

“Behold What Manner of Love!”

Part Six – Behold What Manner of Love

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I don't know about you, but what we've discovered in this series has been shocking for me! As one astounding discovery led to another, this subject has built momentum of staggering proportions. Remember how we started by examining how different the love from heaven is from what the world calls love? As we got a glimpse of Heaven's love we saw how immense it is, so huge it distinguishes YHUH's disciples from everyone else and incurs the greatest persecution and calumny of all doctrines. We then looked in Part two at what YHUH intends to do with this amazing love. In “Yahuah's Dream Come True” we found how YHUH's plan from the Garden of Eden is going to be fulfilled with couples recreated in His image, male and female. What a refreshing surprise this was after being taught all our lives there would be no marriages or families in heaven!

In part three we discovered who the Bride is for the kingdom by identifying the Ruach Qadosh as the wife of YHUH. We found women recreated in her image are qualified to be united with men recreated in the image of the Messiah. This discovery revealed a wonderful truth about righteous women who are referred to as “wisdom” in Scripture and who bring glory and honor and riches to the men they are united with by YHUH. Of course YHUH expects the men with whom He unites these women to appreciate and take good care of them. Sadly, we found these wives are often refused and rejected for worldly pursuits instead.

Part four took us onto seemingly forbidden ground – divorce. We learned how YHUH uses divorce to separate couples who are unequally yoked so His people can walk fully with Him without compromise. YHUH is right that two can't walk together except they be agreed, and we are only arguing with Him when we try to prove we can walk with YHUH while walking with a spouse who opposes His work in our lives.

Finally we examined the call *“Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him”* in light of the wedding feast prophecy that has been fulfilled up to the time when the wedding feast is filled with guests. By comparing Scripture with Scripture we discovered the fulfillment of the rest of the wedding feast will be when representatives of the Bride and Bridegroom of heaven, that is males and females here on earth who have been recreated in their image, are united by YHUH. The feast that ensues will be a test by which others show whether or not they condone YHUH uniting His couples, or if they still believe only in the man-made marriages as performed by earthly authorities. The day of Pentecost will be the wedding feast as it has been in the past, both when the covenant was established with Israel at Sinai, and when the disciples and their wives received the outpouring of the Spirit after the Messiah's ascension. Those who qualify as forerunners of this movement will be the firstfruits who stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb as 144,000 couples who sing the Song of Songs, which is the wedding song.

After these breathtaking discoveries, are you ready for the biggest discovery of all? In this study we are going to trace through Scripture this incredible love from Heaven that YHUH bestows on His children, that is, those recreated and united one with another by Him in His image. To the extent the subject of true love is perverted, sensationalized and grossly misrepresented on earth, so can we anticipate how important it must really be. Satan would not devote so much attention to an unimportant issue. As you will see, he attempted to cover-up, destroy, and obliterate the most exciting, powerful and lively subject in the universe. As we uncover the reality of YHUH's love that He desires to bestow on us, we will discover the real reason for living.

Let's start looking at this love *“in the beginning”*, just as John did with the elect lady. He said to her:

And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his

commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 2 John 1:5,6.

In this passage John admonishes the elect Lady that they should love “*one another*” which was not a new commandment, but was “*that which we had from the beginning.*” The only example of love one for another from the beginning was the love given to Adam and Chavah as the first couple created in the image of Eloheem.

Following this verse John says something that at first seems unrelated to his discussion, but we will find out this is not the case:

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that YHUH Savior Messiah is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 2 John 2:7

After telling the elect lady they must love one another as commanded at the beginning, why would he bring up the importance of confessing the Messiah came “*in the flesh*” and that deceivers will not admit this? If we take this subject back to the beginning, as John was referring to, we find the key to this worldwide deception. The Messiah tells us clearly what YHUH did “*in the beginning*”:

And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore Eloheem hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Matthew 19:4-6

In the beginning Eloheem “*made them male and female*” and said they were to leave their father and mother and “*they twain shall be one flesh*”. Is this the “*flesh*” the deceivers refuse to confess about the Messiah? When Adam and Chavah were made male and female and united in one flesh with each other in the image of Eloheem, did this also represent the Messiah? In other words, when the Messiah came to earth, was He one flesh with His Spouse as Adam and Chavah were? If this is true, then this would add a dimension to the work of the Messiah here on earth that we likely never considered before.

