

Preparation for Godly Marriage Part 5

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We continue in this message to speak about the preparation for Godly marriage:

VI. God gave to the man the suitable meet helper: To find a suitable helper is a big struggle for man. ***“But for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.”*** (Genesis 2:20 KJV) Only God can give a suitable helper; a helper meet or fit for the man. Hence a man and a woman need to wait upon God and be in fervent prayer so that God will show His plan for the Godly marriage. The need for a suitable partner will become a real need when the man or the woman is fully committed to achieve God’s will and plan.

God alone can make and arrange a suitable helper for the man: ***“21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.”*** (Genesis 2:21-22 KJV) Notice here, that God made the woman out of the man not when the man was awake but while he was sleeping. Many men will use all their senses looking for the right woman for them for marriage, thinking they will be able to find her if they are looking and searching. The man or the woman can’t choose his or her partner, because there are millions of men and women in the world and if a man or woman will depend on themselves to find his or her partner, sure he or she will make the wrong choice. Only God can give the right partner to the man or the woman.

The woman should be God’s handwork to become a suitable meet helper. Suitable means, ‘appropriate’, ‘fitting’, ‘apt’, ‘proper’, ‘right’, ‘correct’, ‘right and proper’, or ‘as it should be’. Meet means, ‘get together’, ‘convene’, ‘assemble’, or ‘gather’. Helper means, ‘assistant’, ‘aid’, ‘aide’, ‘collaborator’, ‘co-worker’, ‘colleague’, ‘partner’, or ‘the right match’. Thus, suitable helper, or help meet, makes us understand deeply the value of God’s hand in giving the right partner and the perfect match for a Godly marriage. ***“22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.”*** (Proverbs 18:22 KJV) If the woman is from the Lord then she is suitable and compatible and would be a true helper to the man who is really in need of a suitable helper. But if she is only the man’s choice and not the Lord’s, she will be incompatible instead of a suitable helper, which mean, ‘unable to get along’, ‘antagonistic’, ‘contradictory’, ‘clashing’, ‘opposing’, ‘conflicting’, ‘discordant’, ‘contrary’, ‘mismatched’, ‘unsuited’, ‘unable to co-exist’, ‘irreconcilable’, or ‘ill-assorted’. And if she is only the man’s choice, then she will find herself unhelpful which means, ‘uncooperative’, ‘contrary’, ‘awkward’, ‘obstructive’, ‘unsupportive’, ‘not ready to give a hand’, ‘unaccommodating’, ‘disobliging’, ‘useless’, ‘not beneficial’, ‘not advantageous’, ‘unconstructive’, ‘impractical’, ‘unnecessary’, ‘a burden’, ‘negative’, ‘adverse’, or ‘of no use to the man’.

If the woman is not from God, then she will carry another thought and vision, and she will move against or in the opposite direction of the man. She will not be a helper but prove to be a burden in the life of the family.

“14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.” (Proverbs 19:14 KJV) The Lord should be the one to create a prudent wife and bring her to the man. Man with all his power or knowledge will not be able to replace the hand of God to create and to bring out the prudent wife. A prudent wife is the gift of God and the favor of God toward man, ***“22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.”*** (Proverbs 18:22 KJV) When man surrenders everything to God, then he is willing to go through the process of preparation and live in the fear of God; not doing his own will, but have faith in God that the Lord Himself will create her and bring her to him in God’s perfect time when everything well prepared. Man and woman should understand and accept that there is a time for everything and they cannot go ahead of God.

Looking forward to meet the prudent wife, then with such prospect, marriage cannot be hurried, and man needs to wait patiently upon God. While the man is waiting, the Lord is preparing the woman, and the man ought to respond to what the Lord is telling him to do. The prudent wife will come on God’s timing and it will not be delayed beyond that.

In Genesis 2 when God brought the woman to the man she was of the same material; they were compatible and in harmony. ***“10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.”*** (Proverbs 31:10 KJV) Money cannot buy a virtuous wife; neither fame nor power of any kind can manipulate the hand of God in creating the virtuous wife. Therefore, man needs to fear God and obey him fully, and the Lord will reward those who wait upon Him and who heed and obey God’s timely instruction.

