

Now Concerning Spiritual Things
an historical account of one man's walk with God

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JESUS FOR MEN
And Others

Matthew is the only Gospel writer who recorded the parable of Jesus concerning the ten virgins.¹ Since I have previously written on revelation the Lord gave me concerning this parable,² I mention here only in brief the conclusion I was given as a preface to introduce the subject of this writing.

It appears obvious that all ten virgins were saved since the word virgin in this parable denotes spiritual purity. But only five virgins were ready for the bridegroom's call and ". . . went in with him to the wedding, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."³

The term *Son of Man* identifies the bridegroom as Christ. The five wise virgins were known by the bridegroom. He did not know the five foolish virgins.

From the context of the parable, one learns that the door to the bridegroom's chamber was open only to those whom he knew. Jesus taught the same principle in another parable about sheep, a shepherd and a sheepfold and said, "And when he (the shepherd) brings out his own sheep, he goes before them and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."⁴ Notice that the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice while the bride is summoned by the bridegroom because she knows His voice.

Conversely it is the Holy Spirit Who introduces the bride to the bridegroom so that she knows him.⁵ The bride talking to the bridegroom is evidence that she knows him while the bride listening to the bridegroom is evidence that he knows her.

The marriage of the bride to the bridegroom is based on intimacy. Because of the natural, aggressive, sexual nature of man today, he has a more difficult time in comprehending intimacy than a woman. If it is intimacy,

lust will defile the relationship. If it is lust, not love, he will take advantage of the other party if he get the opportunity. A woman may more readily accept and understand the intimate Bridegroom relationship with Christ because she was born to be a bride. Not so with a man. He was born to be a bridegroom. Hence, the concept of Jesus, who came as a man to become both the Christ and the Bridegroom of His body, the Church, may get "sticky" in the mind of a man who himself was born to be a bridegroom. **The Bridegroom is not Jesus of Nazareth!** The Bridegroom is the resurrected Christ, whose body and sexuality were forever changed in the resurrection. He is now a *spiritual* Bridegroom and our body will be *exactly like His* in the resurrection or the Rapture, whichever comes first.⁶ I understand these "feelings" because for a long time I could not conceive of my becoming a "bride" to Jesus of Nazareth who was a man with the same sexuality and reproductive capability as any other man.⁷ It was repulsive to me. It just wouldn't compute in my mind. Then as I learned to hear rhema words from the Lord, over a period of time, those rhema words *literally changed me, imperceptibly at first*, so that I now understand and clearly perceive the spiritual concept of my *becoming* a spiritual asexual⁸ bride to a resurrected

⁶Here is scriptural proof of this statement from Jesus and the apostle John: Jesus was questioned by the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, concerning a woman who legally had more than one husband since, each time she married, her husband died and she would then marry again. Their question was, in the resurrection which husband would be hers? Jesus rebuked his questioners and then said, "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels of God in heaven." (See Matthew 22:23-32). Concerning a related subject, John wrote, "Beloved now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He [Christ] is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2). From these two scripture references we learn that our resurrected bodies will be devoid of sexuality, which was given for procreation. Husbands and wives will not be married to one another in heaven.. They both will be married to the Bridegroom in an entirely spiritual relationship that both supplants and supercedes the physical relationship.

⁷The sexuality of Jesus of Nazareth was similar to any other man but was not as dominant as it is in man today because (1) He was not born under the Adamic sin-curse and (2) He was under the complete spiritual guidance, direction and supervision of the Father during His ministry 24/7. The Adamic sin adversely affected the sexuality of man as it did all of God's creation and the enemy makes the most of this every chance we give him (see Genesis 3:7-24).

⁸The meaning of "asexual" as used here is "without sex."

¹See Matthew 25:1-13.

²See My Christmastime 2005 letter, A CHRISTMAS PROPHECY, Revisited.

³Matthew 25:10 (b)-13.

⁴John 10:4

⁵See John 14:21 (b); 15:26 (b).

spiritual Christ who is the Bridegroom. Rhema words from the Lord will change your concept of sexuality into a knowledge of spiritual intimacy otherwise unattainable. This is only one of many advantages of spending quiet time with the Lord in order to hear His rhema words about which I write.