The baptism of the Messiah gives us a valuable piece of evidence for determining if the Messiah came in the “*one flesh*” YHUH unites couples to have:

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that YHUH Savior also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Ruach Qadosh descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. Luke 3:21,22

Please notice two things from this verse. First, the Ruach Qadosh descended “*in a bodily shape.*” The phrase in Greek for “*bodily shape*” actually means “*bodily appearance*”; in other words She came in the appearance of a body. Secondly, she was likened to a “*dove*”. In the Song of Songs the bride is likened to a dove by her beloved:

My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. Song of Songs 6:9

Is it possible this was the Messiah's Bride joining Him as one flesh at His baptism? If we look at the other gospel accounts of this story we find more clues:

And YHUH Savior, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of Eloheem descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matthew 3:16,17

And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. Mark 1:12

And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Ruach Qadosh. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of Eloheem. John 1:32-34

Here we find the Spirit descends “like a dove” and lights upon the Messiah, and John says the Spirit remained on Him. If this Spirit was actually a bird, and not the body of the Spirit Herself, then this would mean the dove stayed on the Messiah and drove Him into the wilderness. However, if the Spirit was only likened to a dove because She is the Bride of the Messiah, and She descended in Her bodily shape and joined with the Messiah, then He would be one with Her and this would account for why John was told this would be the evidence for recognizing the “*Son of Eloheem*”. The Son of Eloheem was now complete in representing Eloheem, Male and Female.

Even as YHUH confessed the Messiah was His beloved Son at His baptism when the Spirit became one with Him so they fully represented Eloheem as male and female in one flesh, so we see this is the confession that deceivers refuse to make about the Messiah. They do not want to admit that the Messiah was one “flesh” with His Bride in a love relationship that was ordained for mankind to experience “*in the beginning*.” Eloheem said at the beginning that it was not good for man to be alone. This was true for His Son Adam, and His Son YHUH Savior. Only when the Messiah was completed by His spouse joining Him could He then have the approval of His Father. Scripture tells us he that findeth, or achieveth, a wife “*obtaineth favor of YHUH*.” (Proverbs 18:22). The Messiah's wife joining Him was a sign of YHUH's favor which He confirmed with His declaration from heaven “*This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased*.” (Matthew 3:17).

The wife of the Messiah is seen not only at the Messiah's baptism, but also at His death. Regarding His final moments of life we read:

And YHUH Savior cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of Eloheem. Matthew 15:37-39.

Here we see a Roman Centurion declaring the Messiah to be the Son of Eloheem when he saw that the Messiah “*so cried out*.” What did the Messiah cry out that convinced this man He was the Son of Eloheem?

And when YHUH Savior had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. Luke 23:45

The centurion became convinced YHUH Savior was the Son of Eloheem when he heard the Messiah commend His Spirit to YHUH. Even as the Spirit was evidence of the sonship of YHUH Savior at His baptism, so was she evidence of His sonship at His death. As the Messiah held onto the last vestiges of life, His final concern was for His wife. Surely He did not want to let her go until He saw death's door and knew His end had come. Only then did He relinquish her over to His Father.

We've been taught the Messiah giving His “Spirit” to YHUH was just a way of showing He trusted YHUH to take back the breath of life He'd been given. Yet when the Messiah gave up His final breath we are told “*he gave up the ghost*.” which in the Greek is “ekpneo” and means “to expire”. This is different than the word used for “*spirit*” in this verse, which is “pneuma”, the same word used in the following verses:

I saw the Spirit (Pneuma) descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. John 1:32,34

Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit (Pneuma) Luke 23:45

The blasphemy against the Holy Ghost (Pneuma) shall not be forgiven unto men. Matthew 12:31

The proof this “Spirit” was His Bride and not just His breath is also seen when the soldier pierced the Messiah's side to see if He was dead and both blood and water came out (John 19:34). The Messiah taught water represented the Spirit:

YHUH Savior answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (symbol) and of the Spirit (reality), he cannot enter into the kingdom of Eloheem. That which is born of the flesh is flesh (symbolized by blood); and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (symbolized by water). John 3:5,6.

