***God Will Take Us as His Own***

I will take you to be my people (Exodus 6:7). What a powerful statement of pursuit. I can feel the force of determination underneath this pronouncement. At the same time, a tenderness to set fire in this statement is about to explode.

“Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is. And every one that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”  
1 John 3:1-3 ASV

The key word is “take” (Hebrew: laqach). It entails the idea of taking a bride in marriage. Why “take”? Why the language of marriage?

“Then Adam said, This [creature] is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of a man.”  
Genesis 2:23 AMPC

“And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it.”  
Genesis 2:15 AMPC

In the beginning, the plan of God has always been to have a family. He created man and woman in His Image and likeness. He always wants to be a Father.

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”  
Genesis 1:26-28 ASV

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