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TAKING HIS WIFE**

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We are reading in the Word of God today a scripture that we have previously read many times before, and sometimes I get almost embarrassed reading the same line of scriptures because somebody may say, "Let's go to a totally different area of the Word." But when we look in the Word of God, we find that Paul had a certain thing to do, and he wasn't going to get involved too much with the other things; but only wanted to involve himself in those things that God had called him to do. The Bible is a big book, and much of it especially in the Old Testament doesn't have application to us specifically, as much of it has already been fulfilled, while other parts of it will take place during the great tribulation and the millennium. Now we are to deal with what is pertinent with us today; not so much what has been or will be, but what is.

So we are reading in 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, and I want to take the thought, *Recognizing it's the Lord Himself Taking His Wife*. We know that's what is going on today; it's the Lord Himself taking His wife. The reason I'm saying, taking rather than has taken is I want to show how He came into doing it. It is a process, and that process is being completed as we speak. It is being said and done, and the world doesn't know anything about it. It's like when Jesus was born in a manger, no one knew it, not even the king or the religious people, but there were a few people that did know it. It was some shepherds out on the hillside that lived out there with the sheep. It was said they even smelled like the sheep, and the sheep even knew their voice. Some people think, well, if God was going to have a great announcement to make, He would have done it using the church folks of that time or the high priest. But no, there were just a handful of shepherds on the hill and God sent a heavenly choir of angels singing, "This day in the city of David, Christ the Lord is born, peace on earth and goodwill towards all men." The greatest announcement came to a few people on a hillside, and the rest of the world knew nothing of what was going on. Even so now there are only a few people recognizing it's the Lord Himself taking His wife. I want to use that word 'Himself' taking His wife. Let us pray before reading.

Heavenly Father, I pray Lord you will just anoint us to speak the Word, and I pray Lord, you will anoint the people to receive the Word, because this Word is very important. Not only the written Word which is the tree of knowledge, Lord, but as it is connected to the tree of life it will bring forth the fruit thereof. I pray this morning that we will be able to connect this together by the help of the Holy Spirit and that the people will receive and be blessed by all that you have ordained for us in Jesus Name. Amen.

If you would allow me just before reading the scripture, I would like to relate a dream in part, and the reason I say in part is because I don't have it before me, so I might miss some of the details of a dream that Brother Sid Hatfield in West Virginia had. He had a dream, and it seemed on the surface a little strange to me, but I told him to go ahead and send it to me. The dream related to a wedding, and he was helping with this wedding. He was involved with getting things ready, putting up a banner, and just helping to make things ready for a wedding.

He said the bride was standing there and she was dressed in such a beautiful wedding garment, she was so beautiful. He said, "I so loved her." He was at this wedding, and there was other people coming there. The bride looked so happy and contented. She didn't look like she was under any pressure; she was just so happy and smiling with beautiful fine linen on. He said, "I loved her. I loved her like I was the one who was getting married to her, but I wasn't; someone else was. But it was as though I was getting married to her. I was so thrilled and happy. I was just as happy as if it was me marrying her." So after hearing the dream, I thought, now how is this going to fit here? Here's what came to me as I thought about the dream, it's the Lord Jesus Christ who marries the bride which is a many member body, and we, the whole body of Christ, known as the bride becomes the wife of the Lamb, as we become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. It's Jesus that takes His wife; it wasn't Brother Sid taking a wife. Now, we are the wife. Praise God! We've come through all those stages and now the marriage is taking place in its completing stage. Now it is clear why in the dream, Brother Sid said, "I wasn't the one marrying her, but I was just as happy as if it was me marrying her." So I just left it there, and the dream has been lying there for quite awhile. It came to my mind again this morning, and I began to wonder about it. It seemed like I began to look into the time of the engagement and the time when Paul said, "I have espoused you as a chaste virgin to Christ that I may present you to Christ." Then Paul said, "I'm standing here in Christ's stead." Now hold that part: I'm standing here in Christ's stead. Whatever Paul was doing, he was speaking for Christ, he was acting for Christ, and it was actually Christ in him doing the work and speaking.