Those who were baptized in the water were showing their desire to be “born” again, that is, born of the Spirit.

The sign of the water and blood coming out at the Messiah's death showed not only did He die on the stake, but His Bride, the Spirit, died then as well. Her death was prefigured in the female sacrificial goat or lamb proscribed for the sins of the common people:

And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against any of the commandments of YHUH concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty; Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned... and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him. And if he bring a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish... and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him. Leviticus 4:27-35.

The death of the Messiah's Bride with Him on the stake was an amazing discovery to me. This explained the Messiah's prayer as the soldiers nailed Him to the stake “*Father forgive them for they know not what they do.*” (Luke 23:34). They knew they were nailing Him to the tree, but they didn't know they were nailing Her too. Since sinning against His Spirit could not be forgiven, He asked this act that was unbeknownst to them not be held against them.

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost (pneuma) shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Matthew 12:31,32.

This proves the Spirit that came to the Messiah at His baptism is the same One He entrusted to His Father at His death and the same One whom blasphemies against cannot be forgiven. This was His wife whom YHUH gave to Him at His baptism when He presented Him as His Son. The Messiah's flesh was then a perfect example of YHUH's Son, even as “Adam” was when He was created “male and female” in the image of Eloheem.

Now we can see how John's statement about the Messiah's flesh to the elect Lady was related to His request for them to “*love one another*” as was commanded “*in the beginning.*” He was pointing out how deceivers refuse to confess that the Messiah Himself was one flesh, just as we are designed to be, and this being the case we are to seek that relationship we were created for in the beginning as He exemplified it.

What an eye-opener! Surely satan has been almost completely successful in hiding this truth from mankind. The DaVinci Code, a book purporting the Messiah was married to Mary Magdalene, demonstrates the kind of erroneous conclusions mankind can draw when the truth is not known.

The obvious question is, why would satan refuse to confess the Messiah came in “*the flesh*” meaning that He was one with His wife? It's because satan knows this is the answer to the greatest longings of mankind, the great desire of YHUH, and the meaning and fulfillment of life itself. Ultimately, this true love experience in which people are joined together correctly the way YHUH planned, will result in righteous seed being created which will destroy the adversary. “*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*” Genesis

3:15.

The importance of this issue is seen in the story of the woman at the well. The Messiah knew what this five-time married woman was looking for, and He claimed to have it. When she began to understand this, she went to the men of her city declaring *“Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Messiah?”* (John 4:29). We are then informed that *“many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.”* (John 4:39). What was so special about the Messiah knowing what this woman did that so many men believed He was the Messiah for that reason alone?

The Messiah clued us in on what was really going on with this woman when He told her to go get her husband. Without understanding the secret of the Messiah's flesh this request seems unrelated to the story. As the woman tries to cover up the heartbreaking failures of her life she tells the Messiah she has no husband. The Messiah knows the story however, and how she has gone from husband to husband looking for something she never found. Evidently having given up on finding true love in marriage, she is now living with a man she isn't married to. He reveals He knows the whole story when He says *“Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.”* (John 4:17,18).

The men of the city knew her story too, at least five of them byproducts themselves of her failed marriages. Surely the story had made its rounds that this woman, likely a beautiful woman desired by many men as her repeated marriages testified, was impossible to please. One marriage after another told the story of failed hopes and dreams. Finally she gave up and in shame and defeat she sought water at the well by herself as a social outcast.