The wife will be a suitable helper as long as God has taken her from the man. ***“23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”*** (Genesis 2:23 KJV) So then, the woman becomes the suitable helper for the man who takes care of the things of God. When a man serves God, the Lord shall reward him for his service. When Adam first met his wife, he recognized her as part of him. As if he knew her before. That is true because she was taken from him and was made as a wife for him to meet his needs. That is why as man meets the prudent and virtuous wife that God prepared for him, he will find her as if he knew her a long time ago. In the same way, the woman will find the man familiar to her as if she knew him a long time; that is, because the woman was taken out of the man.

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Christ after He died on the cross, paying the full price for our sins, the Scripture tells us the following: ***“33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came***

there out blood and water. 35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.” (John 19:33-35 KJV) John witnessed the scene that confirmed to us Christ’s death. Christ died on the cross for our sins, and in His death, He paid the full price for our sins to purchase us to Himself and to give us eternal life. Christ paid the price for our sins to purchase His bride, His church to Himself. The gush of blood and water that came out from His side can be similar to what God did on the first Adam when He put him to sleep and took one of his ribs and made a woman out of it and brought her to the man. Jesus received His church after He paid the full price of purchase: **“Which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28 KJV)** Adam received his wife after he paid for her of what God asked him to do. Boaz received his wife Ruth after he paid the full price for the land and Ruth, **“9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. 10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.” (Ruth 4:9-10 KJV)** The church is Christ’s wife and is His property. The wife is God’s property who is given to the man, who is her appointed husband after the man had fulfilled all that he was asked to do.

There is a price for the virtuous wife, and the Lord would not bring her to the man unless he paid the full price for the purchase. The man needs to value what God is giving to him before marriage. God is very particular that He will not give the virtuous wife unless the man had reached maturity and had fulfilled the criteria that God wanted him to acquire and to live in obedience to Him.

There is a time-lapse from creating the man to the creation of the woman in the book of Genesis: **“26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” (Genesis 1:26-27 KJV)** When we read that we think that the man and the woman were created at the same time. But if we go further where we read the following: **“7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Genesis 2:7 KJV)** Here we read that the man was created first and alone, while the woman was not yet created with him. But she was created later on, after a considerable period when the man had passed through all the requirements of God and fulfilled them.

“24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24 KJV) Adam and his wife became one. The two became one because they were one from the beginning. For the woman was made from a rib taken from the man. Therefore they were one, and complementary to one another; the woman had been created from the man, and the man from the woman who later on gave and continue to give birth to man, **“11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. 12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.” (1 Corinthians 11:11-12 KJV)**

An important thing here about the suitable meet helper that God would bring to the man; if the man is not ready for marriage, God will not show who is the suitable meet helper for that man

is. God did not bring the woman beside Adam unless he was ready for marriage. If the man is not yet ready for marriage and he is pointing out to a woman that he will marry in the future, then the opinion about that and what we advice is the following: You are not yet ready for marriage, but when you are ready for marriage, God will give you another woman and not the one that you are specifying.

My Dear and Beloved: Come now to God and review and apply the message in your life:

Are you ready and prepared for marriage?

Do you have a suitable place for living to put your family in?

Do you have a suitable job and income that can maintain the needs of your family?

Have you done all what God had asked you to do or not yet?

If not yet then you need to be patient, wait upon God until you fulfill all these requirements and your will find God bringing to you the helper meet to you.

Let us pray ...

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the teaching that clarified to me my responsibilities towards you and what are the things that I need to achieve.

Now come to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your disobedience and your delinquency in fulfilling what God had asked from you. Confess and renounce your laziness, bad stewardship, wasting resources, and your mismanagement for finances. Confess and renounce your lack of patience and your non willingness to wait upon God. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God in pertains to marriage. Confess your lack of reading God’s Word and your lack of prayers, Confess and renounce your bad example and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, having many friends and in bondage with the Media. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins

Lord I commit myself to do all my assignments and what you asked me to do. Lord I am willing to wait upon you, trusting you that you will provide for me all my needs. Lord I surrender my plan and my will into your hands, willing to follow you in the good plan that you have for me. Lord give me the good health and the strength that I need to continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who committed themselves to do all what you asked them to do in their lives. Lord as they surrender their will to you, Lord help them in their lives, and as they obey you Lord fulfill your promises to them.

Lord, bless us as your church, and help us to continue to teach your Word and commands. We pray that you will continue to raise people who are willing to obey you and follow your teaching and your plan for them. Lord we pray that you will make more Godly marriages and form more Godly families in our church. Lord prepare us for your second coming. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and lead us to evangelize reaching new people, making new disciples

and training new workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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