***

This isn't another religion or cult, but those who come with their version of Jesus, the Spirit, and the Gospel. It's followers who come and say this reality is of God, when in fact it is of self. It's a form of God but not God. It sounds like and appears to be right, but it is not and we beautifully accept it as God and are easily led astray into a false knowledge, because the one bringing it sounds so persuasive.

Paul even spoke to this in verses 5&6 where he said...

2 Corinthians 11:5-6 For I consider myself not in the least inferior to the most eminent apostles. But even if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not so in knowledge; in fact, in every way we have made this evident to you in all things.

When our minds are not being renewed by the Spirit through revelation, we are acquiring our knowledge of God through human learning, which in turn has us receiving a false Jesus, a false Spirit and a false Gospel, which produces death not life.

This is so subtle, that for many of us we are completely unaware, and so we continue to live for what we perceive is God's main purpose while the truth is we never do.

If we continue on this path which is our own version of God, we will eventually hear just like the 5 foolish virgins did, "Truly I say to you, I do not know you".

God is saying I know you didn't actually love Me and make Me your number 1 priority, and because of this, you can not enter with Me into the wedding feast in the kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 25:10 And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and

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those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it critical we are not led astray from the simplicity and purity of a devoted singular focused relationship with Jesus?
2. What does it take to have this kind of relationship with Jesus?
3. Describe in your own words what a 'pure virgin' being presented to Christ is?
4. Why is it that we followers of Jesus have no comprehension of this living truth?
Clue is Mark 12:24
5. What does your life look like if you do have the revelation of this message and how are you able to live?
6. What action point do you need to put in place after hearing this message?

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