The Messiah's invitation to give her living water was the solution to this woman's marriage problems. This is why He called attention to her failed marriage life after making his offer:

YHUH Savior answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of Eloheem, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? YHUH Savior answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. YHUH Savior saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. John 4:10-16.

The Messiah's invitation to give living water is prophesied in Isaiah where we gather more information about this incredible offer:

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Isaiah 55:1-3

This invitation is for those who are thirsty. The woman at the well was thirsty, not just for water, but for true love. She went through six men looking for true love. The Messiah compared what He had to offer to living waters from which one will never thirst again, whereas one would continue to thirst after drinking man's water.

In Isaiah we are told to *“come, buy wine and milk without money.”* (55:2) In Song of Songs we are told *“thy love is better than wine.”* (1:2). The love of heaven is not for sale. No dowry is paid for this refreshing drink that truly satisfies. We can only find this love through the Messiah.

Sadly, a counterfeit bread and wine is passed off as the true with amazing success on earth. We are asked,

“Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which satisfieth not?” In Proverbs the foolish woman seductively entices men to come to her, declaring *“Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”* (Proverbs 9:17). This foolish woman epitomizes man-made relationships in the world. These relationships are likened to stolen waters and bread eaten in secret. The water is not true love, and the bread is not legitimate flesh. The Messiah likened His flesh to bread, and the “one flesh” He had with His Bride is what He offers us if we will obey Him. The counterfeit one-flesh experience is likened to bread eaten in secret.

In other words YHUUH is asking us why we spend our money and labour on relationships that propose to be “one flesh” bread but are not? As YHUUH invites men to *“rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.”* (Proverbs 5:18-19) He asks them why they labour for that which satisfieth not? The breasts of the wives of the covenant will always satisfy husbands who love YHUUH.

YHUUH then tells us to incline our ear and come to Him and hear and our soul shall live *“and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.”* This covenant is the same covenant He started with in the beginning, the one-flesh covenant in which a man and woman represent Him and His Bride. This is the living water that can only be obtained through the Messiah. We cannot learn how to have that kind of relationship without having the Messiah and His Bride to emulate. Without their example and instruction we are left with marriages like the water in Jacob's well, drinking repeatedly to try to satisfy a thirst for love that is only being superficially and temporarily quenched.

If we plug the understanding that the living waters offered to us by the Messiah is the one-flesh covenant as intended in the Garden of Eden in which couples represent the Heavenly Couples, then other Scriptures come alive with meaning. For example,

Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? Proverbs 5:15-20

The man who rejoices in His wife of the covenant (wife of thy youth – Ezekiel 16:60) has waters from his own cistern running out of his own well, with his fountain dispersed abroad and rivers of waters in the streets. This describes what the Messiah said would happen to those who thirst and came to Him to drink:

In the last day, that great day of the feast, YHUUH Saviour stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that YHUUH Savior was not yet glorified.) John 7:37-39

The rivers of living water that will come out of their belly are described in Proverbs 5:15-20 as being the result of rejoicing with the right wife. Scripture explains how this happens when the Ruach comes to those who believe on the Messiah, showing how this experience is obtained through the work of both the Messiah and His Bride, the Spirit.

It's also worth noting that the living water comes out of the belly. When a man and woman become one flesh their waters are joined together. If they conceive then life is produced in those waters. Procreation is the invention of YHUUH for perpetuating His design in Eden. Satan cannot reproduce what YHUUH made so he attempts instead to steal it, as seen in the foolish woman's enticement that *“stolen waters are sweet.”*

Now we can understand better what the Messiah meant when He prayed *“That they all may be one; as thou,*

Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. (John 17:21). The oneness experience that only the Son can give mankind is what proves YHUH sent Him. We know from the blueprint YHUH made in the creation of Adam and Chavah that YHUH is one flesh with His Wife, and the Son is one flesh with His Wife. After the fall, YHUH's ultimate goal for mankind is for us to be one flesh as they are. In other words, YHUH wants to bestow on couples who have been recreated and united by Him love between them just like the love that is between Him and His Wife. As this love is bestowed on them from heaven they become one not only with each other, but also with the Couples of Heaven whom they are now like because they experience the same love between each other.