We have been coming through time, up to the very day we're living in, and I'm going to go back just far enough to bring in what the early church said about a ministry that would appear at the end time. Paul spoke prophetic words (prophecy) and wrote about it saying, we become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. As he brought the Word, he said, "We are in Christ's stead." He said, "Jesus Christ came as a minister to the circumcision (Jews), but I am the minister of Christ to you Gentiles. (Romans, Chapter 15) He said, "I am the apostle to the Gentiles." The Lord struck Paul down with a great light and said unto him, "You go and be a light to the Gentiles delivering them from the power of satan to the power of God." (Acts 13:47-48, Acts 26:15-18) In the Old Testament it's spoken about the Gentiles telling us they would hear, that Christ would be a light to them, and that they would trust Him. Scattered throughout the Old Testament there are scriptures that indicated strongly that Christ would be a light to the Gentiles. When Jesus walked the sandy shores of Galilee, it was said, "Those that sat in darkness saw a great light spring up." This was talking about the Gentiles. When Jesus charged His twelve apostles (Matthew, Chapter 10) He said, "*Go not to the Gentiles, nor in the way of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" So they had a firm commandment from Jesus Christ saying don't go to the Gentiles, and of course they didn't. They went everywhere preaching the gospel, but to the Jews only. (Acts, Chapter 11) That was their charge, to preach the gospel to the Jews only. That's why Peter had so much trouble obeying the Lord that day on the housetop when a vision from the Lord appeared to him and a sheet was let down before him showing all kinds of four footed beasts, everything that would be unclean for a Jew to eat. The Spirit of the Lord spoke to Peter and said, "Arise, kill and eat." (Acts, Chapter 10) God was ready to send him to open the door to the Gentiles, because Peter had been given the keys to the kingdom. After the Lord told him this, Peter said, "I'm not going

to do it Lord. Nothing common or unclean has ever come into my mouth. I know you have always told me what to do and I've always trusted you, but here is where I have to draw the line. Not so Lord." Well, the Lord continued the vision three times, then He spoke again to Peter saying, "There are three men at the gate, go with them, doubting nothing." God was now ready to turn another page because there was a wife to get, and that wife for the Lamb is mostly made up of Gentiles. The Jews are known as the brethren of Jesus Christ. When we look at it from the standpoint of God Almighty, we are all children of God, whether we are predestinated to be the wife, foolish virgins, tribulation saints, or Jews; whatever area we fall into we are children of God. I'm talking about those who are predestinated and born again. But there is a specific group that is the wife of the Lamb and they are mostly Gentiles. Paul was sent to get her engaged to Christ, and he himself thought he would be the one to present her to Christ in marriage, to be the one and only wife of the Lamb. But the virgin fell from grace down to living on mercy, therefore the marriage didn't take place at that time. Peter couldn't see this, the Jews couldn't see this; but God was doing it anyway. He was closing that chapter of the gospel just going to the Jews. That is where many people fail today; they don't understand where we are today and what God is doing. When God closes one chapter and moves on, then we have to move on with Him. For instance, when we came through the seven church ages, each time period a page was turned. So when that page was turned there never was a time when we could go back to that age as far as applying the principle that was applied to that time, because that was something God was doing for that time period. In the church ages, we see it mentioned in the Sardis and the Laodicea ages. The saints were all dressed in white raiment (robes), but when the gospel comes back again in the end time it's to the wife of the Lamb. It says in Revelation, Chapter 19, she is clothed in fine linen, clean and white. The Lamb's wife has made herself ready. So we are dealing with the Lamb's wife. God anointed Paul to lay in the prophetic Word that would be revealed to the wife of the Lamb here at the end time. Now Paul stood there in the place of Jesus Christ. Paul was not Jesus Christ as an individual Christ, but he was part of the body of Christ, as was the rest of the ministry throughout the ages. It has been as Jesus said, "Let the husbandman be first partaker of the fruit." The ministers that God sent have stood in the place of Jesus Christ teaching all the rest of the church (the predestinated) how to become the bride of Christ.

I want to show you a time when we come to the place of Ephesians 4:13... Till – until we are all united together, the ministry and the church, and then we all together become the wife of the Lamb. As we see this, we clearly understand that it's not the ministry alone getting married to Christ. Christ comes down to earth to marry – it's His body. We are baptized into the body by one Spirit, and all together we are the Lamb's wife. Now coming up to this period, (notice the title of the message, *Recognizing It's the Lord Himself taking His Wife.*) Do you get it now? It's the Lord Himself taking His wife, and He sets ministers here in His stead. We are representatives of Christ, and the Bible says, "Give double honor to those that labor in the Word." We do that because of the fact of their dedication; they basically give their lives to the Word. We read where there was a ministry in the early church and the Bible calls it, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers – five folds of one ministry; it's the ministry of Jesus Christ. This ministry is given to you for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry to bring us to perfection (maturity), to get us dressed and ready for the marriage. The true

