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Names & Titles of Jesus

Lesson 12

The Bridegroom

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John chapter 3:25-30. *Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. 26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.* Both John and Jesus were baptizing. *27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. 28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. 29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.*

John the Baptist said I have a ministry that I received from heaven. It has allowed me a certain measure of recognition within the nation of Israel. God has given me a certain power and authority over His chosen people but I have no intention of usurping the place of the bridegroom. I am his friend I am happy to stand by His side to rejoice with Him when He takes His bride.

Who would that bridegroom be as we read the passage honestly in its context? The bridegroom who has the bride would be Jesus Christ the Lord. John said I am a friend of Christ – I am not the Christ. Mark 2:15-17. *And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. 16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? 17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.* Jesus said I have to interact with these people or they will never hear the gospel. The scribes and the Pharisees they had no compassion for them.

The Apostle Paul said *I am made all things to all men*, 1 Corinthians 9:22 he did not become one of them, he never became a drunk to reach the drunkards or an adulterer to reach the adulteress. Mark 2:18-20 *And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? 19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken*

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away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. We have another group of people. These are people who anticipated the coming of the Messiah in order to try and keep their hearts close to God they were practicing fasting. John's disciples practiced fasting it seemed like every time you turn around Jesus is eating with His disciples, when the Pharisees were present "*Why don't your disciples fast?*" Jesus would say because the bridegroom is with them and when the bridegroom is taken away from them; then they will fast.

Now as we mentioned in our last lesson the Bible never commands fasting. Jesus said before I arrived on the scene believers fasted and after I am taken away they will fast again. It is interesting that the Lord did not command us to fast; He just expected that we would. Notice Jesus refers to Himself as being the bridegroom.

Matthew chapter 9:14-17. *Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? 15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. 16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. 17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.* These children of the bridechamber are the Pharisees, scribes, Israelites and disciples of John – they are people who believe in God. They are people who are anticipating the coming of the Messiah. Jesus Christ the bridegroom is with them – but He says they represent the old... I am establishing something entirely new. You do not put new cloth into an old garment. You do not put new wine into old bottles. I am not going to take the Old Testament ideology and transform it into the New Testament Church. Jesus says that He is making clear that these disciples of John and these members of the nation of Israel who are looking forward to the coming of their Messiah, they are not the bride. They are children who run and play and have a good time in the bridechamber. John the Baptist, he described himself as the best man. Jesus speaks of these disciples of John and other Israelites who are faithful; He speaks of them as being the ring-bearers.

- The little children that serve as ushers and have some part in the marriage but they are not the bride.
- Jesus Christ is the bridegroom but Israel is not His bride.
- The Old Testament saints are not His bride. He has made that clear.

Matthew 25:1 *Then shall the kingdom of heaven...* (That is the earthly physical kingdom. Heaven is a physical place.)

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Matthew 25:1-14 ***Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Nobody here is marrying the bridegroom. The virgins are going out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. Verse 14. For the kingdom of heaven is as...*** (He is talking about the earthly physical kingdom. Here are some people who were alive when the bridegroom came but He did not know them. Matthew 25 is not about ten Christians, five of them let the Holy Spirit run out while the other five kept themselves full of the Holy Spirit so when the rapture happened the five that had enough Holy Spirit to get raptured and the other five did not have enough Holy Spirit were left behind. When I was young they taught us a song in Sunday School called "Give me oil in lamp keep it burning..." Great song – only if you are a Jew in the Tribulation. It is not a Christian song at all. If you are a Christian you will never run out of Holy Spirit. Colossians 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:13, you cannot buy any additional "Holy Spirit", you received every bit of the Holy Spirit when you were saved.

Let us quickly review:

- ✓ There is a bridegroom. It is Jesus.
- ✓ When He was here John the Baptist said I am His friend... I am not the bridegroom and I am not the bride.
- ✓ When He was here Jesus said these Israelites looking for a Messiah who fast and pray and try and keep the law, they are children of the bridechamber but they are not the bridegroom and they are not the bride.
- ✓ Then Jesus said the bridegroom is going to be taken away Matthew 9:15 then Matthew 25 says the bridegroom is going to come back. When the bridegroom comes back there are some virgins who are ready for His coming and some who are not ready for His coming.

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Matthew 22: 1-8. ***And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, 2 The kingdom of heaven (That is the earthly physical kingdom.) is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.*** We have people on the earth who are invited to the wedding who have no interest in coming to the wedding... because the bridegroom is not going to marry them – He is going to marry somebody else. They are been provoked to jealousy. They resent the bridegroom's choice of a bride, they say we are not coming then before the bridegroom returns to have His wedding He sends armies for seven years to punish the Israelites who were not excited about His wedding. To tear down their city and then He will come back to this earth.

Matthew 22: 9. ***Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.*** During the tribulation time you do not have to be a Jew to survive and enter into the kingdom of heaven. If during that seven years you do what God tells you to do. You can survive on the earth and be here when the bridegroom comes back and when this wedding takes place. That does not mean you are saved. It means you did not take the mark, hid out in the woods, stayed out of reach of being killed. You did not make yourself an enemy of God to cause God to drop a fireball or a wormwood comet on your head; you stayed alive to enjoy the wedding. Matthew 22: 11-13. ***And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*** When the Lord gets back He sees there are some people there that are not fit participants; they do not belong in His marriage supper. They have no love for Him... they have no love for His bride and He throws them out. For one thousand years the Lord celebrates His marriage to His church on this earth. Revelation 19:11-17. When the Marriage Supper takes place the Lamb is the King in His palace on earth.

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At the end of the thousand year celebration after the supper is over Jesus says to His bride...I have something for you, and I think you are going to like it. Revelation 21: 1-2 ***And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*** Jesus says to His bride... ***“here is your new house, honey”***

Jesus is the bridegroom.

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Name _____

Note: must include scripture with all your answers, including the T/F.

1. Explain this term "*I am made all things to all men.*"

2. Explain Isaiah 40:3 as it relates to this lesson?

3. Who are the children of the bridechamber?

4. Where is the Kingdom of heaven?

5. Where is the Kingdom of God?

6. Why is Israel not the bride of Christ?

7. Explain this term "*thy disciples fast not.*"

8. If you managed to get through the tribulation would you then be part of the bride of Christ? (explain answer) (use back page)

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9. How much Holy Spirit do you get when you are initially saved and can you get anymore or lose any?

10. What gift does the bridegroom give to His new bride?

11. Who are the people at the marriage that do not have on a wedding garment?

12. How long does the Bridegroom celebrate His Marriage Supper?

13. Where does the Marriage Supper of the Lamb take place?

True/false

- The Jew is not the bride of Christ
- The children of the bridechamber are not the bride
- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb takes place for 1000 year on Earth.
- John the Baptists' coming was prophesied in Isaiah

**Scripture memorization**

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

Revelation 19:17; John 3:29

Any Questions?