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Proverbs 18:22, “[Whoso] findeth a wife findeth a good [thing], and obtaineth favour of the LORD.”

It was 33 years ago this Thursday, June 27, that Ruby and I were married in Berryville, Arkansas. It’s hard to believe that it’s been 1/3 of a century, but it serves as a reminder how quickly time passes.

This time of year there are many weddings. June is commonly chosen as a month to get married. I suppose there are many reasons for this such as the warm and very pretty weather and the days are the longest of the year.

One common thing that happens during wedding ceremonies is the exchange of vows or other words that are spoken. These words serve to show the dedication of the couple persevering through all that will come their way. Though I don’t recall every word, I know we, like all others had these types of words in our wedding ceremony.

I can’t help but think of the marriage of the bride and the Lamb’s wife in Revelation 21 and how so many of the wedding vows we say cannot be applicable to that marriage in Heaven.

Who is the bride of the Lamb talked about in Revelation? Though the saved (the Church) are never overtly called the bride of Christ or of Jesus in the Bible, all passages seem to point to this.

We are told in Revelation 19:7, “*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.*” We are the ones making ourselves ready for after this life. We also are making ourselves ready to be married to the LORD.

In Revelation 21:9, John is told, “*Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*” In the next verse he is shown Heaven. Jesus was not married to the city but no doubt this refers to the inhabitants of that holy city—the saved.

Consider some of the following statements you might hear at earthly weddings that cannot possibly be applicable to the marriage of the Lamb and His bride. Many of these we know cannot apply because of Revelation 21:4, “*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*”

“In happiness and in sorrow.” This cannot be said of the marriage in Heaven. There is no sorrow. God will wipe away all tears.

“Till death we do part.” This is a common saying in earthly weddings. The couple plans to be together until one of them departs in death. This cannot be said of the marriage of the Lamb and His bride. In Heaven there is no more death.

“In sickness and in health.” As we grow older, there will be sickness and poor health. This can never be in Heaven. Paul tells us that we will have a new body. This body is like the body of Christ.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, Brad Terry, and Denise Miller** (the sister of Sharon Franklin). **Sherry Crabtree** has been having some issues with her heart and was not feeling well, but is much much better now.

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Philippians 3:20-21, “²⁰*For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*”

“For richer or poorer.” Couples know there can be hard times financially ahead, especially in their younger years. This cannot be in Heaven with the marriage of the Lamb and His bride. We are to lay up treasures in Heaven. There will be no poverty.

“To keep yourselves only to each other.” This is said to impress upon the couple getting married that there cannot be someone else in the marriage. This is such a serious breaking of the marriage, that it’s the only exception that the LORD allows for one to leave their spouse and marry another.

Likewise we keep ourselves married to the Lamb only in Heaven. There is not marriage between the saved in Heaven. Jesus let us know this in Matthew 22:30, “*For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*” We are married to the Lamb, but not to each other. It all fits together perfectly. To be married to more than one person now would be adultery besides being against the law. The law does not provide for marriage of more than two. We are married to the Lamb in Heaven, and to no one else.

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Sunday, June 16, 2019		
Classes	13	James 2:18-26
Preaching	22	John 8:18-44
Contribution	\$736.00	
Evening	13	Matthew 17:1-27
Wednesday, June 19, 2019		
Classes	17	II Chronicles 18:1-34

Visitors— Jun 16 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Micaiah saw what on the left and right hand of the LORD?

Last Week’s Answer— beginning of barley harvest (Ruth 1:22)

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You might possibly hear many marriage vows this time of year. The next time you do, consider how many of these cannot be said of the marriage in Heaven. Our marriage to the Lamb is perfect and eternal.

—Marty Edwards❖

“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. —Revelation 19:17

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)