ministry will know that the bride doesn't become our wife, you're not the wife of the ministry; you're the wife of the Lord Jesus Christ, the wife of the Lamb, but the ministry is the representative. This way we give all the glory to the Lamb. Many ministers are misguided when they say, "The church is my wife." Well, we might have been able to make such a statement and get away with it in earlier times because we were representative of, we were the male part of the body of Christ with the female part representing all other body members. The ministry represented the leadership, representing Christ. That's why Paul said to Titus, Timothy, and the others saying, "These things you heard me say, I charge you to go forth and say the same thing. Let no division be among you." He had to stand there firm as he spoke to the other ministers, because he said, "I'm standing here in the person of Christ; in place of Christ." In the Book of Colossians 1:24-25, it says, *"Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God."* Now as his revelation began to break forth, Paul began to get a broader picture of the gospel going from Jew to Gentile. There is a Gentile wife and He gives her a new covenant, which is the little book of Revelation, Chapter 10.

We read in the Book of Galatians, Chapter 2; that Paul went up to Jerusalem and they were having a conference. Paul went up by revelation and took Titus with him even though he hadn't been circumcised, him being a Greek. Those Jews said, "We are not going to listen to you until you have Titus circumcised." But Paul said, "To whom he gave place by submission, no, not for a moment. You Jews got me off course a bit at one time, but now I have matured in the Lord, I see my place clearer. You get out of my way. God has called me to the Gentiles." So finally they said, "Paul, we are going to give you a chance to speak." And when Paul got through speaking he said, "They added nothing to me, but contrariwise." If you go contrariwise to what someone else is saying, then you're going different than what they are saying. Paul had to say it differently, as he was the apostle to the Gentiles. It had to be this way, because Peter and the other apostles message was to the Jews and their message had a different slant to it. So when Paul got through preaching, Peter saw it. And when it was fully made known, he admitted it. That's why Peter had gone to the Gentiles and opened the door, but after doing this he went back to Jerusalem and left the preaching to the Gentiles to Paul. So when Peter, James and John saw Paul had truth and knew for sure that it was the truth and that there was scripture for what he was saying that related to this, they gave Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship. That's what I like about Peter, when he saw. The Bible says, "When they perceived," that means they saw, in other words they got a revelation of who Paul was and what he was to do. They said, "Paul, let me shake your hand. You go to the heathen, and we to the circumcision." Now it was established that there was a people in the earth, isolated, and separated from the regular Jewish trend. No more was the church spoken of as Jew and Gentile, but there were a Gentile people who would become the bride, called out from amongst the Gentiles. Nowhere did Peter preach and say, "You're the bride, you're a virgin." And nowhere did he say, "You're baptized into the body of Christ." Nowhere did he say, "You become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh." Nowhere did he talk about the mystery of marriage as it is in Chapter 5 of Ephesians. Paul pointed to Adam and Eve saying, as Eve was beguiled by the serpent, thus making the connection with what happened in the Garden of

Eden. At one time Eve was in Adam, but prior to being manifested in the flesh they were created in the spirit. The wife was created first in God's predestination in the spirit. You were represented in Him before the world was, and just because you came and took on flesh and bone it doesn't do away with that fact. Flesh and blood has little to do with that part. It's God's will that is important here.

I want to read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, *"But I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, (those to be in the wife) that ye sorrow not, even as others that have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (send) with him, (Christ)."* Yes, God sends the theophanies, and we are all here together. *"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord..."* Here stood a man saying something to you that wasn't written anywhere. He was speaking by the Word of the Lord, because we are the Word. If you are not the Word, then you are not going to be the wife, because Jesus (Christ) is the Word. The Bible says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Then in Ephesians, Chapter one, it says we were there in the same place that He was. He predestinated us in Him, and made us part of His Word. We are living epistles, we are living Word. So here was Paul standing here talking, "This we say to you by the Word of the Lord." Somebody could have asked, "Paul, where is that found?" He could have said, "In my heart♥" *"This we say by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them that are asleep, for the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout."* I want you to notice – the Lord Himself – not somebody else. Recognizing it's the Lord Himself taking His wife, Revelation, Chapter 10, the Mighty Angel... *"For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, (Yes, that message went forth calling out a people, and from among them He takes a wife) with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise."* The Voice of the Archangel has its application in all three phases of the coming of the Lord, which is in the form of the Mighty Angel of Revelation 10:1. The reason I say this is, God had Brother William Branham to go forth and call out a people, but then He had Brother Raymond Jackson reach back in the Old Testament to show what was going to happen to Israel, tying it to the trumpets and the vials of the Book of Revelation. God anointed him to do that job, and we were not disappointed as he by revelation cleared up that part of the Word, which included the second part of the fifth seal. Also, he was shown the land that God gave to Abraham... *Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be your's: from the wilderness and Labanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be."* (Deuteronomy 11:24) We can see the goodness and mercy of God in this as all these mysteries are made known to the Gentile wife, which includes showing us our brethren Israel.