The world cannot give the love from heaven for couples to share, only YHUH the Father and Son and their Wives can give this love. Everything else is a counterfeit seeking to seduce mankind into a love relationship without YHUH.

This is why satan has worked so hard to degrade the love between men and women. He doesn't want them to fulfill YHUH's plan of being in His image, so he seduces mankind to seek fulfillment in the sexuality the world offers, which is called the wine of Babylon. Everything is on the market to supposedly meet anyone's needs – from missionary sex to love affairs to porn to homosexuality to bestiality. The problem in all worldly love is that something is still missing. As exhilarating and exciting as the sex act itself can be, it is intoxicating rather than rejuvenating. Couples find water in the well, but it's not the living water, the water that springs up into everlasting life. It's a water that never satisfies their thirst. This is why people keep looking for other ways to satisfy their love life, and why the woman at the well had so many husbands. Only the love between YHUH and His Wife bestowed on the couples created in their image can fulfill our needs.

Let's look at the effect the love bestowed from heaven has on a couple. Without that love, spouses can only express for each other the kind of love they understand, which is at best a self-serving love and at worst pure lust. They “love” their spouse because they make them happy, or because they have money, or they enjoy sex with them; in other words it's because of something the spouse has to offer them that they love them. This seems only natural for why would anyone want someone that didn't have something to offer them?

However, when a couple is joined together by YHUH and His Wife they are not together because of what they can do for each other, but rather because of what Eloheem can do with them. Once Eloheem sees they are qualified enough as their representatives to be joined together, YHUH then begins the process of uniting them physically, spiritually and emotionally; culminating in the love act in which YHUH and His Wife bestow on them the love that is between them in order for the couple to truly be in their image. Without this love the image of YHUH and His Wife on earth would just be a shell, or a visual image. The substance of their relationship would not be represented. Only when the love between YHUH and His Wife is bestowed on a couple who have been recreated and joined together by Them is the goal of Eloheem accomplished, *“Let us create man in our own image, male and female.”*

Then the love the Father and Son express for their Wives is seen in the expression of love by the man for his wife. The joy of the Brides in heaven is reflected in the covenant brides on earth. As YHUH's wife rejoices before Him, the covenant wife on earth rejoices before her husband. As YHUH is ravished by the love of His Bride, the covenant man on earth is ravished by the love of his bride. So we can see in the green grass on earth these shadows, a man and woman frolicking together, talking intimately, caressing each other, move by move representing the Heavenly Couple who created them.

This shadow example breaks down however in the fact that shadows have no choice, but people do. Whether or not a couple is going to represent the Heavenly Couple depends completely upon each of them individually. When Adam and Chavah sinned against YHUH they broke that intimate connection between each other as well as with Eloheem.

The science of salvation has been to restore these relationships damaged by sin. The complete solution will be realized when couples again represent the Heavenly Couple, being united one with another as

well as with YHUH and His Bride in a way that perfectly represents what was created in Eden:

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, Eloheem hath shined. Psalms 50:2.

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads...And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of Eloheem. Revelation 14:1,5

Turn, O backsliding children, saith YHUH; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: Jeremiah 3:14

These marriages that perfectly represent the Heavenly Couple is what YHUH offered Israel at the covenant at Sinai - if they obeyed His laws He would recreate them in the image of Eloheem, male and female, and unite them to each other to give between them what He had with His wife just like He did with Adam and Chavah..

When Israel fornicated against YHUH she stopped obeying Him and replaced the relationship she had with Him with following other deities. This meant someone other than YHUH had to pair her men and women as couples since she no longer had YHUH to make these relationships happen. Thus fornication with YHUH is the only true grounds for divorce.

