TITLE: **The Bridegroom's Expectations** TEXT: **Revelation 19:7,8**

**INTRODUCTION** - The Expectation of God Concerning his People. It is necessary for us to understand what God expects from us, in order for us to become what he desires!

**Matthew 13:23** *But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an* hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

**Revelation 19:7-8**--*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. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints*. {righteous Acts; an equitable deed}

--**REWARDED** with a Garment which is symbolic of her righteous acts

**\* Righteous Acts**

Luke 1:5-6 5 *There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.*

**Luke 21:36** Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be **accounted worthy** to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

7 Promises Given in Revelation to "him that overcometh".

1 Part of our Preparation for the Wedding

I. Wood - carnal Nature, II. Silver- Redemption, Salvation,

III. Gold- Divine Nature, Righteousness

**Revelation 3:18** *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

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**Better than Hit or Miss, His Expectations**

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**Genesis 24:58** *And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.*

1. **Requirements for the Bride**

## **Gen. 24: 14** *“And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray Thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for Thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that Thou hast showed kindness unto my master.”*

**1. The Bride Will Be Beautiful and A Virgin**

## **Gen. 24: 15, 16** *“And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.”*

Rebekah came and she “*…was very fair to look upon, a virgin…*” The Bride of Christ is going to be fair to look upon; not adorned with coverings of the world. In the eyes of the Holy Spirit, she is going to be very fair to look upon; pure, holy, righteous. **The Lord’s Bride is going to look holy, dress holy and be holy.**

## Rev. 19: 7, 8 *“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. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness* (righteous acts) *of saints.”*

This is acquired righteousness. It is the righteousness of “*good works*,” for which we were “*…created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*” (Eph. 2: 10) **This is not imputed righteousness that we received when we accepted Christ as our Saviour; this is acquired righteousness that is gained by obedience to the Word of God.**

**2. The Bride Will Be Willing to Fulfill All Righteousness**

Rebekah met the requirements of the servant for the Bride. The servant’s request was that the Bride give him drink and give the camels drink. These ten camels had traveled a long way through a desert land, and would have been very thirsty{ 30 gallons of water in just 13 minutes}. The ten camels are a type of the Law of God. The law requires much and cannot be easily satisfied.

**3. The Bride Will Thirst for Fullness**

It is very interesting that Eliezer went to the well to search for a bride. Jesus said:

## Jn. 7: 37 *“If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.”*

Those who will make up the Bride will always be thirsting for more. Like Paul, after years of ministry and being part of great miracles said, “*That I may know Him…*” (Phil. 3: 10)

“Ginosko” – “Know” – experiential knowledge

Paul’s desire was to know Christ in a greater way than he had ever known Him. This will be the compelling thirst of the Bride, to know Him in all His fullness.

**4. The Bride Will be Willing to Forsake All**

She had to be willing to leave her father’s house.

## Gen. 24: 58 *“…They called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.”*

One must submit to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to sanctify and bring them into perfection (maturity). God has given the Holy Spirit the responsibility of perfecting the Bride, and He is performing the work in the hearts of those who will yield to Him. “Wilt thou go with this man?”

1. **Gifts for the Bride**

## Gen. 24: 53 *“And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah…”*

* 1. **Jewels of Silver**

Silver is a type of the Redemptive work of Christ which provides salvation in its completeness. The Bride will apprehend every redemptive right by the Word of Truth, through faith.

* 1. **Jewels of Gold**

Gold is a type of the Divine Nature of God.

## Rom. 13: 14 *“… Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”*

* 1. **Raiment**

Raiment is a type of the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

## Lk. 24: 49 *“And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”*

“Enduo” – “Endued”– be clothed with, to put on

The Scripture is easily understood to be saying, “...**Until ye be clothed and empowered with the Holy Ghost.”**

It was in the evening time that Rebekah was brought to Isaac. We are now in the evening time. The Bride will soon be brought to her Bridegroom in the fullness of the Spirit, the “*fullness of our inheritance.*”

1. **Rebekah Rode the Camel**

## Gen. 24: 61 *“And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man…”*

There were two things Rebekah had to do – ride the camels, and follow the man. She reached her destination by riding on the camels. Notice, she did not drive, she did not control – “*she rode*” “*and followed the man;*” This is a type of following the Spirit’s leading.

## Rom. 8: 14 *“… As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”*

## *Jn. 16: 13 “Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth…” “Hodegeo” – “Guide” – lead – to show the way*

Those that are full grown and mature will be obedient and follow the leading of the Spirit.

the Bride will follow through the desert, wilderness, rivers, heat of the day, coldness of the night, thickets, valleys and over mountains until she sees the Bridegroom.

1. **The Bride Will Watch For The Bridegroom**

## Gen. 24: 64, 65 *“And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself.”*

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