Seeing that we understand what God has been doing up to this time of consummation, what are we looking for now in this final time before translation? We are looking for and seeing the living Word of God manifested in the wife of the Lamb. So I am not going to speak so much about the other things, but I want to speak of those things that God has wrought by me; what God has called me to do. (Revelation 10:8-11) We needed to know about Israel, so God sent it. So during the time of the shout, the voice of the archangel, all that is cleared up to us and made known. During the time that this takes place the trumpet of God begins sounding; the dead are raised, and then we which are alive will be changed and caught up together to meet the Lord in

the air. Now watch, the wife of Christ, members of His body, both resurrected and translated are all going to be here. Don't ever think that we are going to be raptured up there and find them somewhere in heaven, those that have died. No, because their bodies are still in the earth. He brought those theophanies with Him when He came. They will soon be united with the earthly part of the body, that's the resurrected glorified body and we will all be here together before the rapture takes place. What we do is this; we take on the Spiritual part of that body because we are still in the natural. What they do is their Spiritual part comes and they take on the natural part that is raised from the dead. Paul said this corruptible has to put on incorruption. This mortal has to put on immortality. Those that rise will be heavenly and earthly, and those that are changed will be earthly and heavenly. If you are partakers of the earthly in the body of Christ, then you will be partakers of the heavenly. That's what Jesus was when He rose from the dead. That is why He could eat and also enter a room with the door shut. This is operating in the natural and the Spiritual as the wife will be doing before the catching away.

I want to go to Revelation, Chapter 4, for just a moment, because it is talking about the trumpet. I'll say this while you are turning to Revelation, Chapter 4. In 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, "The dead in Christ shall rise and we will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye to be caught up at the last trump." The last trumpet is what you are hearing today, the last trumpet sounding. All the church ages have already taken place at this time and it has put us right in Revelation, Chapter 10, and the Voice of Authorization has already spoken and said, "Go take the little book and eat it!" When the seven seals were pulled off in 1963, it opened the entire book, but Christ took only the little book, the little part, corresponding to what Paul prophesied in his day. When the book was opened in heaven, the revelation of the whole Word opened up. Now that whole book is open from Genesis to Revelation, we have the peace of knowing God's plan for us. But there is a specific part for the wife. Christ the Mighty Angel says to her, "You eat this little book that was taken from the big book (Bible)." I know most of you understand this, but I want to show you this special part so you will know you are to eat this part, and when you eat, you prophesy. God said this last ministry will be prophesying again, bringing this message forth, and it will reveal the wife of the Lamb to all those that are ordained to hear with a revelational ear.

Here is where I want to go as we are now dealing with this trumpet, the last trumpet in Revelation 4:1; and this is after the church ages, it says, "*After this, I looked,*" and many people are not willing to look. There are many people today that doesn't know that there is a message in the world fulfilling Revelation 10:8-11; yet God has it out here on our website and it is getting out more and more as God has so ordained it to be. I realize not many people know that a predestinated seed was born many years back in the mountains of North Georgia, USA. Nobody would have ever suspected that I would be a minister, since I didn't even know how to read or spell words. I didn't even go into a place to eat until I was about twenty years old. I didn't know how to order food or what to do when I got in there. All these things let us know that if God predestinated something, it will get done. So I say unto you, sit back and watch the wonders of God. Watch Him move on the scene. He said He would strengthen His arm. He has a strong arm and has gotten this done regardless of the difficulties. Many said, "If you are

going to be a preacher, then you will have a steep hill to climb, not having learned to read or any of the modern ways." But what made the difference is this was His will for me.

