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Read Ephesians 5:21-33

Ephesians 5:31-32 TPT

³¹ *For this reason a man is to leave his father and his mother and lovingly hold to his wife, since the two have become joined as one flesh.*

³² *Marriage is the beautiful design of the Almighty, a great and sacred mystery—meant to be a vivid example of Christ and his church.*

God designed marriage to be a picture of love, to demonstrate the relationship of Christ and His church. When done God's way, it is a beautiful union. The husband displays sacrificial love for his wife, laying down his life for her and she honours and serves him to please him and do him good, as an act of worship to God and love for her husband. It is a picture of pure love and devotion.

This is how we are to respond to Christ's love. When we surrender our lives to Him, we become joined to him, like in the marriage relationship. We become one with our Saviour. Then we live our lives in loving devotion, to serve Him and please Him with our whole hearts. This is a beautiful union; a life of love and devotion.

One day, our heavenly Bridegroom will come back for His bride, the church, and there will be a great celebration, a wedding feast, the "marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7-10). We will then enjoy unbroken fellowship with Him forever.

Application

1. What is God saying to you through this passage?
2. Do you have a relationship with our Saviour, Jesus Christ?
3. Is your marriage a reflection of the love relationship between Christ and his church?

Prayer

Father, thank you for your beautiful plan for us from the beginning, to be united with Christ forever. Help us live in a way that honours You. May our marriages reflect the sacrificial love and devotion of Christ and His church. May Your name be lifted up among us, so that people see You, understand Your gospel and turn to You, in Jesus name. Amen.