When a couple stops being a shadow (likeness) of Eloheem by either one or both no longer obeying Him, then their relationship with each other can no longer image the one in Heaven. If the woman, for example, still follows YHUH, she may be doing all the right moves to represent the Bride of YHUH, but her moves will not be met with shadow moves from her husband representing the Bridegroom of Heaven. In this case, the husband has “fornicated” the marriage plan of YHUH. When the woman realizes she can not continue her walk with YHUH and her husband because they are going different directions, then she must leave her husband if she wants YHUH's covenant because her husband forfeited the covenant by fornicating against YHUH.

A narrow view of marriage not based on the blueprint in Eden would lead to the simplistic thinking that fornication is only having sex outside of marriage. Once the real purpose in marriage is grasped, then it becomes obvious fornication is disobeying the covenant with YHUH.

The potential however for a couple who remains true to their covenant vows with YHUH so He can reproduce His image in them, a covenant male and a covenant female with love bestowed on them from heaven, is beyond phenomenal. This is truly where we can't comprehend the thoughts of YHUH that are higher than ours as the heavens are higher than the earth.

YHUH gives us a look at this love through the Song of Songs, the glorious story of the love relationship between a covenant bride and covenant bridegroom. The analogies used to describe this bride and bridegroom and their relationship are intensely meaningful, especially as compared to the cheap earthly counterfeit we have been sold.

The meaning of the lilies in Song of Solomon is one example of this intense meaning. Let's look at how lilies are used in this book:

I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. 2:1

As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters. 2:2

My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies. 2:16; 6:3

Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies. 4:5

His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh. 5:13

Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about with lilies. 7:2

Here we see the bridegroom is the lily of the valley while the bride is the lily among thorns; the bridegroom feeds among the lilies, and the bride's breasts are like two roes that feed among the lilies; and the bridegroom's lips are likened to lilies as is the belly of the bride with a heap of wheat set among them. What does all this mean?

The symbol of lilies begins to be explained at the laver of water before the Tabernacle:

And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: 1 Kings 7:26

The laver of water was for washing before entering the Tabernacle. As this water sat outside the throne room of YHUUH it was a small representation of the water of life. Only as the priests washed in the water of life could they enter the Tabernacle. This water must represent YHUUH's words, as His words are our life now, even as the Messiah said *"the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* (John 6:63) and we are admonished *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Eloheem."* (Matthew 4:4).

The lilies around the brim of the laver of water gives us a portrayal of the location of YHUUH's words. If someone was immersing themselves in YHUUH's words it could be said they were feeding among the lilies.

We also find lilies around the brim of the brass pillars Solomon built in front of the Tabernacle: *"And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished."* 1 Kings 7:22

Pillars are likened to the Messiah's feet: *"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire."* (Revelation 10:1). and the tabernacle is likened to YHUUH's footstool, *"We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool."* (Psalms 132:7) The two brass pillars therefore represent the Messiah's feet on His footstool. The brim was ornamented with pomegranates, just like was on the hem of the High Priest's garment. So we can see a representation of the Messiah's feet with the pomegranates at the top as if hanging from the hem of His garment with His feet resting on His footstool while sitting on His throne inside the Tabernacle. The lily work around the brim must then also represent the hem of His garment. What does this mean?

The Torah teaches regarding a man's skirt: *"A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt."* (Deuteronomy 22:30). The sexual association between taking a father's wife and discovering the father's skirt is also seen in this command: *"The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness."* (Leviticus 18:8). The obvious inference here is that only a wife can discover her husband's skirt, which would be the same as uncovering his nakedness, and likewise her nakedness can only be uncovered by her husband, as any other man would be uncovering her husband's nakedness by uncovering her nakedness.

In the garden of Eden when Adam and Chavah were in Eloheem's image we are told *"And they were*

both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” (Genesis 2:25)

The word “ashamed” in Hebrew is “boosh” and means “properly to *pale*, that is, by implication to *be ashamed*; also (by implication) to *be disappointed*.” In other words Adam and Chavah were both naked, and, we are told, they were “*not disappointed*.” As YHUH's first male and female met each other, perfectly created in the image of Eloheem for each other, they obviously could examine one another completely, and the fact they were not disappointed tells us the happy results of their investigation.