Here in Revelation, Chapter 4, John looked, *"Behold a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."* Now here is the trumpet and it is sounding, but it is not sounding in the earth; it's sounding in heaven. It doesn't affect the earth so much here, because it is sounding in heaven. Then John began to see the throne, and the one that sat on the throne. There was lightening and thundering, and a rainbow about the throne. There was Jesus sitting in the Father's throne, and here is the trumpet sounding, revealing, and making known to John the things that needed to be revealed before we get to Chapter 5. Then John sees a book in the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne, written within and sealed with seven seals. Now all those seals have been opened. Hallelujah! There was a strong angel proclaiming – the Word going forth. Then we read on down where John sees seven lamps of fire burning. We know what those lamps are, it's the church ages. The fact that they are burning means the church ages have already come and gone. We are not in the church ages, because they have already come and gone. Now it's time for Jesus Christ the Lamb to marry the living part of His wife now that all the church ages have ended. That's why the book was opened, and the Lamb had to open it. Now watch, don't miss this – the Lamb had to open it, but the Spirit of Christ took the little book out of the big book and brought it down (Revelation, Chapter 10) – here He comes! That's what we are talking about, the coming of Christ. I had a man asked me the other day, "Do you believe we are close to the coming of Christ?" I said, "I believe He has already come." He didn't say a word, but turned around and walked off. The Lamb had to open the book. He was the only one worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof. Revelation, Chapter 10, shows we have come to that place... *"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: and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth."* That means He's here now; sea and earth are not in heaven. The first time John began to deal with the trumpet he was hearing a Voice, it was in heaven. (Revelation, Chapter 4) It revealed all that was needed until Christ came to earth; then the trumpet began to sound here on the earth through the wife of the Lamb, and Paul called it the last trump. So here He is on earth now. The dead is going to rise while He is here. He brought back the theophanies. He brought back the little book. He brought back everything that pertains to the wife of the Lamb. Then the Lord God of heaven spoke right through that body that is still sitting on the throne, and that body is Jesus Christ. He doesn't come to earth physically until after the tribulation period has run its course. But now, He is our bridegroom and husband, and He's saying, "Eat the little book." That's for our translation and rapture as the Christ part of Jesus Christ marries the bride here in the earth making her the wife of the Lamb.

I want to read a place in Ephesians, Chapter 4, to go with that dream Brother Sid had. He said, "I wasn't the one marrying her, but I was just as happy for her. It was like I was marrying her, I was so happy, and she was too." Well, that's the way it has been with the ministry. We've worked, we've preached, and tried to get you ready because the ministry was the male part of the body and you were the feminine part. It is all brought together, and it has been as though it was the ministry marrying her because the ministry and all other members of the body are

joined together in one body, all having the same mind. Here is what it says in Ephesians 4:11, *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;"* Here is why He gave these gifts to men, because this represents the male part of the body. Verse 12, *"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..."* Now watch, here is the important thing; the ministry and all the members unite together and become one body as the marriage is completed. Verse 13, *"...Till we all come in the unity of the faith,"* not just the ministers coming into the unity of faith, but the entire body. Therefore, in Paul's day he had to charge them, "Don't preach nothing but what I preach. You be of one mind. You do this and you do that," because he was like the husband in Christ's stead teaching the wife and bringing her along. But now that she has come to this place, she's matured, she's grown; she's not a little girl anymore. So here it is important to notice that the ministry is not the one getting married to her, but all the members of the body of Christ is married to the Lord Jesus Christ. So here is what happened: the ministry has become part of that body and is now enjoying Spiritual input from the other members as each member (joint) supplies the other, knowing that we are in this together. That is what marriage to Christ is. Now, we don't separate the body in two parts, but the ministry and all other members are united together in one as the wife of Christ. We become the Christ part of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, it is important to note that everything changes with this verse, *"Till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man..,"* we have done as John did in Revelation 4:1, we looked and instead of just seeing a virgin, we saw the wife. Look at how it develops, going from a virgin to a perfect man, *unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"* Then we are Christ in the earth. The ministry and the church all together; there is no line of separation. Eve has connected with Adam as it should have been done in the garden, but God wanted to work out other things as you can see. Now we have become bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, making us all one. It didn't happen in Eden, so that it could happen here and now. So, God in this end time has caused it to happen. Paul introduced a virgin, but now it is no longer a virgin. In Revelation 19:7-8, John calls her wife, and she is bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. We all together, the ministry and the church, become the wife of the Lamb. The beautiful wife didn't belong to the ministry, she didn't belong to Paul, she doesn't belong to us, but the wife belongs to the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ. That's why Paul said, "Ye are the body of Christ." We are the Christ part of the Lord Jesus Christ in the earth; that's why we took on His name, and we're married to Him. Amen! That's why we are called the body of Christ, not body of Jesus, not church of God, not William Branham, not Raymond Jackson, not Ben Howard, or not somebody else; no other name given – we become the body of Christ. "Ye are the body of Christ and members in particular." We are all one by one Spirit. We are all baptized into that Mighty Angel that comes down in Revelation, Chapter 10. Glory to God! Therefore, we are that beautiful wife; and that is Christ in the earth as we have married the Lord Jesus Christ. Since this has taken place we don't need to say, "God always gives it to the ministry first before He gives it to the body members," that's not so now that the marriage is come. Maybe you could say that in times past, before Paul's prophecy came to pass – **Till** we all come together. Now we all have the same mind – "Ye have the mind of Christ for prophecy!" Verse 14, *"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."* Since we