Jesus of Nazareth, the second Adam⁹ was born and lived His complete life on the earth without sin. In that respect He was like the first Adam prior to his sin. One charge God gave to the first Adam was to replenish the earth through male and female procreation of the human species. Jesus and Adam, therefore, had the same sexual attributes and procreation ability that man has today. The concept of the man Jesus of Nazareth becoming the Bridegroom is one way homosexuals may erroneously support their belief and so called “lifestyle.” If Jesus of Nazareth is the Bridegroom, it reasons therefore that the man Jesus will become the Bridegroom of men, a concept which supports homosexuality.¹⁰ Where that concept is flawed is in the fact that Jesus of Nazareth is not the Bridegroom. The Bridegroom is the resurrected Christ whose mortal sexual body put on immortality in the resurrection and His sexuality as Jesus of Nazareth *was forever changed*. In heaven there is no marrying nor giving in marriage¹¹ since our sexuality is forever changed at the Rapture or the resurrection, whichever comes first. Our resurrected or changed body will be like the angels and will also be like that of Christ Jesus and will be asexual or totally devoid of sexuality.¹²

Therefore, this puts to rest the false claim that Jesus of Nazareth as a man, as the second Adam, who in

⁹In 1 Corinthians 15:45 Paul refers to Adam as the *first Adam* and to Jesus as the *last Adam*. In my writing I refer to them as the *first* and *second* Adam because there have been only two men on planet earth like Adam [before he sinned] and Jesus. They were both sinless and supernatural, unlike any other mortal who lived on the earth since Adam was formed from the dust of the ground and lived initially as did Jesus without the contamination of sin. (See Genesis 2:7).

¹⁰The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against homosexuality, as the apostle Paul clearly reveals in Romans 1:18-32. In these verses Paul states that homosexuals worship the creature instead of the Creator. In our experience in the Healing and Deliverance Ministry we have learned that this abnormal condition of man or woman is a device of the enemy who comes to steal, kill and destroy and that both men and women may be set free of this so called “life style.” We are admonished to love the sinner but hate the sin. Love that friend or family member of yours who has been deceived by the enemy and pray that God might set him or her free of this lie of Satan. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much with our Lord and a righteousness man in God’s sight is a man or woman in whom dwells the Spirit of Him Who died to save us Who is our righteousness.

¹¹See Matthew 22:23-32.

¹²See 1 John 3:2.

every respect was like the first Adam before sin, *is the Bridegroom* who will take the Church as His bride at the Rapture. The Bridegroom is the resurrected Christ with an asexual spiritual body like the angels, who will take as His bride resurrected or raptured believers as depicted in the parable of the ten virgins.

“The reason some men may think Jesus was homosexual is that they are judging Him by themselves. That is wrong.

“Jesus was not born under the Adamic sin-curse and was obedient to His Father’s wishes. That is why His sexuality was not dominant in His life. The sexuality of one born under the Adamic sin-curse is governed by the flesh instead of the spirit and as the apostle Paul wrote, ‘nothing good dwells in the flesh.’ The sexuality of Adam in the beginning was directed by the Spirit of the Lord. So long as Adam was free of sin, the Lord was in charge of his sexuality. That’s it, period!

“So settle it forever, Jesus as the son of Man did not wrestle with His sex drive. He was dedicated to Me and His mission first. These two characteristics may again *begin* to be displayed in the lives of millennial residents.”

Now I wish to address the erroneous position of some religionists who presume God the Father to also be God the Mother. To some of you this will seem strange or unusual, but it is real in some churches. For example, in the mid 1990's, I was told that a denomination with which I am familiar had appointed a committee to revise the Church Hymnal and remove all masculine pronouns referring to God, Christ and the Holy Spirit and replace them with neutered words.

Isaiah 66:13 and Matthew 23:37 (and other scriptures) are used as partial proof of this position. My impression is that this concept began with the feminist movement as supported by the National Organization for Women and the several “splinter groups” who may come under their “umbrella.” One statement I have read which is indirectly related to this position is that God is our Father and the Church is our Mother. The Church is not our “Mother.” The Church is the bride of Christ and is comprised collectively of all individuals, both male and female, who follow Him. He is the Bridegroom as depicted in the parable of the ten virgins, put forth by the Bridegroom Himself. In this parable the *virgins* are both male and female who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and thereby have become chaste virgins (a mark of spiritual purity, not sexuality) awaiting the call of the Bridegroom (the rapture of the Church).