YHUH vigorously protects the intimacy between His covenant husbands and wives as they discover about each other what no one else is allowed to discover. By the use of symbols YHUH reveals secrets about this intimacy that His couples alone will experience. In the example of the lilies, we found these lilies represent a place where YHUH's Word is obtained since they are around the laver of water in which the water represents His word. We can then take this meaning of lilies and apply it to the story of the covenant bride and bridegroom and see how much YHUH's Word plays a part in their love-making.

The bridegroom says he is the lily of the valleys (2:1) and his bride is as the lily among thorns (2:2). As covenant people they obviously have filled themselves with the word of YHUH so they each have become a place where YHUH's word can be found. More specifically the bridegroom's lips are like lilies (5:13) and the bride's breasts are likened to “*two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.*” (4:5). As the bride's breasts feed as roes among the lilies of the bridegroom's lips, YHUH says “*Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.*” (Proverbs 5:19). Obviously the word of YHUH is an aphrodisiac for covenant couples united by Him. The result is the bride's belly is “*like an heap of wheat set about with lilies.*” (7:2). The belly is her womb, and the heap of wheat is the fruit of the womb. This fruit-filled womb is set about with lilies because it was by feeding amongst the lilies in each other that her womb was filled with fruit.

What a contrast we see here between the love-making of couples united by the world and the love-making of couples united by YHUH. The sex paraphernalia in the world testifies to it's inadequacies for true love making. Couples united by the world resort to all kinds of extra incentives for arousal from pills and potions to images and toys. Meanwhile YHUH's couples are intimately excited by feasting on YHUH's word in each other. This must be the case if YHUH is uniting them.

What is the love Eloheem gives His covenant brides and bridegrooms like? It must be unbelievably spectacular since it is the love that He shares with His Bride. Earth's counterfeit experience is a prostitution of true love from Heaven, and is a raunchy and unfulfilling experience in comparison as well. There's only one way anyone can experience the true love from Heaven that YHUH has with His Bride, and that's through the covenant. Only when they covenant with YHUH to obey Him, and they keep their word and do what He commands, will He then recreate them and unite them as a covenant couple to whom He and His Bride can bestow the love they share. Only then are we able to fully “*Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of Eloheem.*” YHUH's covenant people united in His image are His children because they are like Him, just as Adam and Chavah were created to be.

Ultimately YHUH will have His city built up with couples He's united together. Psalms 122 tells us “*Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.*” (Psalms 122:3). “*That is compact together*” can also be written “*which is couple joined.*” In other words, it is built on the joining together of

couples. This is confirmed as the Psalm goes on to say:

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house (family) of YHUH our Eloheem I will seek thy good. Psalms 122:8,9

The Hebrew word for “*companions*” is the same as used in Malachi for “*another*”: “*Then they that feared YHUH spake often one to another*.” (Malachi 3:16). This is the love “*one for another*” the Messiah taught His followers would be the evidence of their discipleship. YHUH's family (house) is built on the love relationships He bestows on those who covenant with Him to obey Him.

YHUH is calling His people to these covenant relationships with the cry “*Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.*” As it was in the days of Noah, most will continue to marry and give in marriage the man-made way. YHUH invites us to behold the manner of love He bestows on His couples so we can desire His relationship for us instead. Even as the Messiah offered the woman at the well with five failed marriages the living water, so does His Spirit offer us the same today:

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

Those who take this water of life and receive the bestowal of love from heaven through the covenant will spring forth before all the nations as examples of the Brides and Bridegrooms of YHUH:

I will greatly rejoice in YHUH, my soul shall be joyful in my Eloheem; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so YHUH Eloheem will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Isaiah 61:10,11.

My prayer is that this study on “Behold What Manner of Love” will help you, as it has helped me, to choose the covenant with YHUH over the covenant of the world. May each of us spring forth as examples to the nations of what Eloheem is really like, male and female, as their love is bestowed on the relationships they make happen through the covenant.