are here, I'm not worried about anybody deceiving you. There is no way somebody can deceive you. You've got the mind of Christ, and you don't have to come and ask me everything. Ask Him. You hear this Word and get in it, and that's when you realize you are part of the Word and act accordingly. What is the Word? The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. God anointed that Word; it is Christ in the earth. When this Mighty Angel came down, it's just like the spirit that went out of Adam and created Eve, and that was Adam's wife. The serpent interrupted it then and it was interrupted in that first age with the early church. But God ordained it that we would be here and we would come into this great position of being His Son's wife.

There was some seed laying here that had to come in, so God let it go through the dark ages, so all the seeds would be tried and tested for His plan. Watch what we began to do... Verses 15-16, *"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body,"* not just the head part, not just a part of it, but we all, the ministry and all members has become the whole body, and the whole body is the wife of the Lamb. So you are not *my* wife, I'm talking about the wife of the Lamb. Barbara here is my wife, and it types it out real good on these things. There are many preachers that say, "The church is my wife, and I have to tell you what to do." Well, there is no defense for a statement like that in this hour. She is marrying the Lamb. She is not marrying anyone else. She's marrying the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ. It's Christ the wife in the earth marrying the Lamb, coming back together to be what we were before the world was. Just like Adam and Eve before sin ever took place, bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. You have the mind of Christ. You're eating His food, and wearing His garment. *"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."* Notice here, we had a separation in the ministry and the church *till* we all come together. Once we all come together, then we all together make up that beautiful wife that Brother Sid saw. We are not marrying somebody else, not the preacher, not a denomination, or anyone. But we are Christ, and we are marrying the Lord Jesus Christ – that's the wife of the Lamb.

In Revelation, Chapter 19, it says, "His wife has made herself ready," and it says, "Rejoice, rejoice! The marriage is come." And we are rejoicing. What does it take to makes us happy? Just breathing, we are happy. Our mind is at ease, we are no longer tossed to and fro. We all have the same mind. We are not troubled and torn up. I tell you, there are a lot of people torn up today and troubled in their minds, but we are rejoicing with our husband. Many people know this truth, but they want to fool around with a denominational spirit. You will never have peace of mind as long as this is the case. There is a scripture that says, "Happy is he whose mind is stayed upon the Lord." If some denomination is teaching you one thing and you know it's wrong and you know the Word is lying there, and yet you say, "Well, I want to do this." Your mind is going to get all troubled, and then only God can help you. When you hear this truth, you can't dabble and fool around and say, "Well, this denomination may be right, I believe part of what they say, and besides I want to try and help them." Well, if you want to try and help them, live right before them, stay with the Word. If they are part of this Word, they will respond to it. I'm talking about the wife. I'm not talking about any of that out there. So I say, "Whatever they do, that's their business." We are recognizing it's the Lord Himself taking

His wife, and has basically completed it. So the ministry is not the one getting married to her, but Christ is. We are not the one taking a wife, we are not the one that is getting a wife; He's the one.

God bless you today. It's been so good to be in the house of the Lord. I appreciate you and may God give you His very best, may the blessings of God rest upon you. We just thank God for you and I hope this has meant something to you today. *He* has taken a wife. The preacher didn't. Somebody may say, "The church is my wife." No, it's not. We are all united together. The church is one; that includes the preacher, and together all of us are the wife of the Lamb. So the messengers are not taking a wife, but He is. We are rejoicing because the marriage has taken place. Revelation, Chapter 19, "*Let us be glad and rejoice and give glory to him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and the wife hath made herself ready, and it was granted that she should be clothed (arrayed) in fine linen clean and white. For the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*" Let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad! He said, "Rejoice, the marriage is come!" I know we all have our difficulties and things go wrong sometimes, but if you rejoice you will get through them a lot better. God bless you, let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we bless you, praise you and thank you Lord, for the many blessings of life. Lord, take this Word and use it for your glory we pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.