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The Ideal Bride

GEN 2:18-25

I. Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

A.) Yes, there is a time when each young man must consider what type of young lady he would prefer for a bride.

a.) But how are you to go about making this decision?
b.) What should your bride be like?
c.) What standards should she meet?
d.) Let's turn to ~~the~~ God's word for the answer.

B.) We learn in the 2nd chapter of Genesis that while it was true that all the animals ~~which~~ God had created ~~as~~ were placed under the dominion of man, and that he found delight and joy in many of them, none was found suitable to become a companion in the propogation of the race.

a.) God therefore caused a deep sleep to come upon ~~man~~ Adam, and took ~~from~~ from his side a rib, from which he made the woman, Eve.

b.) She was blood of his blood and bone of his bone, and by nature fully prepared to become a helpmate and mother of the race.

C.) Between them there was to be happy companionship, moral sympthy, sharing of earthly enjoyments and matrimonial affections.

a.) Gen 6:1-2 pg 6

1) You are to select your bride by choice.

a.) arranged marriages. REBEKAH + ISAAC

II. A mother's advice is a great influence on a young man's decision about his bride.

A.) Prov 31:10-31 pg 681

a.) Here is a mother's advice to her son about a virtuous woman.

b) This passage proves a marriage is a more than living together, until death do you part.

c) The marriage ceremony commits all women to understand the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of their husbands.

d.) In the giving of their thoughtfulness, tenderness, and understanding they can live all their lives in a golden glow of happiness.

1) They will be needed, cherished and praised if they fear God.

III. Of all the [redacted] virtuous women in the Bible four are used as examples more so than the others.

A.) They are Sarah, Rebekah, Ruth + Mary.

a.) therefore a young man should look for the virtues of these women in his choice of a bride.

b.) The patience and obedence of Sarah, the purity and modesty of Rebekah, the friendliness and understanding of Ruth, and the faith of Mary.

B.) These are women that fear God and are virtuous in their deeds, and are examples of good brides; but could you consider any one of them the ideal bride?

IV. The only true example of an ideal bride given is that of the bride of Christ, the church.

A.) Eph 5 [redacted] 22-33 [redacted]

a.) Yes, here is our answer, the ideal bride, the church. a young man should consider taking a bride as glorious and spotless as the church.

b.) Yet the church is made up of members who have obeyed the Lord's commandments.

1.) Therefore the church is only as pure as its members.

2.) Then let us ask ourselves this question; are we doing our part in making the church, Christ's ideal bride?

paraph. Eph 5:25 Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.