Two other scriptures used by those who espouse the concept of “God the Mother” are: John 8:42 and John

17:8. Both of these references are words of Jesus wherein He says that He came forth or came out of the Father, who sent Him to the earth. Jesus did come forth, or come from, or come out of the Father as these words of Jesus clearly confirm. However, this has *nothing to do with natural sexuality*, but with *supernatural* spiritual origin. The experience of Jesse Duplantis, the television evangelist, confirms this in his book, *“HEAVEN, Close Encounters of the God Kind.”* He was caught up into the third heaven, similar to the apostle Paul.¹³ Here are just a few of his words describing the throne of God: “Everything in heaven is raised. The topography of the land goes up toward the Throne. Then out of that massive energy of light and love and power I saw Jesus come in human form. There He was, like I had seen Him in Paradise. What seemed to be millions of people at the Throne of God fell down before Him. For the first time in my life, I could understand the Trinity in physical terms. Jesus came out of the cloud and the power of the Father. Jesus literally came out of the very existence of Jehovah God, and when He did, the people shouted. Jesus and the Father were One, yet They were Two. He was in the Father and the Father was in Him. He was at the right hand of God. When He came out of that power, He was in human form – something we could touch.”¹⁴

I have done a survey of the Gospels and have counted eighteen times (there may be more) where Jesus said that He was directed and instructed by *His Father* in everything He said and did. His model prayer is directed to *Our Father*. The Bible always refers to God, Jesus, Christ or the Holy Spirit *with masculine pronouns*. The only so called “proof” offered to the contrary is by what I believe to be misguided or misunderstood *inferences* arrived at intellectually without the confirmation of *spiritual revelation*. As I have previously written, “rhema words from the Lord will change your concept of sexuality into a knowledge of spiritual intimacy otherwise unattainable.” This is only one of the many advantages of taking the time to hear rhema words from the Lord.

One mistake leading to these erroneous conclusions is one also made by born-again believers. We may start in the Spirit but then draw intellectual

conclusions from the word (logos) of God. Sometimes that works, for example “they” (the ten commandments) are not *ten suggestions*. Many times, however, things taught by Jesus are veiled from our intellectual eyes¹⁵ and revealed only by the Holy Spirit. “Revelation is the source of true knowledge,”¹⁶ otherwise those with the best minds would have an advantage over the rest of us. Jesus emphasized that when He said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”¹⁷

This paper has been written mainly to address four issues: (1) The distinction between the sexual purity of Jesus of Nazareth and the asexuality of the risen Christ, (2) the asexuality and the spirituality of the Bridegroom (Christ) and His raptured bride (the Church), (3) claims that homosexuality is taught in the Bible and/or that Jesus was homosexual and (4) the issue of “Mother God.” Obviously many additional pages could be written to cover these four issues more completely. That was not my original intention. I simply wanted to briefly state for the record the reasons for my conclusions on each of these issues. The most important thing about determining God’s truth is to seek revelation from the Holy Spirit, as James wrote, “You have not because you ask not.”¹⁸ This will lead to a common knowledge of the Truth which sets us free. However, that takes time and requires that we conform our lives to the principles set forth by Jesus of Nazareth during His personal ministry. That is somewhat more stringent than acquiring an intellectual knowledge of the Bible or any other religious book.

“Adam severed his umbilical cord to the Lord when he sinned. When that happened, good and evil were diffused within him and he became lost. Equal access to good and evil will lead to confusion until the Adamic sin-curse is removed by reattaching the umbilical cord to Me,” says the Lord. “Only then is evil seen for what it is and eliminated from consideration. My son, that’s really what happens. When that is done and the umbilical cord is firmly attached to Me again, then progress is the result and I can use that individual for My purpose alone.

“That umbilical cord is now accessed by both Satan and Me. Therein lies the battle. Only by listening to Me does one learn to distinguish between good and evil because My words are always two-edged – constructive of

¹³Quit thinking that events which happened in the first century can’t happen in the twentieth or the twenty-first century. You can worship that god of limitation if you choose. That’s one thing that is wrong with and hampers the activities of the Church today. Nothing is impossible to my God. Either He is without limit yesterday, today and forever or you may end up worshipping an idol – the idol of ignorance, pride, vain imaginations or unbelief.

