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Jesus, a Bridegroom with a Burning Heart of Love (Part 12)

The Nature of God: Love

A Love Paradigm of Ministry

John the Baptist viewed his ministry as preparing a Bride for Jesus. The best man in a wedding does not seek to draw the bride's attention and affections to himself, but to prepare her to receive the embrace of the bridegroom.

A friend of the Bridegroom prepares the people to receive Jesus' embrace as the Bridegroom God, empowering them to walk out the first commandment.

29The friend of the bridegroom...rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. (Jn. 3:29)

Paul spoke of ministries who preached or showcased themselves (2 Cor. 4:5; Phil. 2:19-21).

5For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. (2 Cor. 4:5)

Prayer:

ABBA, as friends of the bridegroom, we rejoice to standby Him; prepare the bride for His return, a friend of the bridegroom!