***We Are God’s, and He Will Take Us in Love!***

Going back to 1 John 3:1, “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.”  
1 John 3:1 ASV

In creation, we see the evidence of God’s love and plan to have a people He can relate to, created in His image and likeness. Prior to the creation of man, God made sure all is prepared for His people. After creating His man, He gave him a place and authority to have dominion, commanded him to be fruitful and multiply, as we see in Genesis 1:26-28 (also retold in   
Genesis 2).

“And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made Jehovah God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”  
Genesis 2:7-9 ASV

“And Jehovah God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it... but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”  
Genesis 2:15, 17 ASV

In this post, I want to take us to see how grand and gracious the plans of God for man are; how thoughtful and tedious His preparation for a people He will want to spend His life with; how carefully He formed this man with His own hands, leaving a powerful impression on him forever. What a demonstration of love that is! How marked is man with the touch of His loving hands? He could have just spoken man to exist like He spoke everything He created. BUT NOT FOR MAN, He touched the ground and formed the man! Think about that!

Look at the Amplified Version of 1 John 1:

“SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.”  
1 John 3:1 AMPC

The Message Translation is even more powerful:

“What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we’re called children of God! That’s who we really are. But that’s also why the world doesn’t recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he’s up to.”  
1 John 3:1 MSG

So as we proceed to study the cry of the bride in the end times, let us discover, in the beginning, how He loved us; and no wonder by Exodus, the strength of that love expressed itself in such forceful demonstration of resolve.

“And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that it is I, the Lord your God, Who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”  
Exodus 6:7 AMPC

The bride is longing for this force of love. Her husband “WILL TAKE HER!”