¹⁴*HEAVEN, Close Encounters of the God Kind*, Jesse Duplantis, Harrison House, Tulsa, Oklahoma, pp.115, 116.

¹⁵See Luke 2:50; 24:45; John 7:5; 10:39; 1 Corinthians 2:7; 2 Corinthians 3:15.

¹⁶These are words the Lord spoke to me after I began to hear and record His rhema words.

¹⁷John 9:38.

¹⁸James 4:2 (b).

good and destructive of evil. That's why learning to listen to ME is so important. I am always building you up while the enemy is always tearing you down. Man must learn to listen to Me in these last days to remain stable and keep from being ensnared by the enemy. Do not be reluctant to teach and write about that, My son, for it is more important now than ever before because of the stepped-up activity of the enemy since he knows his days on the earth are shortened.¹⁹

"As intimacy with God is experienced through hearing His rhema words, the sexuality of a man concerning his relationship with Christ as the Bridegroom is gradually changed into the intimacy of love. Then gradually the love that is transmitted by His words will teach him the love/intimacy relationship completely free of the confusion of the normal fleshly, lustful nature of man.

"And because I (Jesus) was born without the Adamic sin-curse and had communion with the Father through the Spirit from the beginning, I was not confused with lust of the flesh in the sexual area as is man born under the Adamic sin-curse. As I have said to you, when Adam sinned, good and evil were diffused within him so that he could not distinguish between the two and so became lost. To distinguish between good and evil, love and lust, today one must hear rhema words from Me to gradually be changed in this area. As the sin-curse is completely removed from man, he is shown the distinction between love and lust and may then understand, act and react accordingly. You see, My son, I was born that way.

"The desire of My heart is to bless you through obedience. God blesses man with the offer of salvation. Man blesses God with obedience. Man's behavior, God's blessing, is the goal of God the Father in mankind."

In closing this *letter*, here are some additional intimate words from the Lord given to me Saturday morning, November 26, 2005:

"My son, you are just beginning to see the benefit of hearing My rhema words. It is the only way to mature into the full-grown man that I desire you to be. It is then that you may be helpful to Me, My son. For then I may entrust you with apostle provisions. An apostle, My son, as you know, is one sent by Me. That's it. Nothing else is essential, for when I send, that person is equipped to do My will. That's the difference between a mature and an immature believer. **The mature believer has heard My rhema words often enough to await My instructions. Then as one is trained, equipped, empowered and sent by Me, that one will not fail.** That one can then assist Me

in the greatest move of God the world has ever seen. Satan knows this is coming and that is why his activities are stepped up. He comes to steal, kill and destroy with earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, other weather extremes, terrorists, divorce, illness and disease. These occurrences will ravage the earth under his control.

"But those called to maturity, as I have instructed and outlined to you, will be protected. That's another benefit of hearing My rhema words in these last days before the rapture/tribulation.

"So be about what I have called and instructed you to do and, as I have said to you, be prepared for some surprise blessings along the way," says God.

"I had many moments when in desperation I had to get away from everyone and spend time alone with My Father to be reassured and refreshed for the next day's tasks. I depended on Him so much that was never seen, for He and His Spirit alone were My real comforters in both My maturation period and during My ministry. I will give you other things about My growing up years, but you may begin to share these intimacies as you choose to do so, says your Friend to you this morning.

"I want to emphasize to you again that I was completely alone in My training period and during My ministry. The Father talked to Me about that, so I had the best Father one could have, but I still had to learn from Him without the instruction and guidance of My parents. They simply did not understand because they were limited by the Adamic sin-curse with which they were born. My whole family, like you and others, had to wait for Calvary and the following Pentecost morning in order to understand who I was and who I am.

"It is a difficult thing to be reared by parents who will be saved by their child. As I matured, I realized that they would not understand that until I became the Christ, and only then after the Spirit was sent by the Father on Pentecost. So you see, My birth, childhood development and life I lived, I lived alone in the physical but guided step by step by the Father, even as was the first Adam. And guidance of One without sin and born that way has many advantages I will explain to you later. But the thing I want to impress you with now is that I came a difficult way, even as you, for I had a fleshly body and was subject to all the temptations, even as you. But the sinless nature of My birth and the guidance of the Father allowed under those circumstances, made My pathway easier than it otherwise would have been."

¹⁹See Matthew 24:22; Mark 13:20.