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## ***Here Comes the Bride***

Revelation 19 tells us His wife has made herself ready” (Rev. 19:7b). It’s the guiding principle of all God’s activity: the marriage supper of the Lamb. God’s ultimate purpose and goal of creation is to provide a suitable and equally-yoked bride. God the Father has worked very intentionally to select and train a bride to reign with Him in love.

The main purpose of the whole created order is to select, prepare, and train the eternal companion of Christ Jesus for royal authority.

From eternity past, in the eternal counsels of the Godhead, for God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit in their planning of history, the central issue on the heart of God the Father was to give His Son an inheritance.

## **A Bride, The Son’s Inheritance**

God the Father promised the Son an inheritance. This promise was given to the Son before ever the worlds were created. He looked at His Son and said, “I will give you a people whom You’ll totally possess. They will be Yours.” I believe that God spoke this to His Son before the worlds were created. As a matter of fact, He created the worlds for this purpose, to give His Son an inheritance. We can look at it along two different themes in Scripture.

- It’s providing the Son with an eternal companion, a bride,
- or providing the Father with a family.

Both lines of thought run parallel in the Scriptures: the Father longing for a family, the Son longing for a bride. There are different dimensions to them, but those are the two main themes in the Word of God for redemption.

God created the stars; He created the atmosphere in order to be able to have an earth that can be inhabited by human beings for the purpose of providing a companion for His Son. That’s what was in His heart from the very beginning. It was planned from eternity.

The reason I’m focusing on this is because it does something to us when this thing connects with us. Of course, we know it takes the Holy Spirit for this thing to connect with us, doesn’t it? Intellectually, it’s kind of interesting, but it doesn’t really have the full impact until the Holy Spirit takes it from the mind and reveals it to the heart.

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Of course, the way He does that is as we meditate on it with our mind, as we bring it back to Him in prayer and in thanksgiving in that dialogue with the Lord of thanking Him, asking Him for revelation, and filling our mind with it. That's the context in which He then writes it upon our heart. It's very appropriate and very in line with the Scriptures to fill our mind with the subject that we want Him to write upon our hearts. That's why we're doing that.

This leaves me awed in my heart: that from eternity past He created the galaxies, the sun, This leaves me awed in my heart: that from eternity past He created the galaxies, the sun, moon, and all the stars in order to create an earth, in order to create a human race, in order to extract out of it a companion for His Son.

That's why the whole thing is happening. From the very beginning of history, God has declared His intention to have a marriage for His Son.

At the very beginning of the human race, God declares the human race beautiful to Him by creating us for a marriage. God looks down on the human race and pronounces us lovely and beautiful in His sight by the very fact that history ends in Revelation 19. In that statement is a declaration of our beauty to God. In that statement is a declaration of His longing for us.

### **Prayer:**

What manner of love is this Abba God? How encompassing is your love for your people. Teach me this love that is so much like yours in Jesus Name.