

Preparation For Godly Marriage

Part 2

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." (Genesis 2:21-23)

From the event of the marriage of Adam and how God prepared him for the family life we will study which time God had prepared a suitable helper for him.

God made the woman and brought her to the man after everything was available and the man was ready to have and manage the family. The woman was brought to the man after the man was prepared with the followings: 1- A suitable place of living. 2- Good settlement and resources for the family, having a work to secure the income. 3- Spiritually he knew God, His word and His will to lead the family in righteousness. 4- The man proved his maturity and being responsible to God.

God did not bring the woman to the man when he was not prepared or not ready, but He brought the woman to Adam when he was prepared and capable to manage family life with all aspects whether materially or spiritually.

But what we found in reality, we found many men they are not prepared or ready for marriage; they don't have a place for living, neither work nor proper income, spiritually they are neither a disciple of Christ neither they show maturity. They are not prepared but they have relationship with a girl and they are saying we will marry this woman when we are ready, or we are going to marry after three years or five years, etc. When we go to the word of God we can see clearly that God did not bring the woman to the man in Genesis 2 when the man was not ready.

So from the above clue, to those who are unready but they say we will marry this or that when we are ready we can say the following to them: You need to prepare yourself, and then when you are ready and fit for marriage God will give you the right partner, and not what you are holding now.

God brought Eve to Adam when he was ready for marriage. ***"Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man."*** (Genesis 2:22) The man did not look around searching for the wife but the Lord brought her to him and to his notice when he was ready. So what God's word teaches us is to prepare yourself and be ready, and we as church we can start to pray and ask God to bring the right woman to man who is ready. and we need to trust God to do that for us. We cannot go around and look for women and chose, because this attitude and action is non biblical.

Also God brought Rebekah to Isaac when he was ready for marriage. Isaac did not meet Rebekah or chose her, but the Lord brought her to Isaac when he was ready, ⁶² ***Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. 63 He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. 64 Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel 65 and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. 66 Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. 67 Isaac brought her into the tent of his***

mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death." (Genesis 24:62-67)

Sometimes men they come to the church and look around and chose a girl to marry; that is non scriptural. What we can teach those men and our disciples is the following:

1- Prepare yourself, be ready with an accommodation, work and income to support the family, obey God's word and follow the Lord and prove you are mature and accountable person to God and to His church.

2- When you are ready with all aspects and prove to be an accountable person, we will start praying to God and asking Him to bring the right woman that He called to be your suitable helper wife.

3- Fix your eyes on Jesus and not on women because from God comes the suitable wife, ***"Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD."*** (Proverbs 19:14)

4- Therefore we as church we don't approve man made choices but God should be the one to choose the right woman and made her the suitable helper for the man and bring her to Him.

Another example from the scripture about marriage is Jacob's marriage. Jacob's chooses to marry Rachel when he was not ready and need seven years to prepare for that. Let us read the story of that and see what are the practical points that we can pick up and apply in our lives and in our church in order for us to obey God's word: ¹⁶ ***Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful. 18 Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to lie with her." 22 So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. 23 But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and Jacob lay with her. 24 And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter as her maidservant. 25 When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"*** (Genesis 29:16-25) Many men now days like Jacob they will chose to marry what their eyes likes without considering God's choice for them. They will come to the church and chose to stay in the church on one condition that they will marry a particular girl. Therefore we should not behave like Laban and approve such things. We need to tell those men that we cannot approve to you what you are asking or choosing, but we will help you to prepare yourselves and when you are ready God will give what you need of suitable helper as God did to Jacob and gave him Leah, a woman, that he did not choose or like, but she was the right and fruitful woman to him than His choice, Rachel.

My Dear and Beloved: God's word teaches us God's ways and will and we as church we abide and apply in our lives, in the lives of our children and in the lives of our disciples as we agree to 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 on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to apply your word in my life and in the life of my children and disciples. Lord give me the strength and provide for me to do your will, and raise up people who are willing to abide with your word and will. This is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.