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Today I want to take a thought and title it, The Great Mystery of Marriage That Was Not Solved in Paul's Day. Let us begin reading in the Book of Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verses 28-33. It says, "So men ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh (no man that is sensible at all); but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church (in this day it is the Wife): For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Now I want you to notice one thing here on Verse 30, "for we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." Paul spoke of the body of Christ in the Book of 1 Corinthians 12:13, and he said, "By one Spirit, you are baptized into the body of Christ," which at that time, the body of Christ was only a spiritual body. Notice, he said nothing about glorified flesh and bones. But now we have become glorified bone of His glorified bones and glorified flesh of His glorified flesh. So our becoming this brought what was said in 1 Corinthians 12:13 up another level, which is the prophetic part of the Word that did not happen in the days of Paul.

Now let us read on. Verse 31 says, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Notice, 'they two shall be one flesh.' Verse 32, "This is a great mystery: but I speak of Christ (the Lord Jesus Christ) and the church (His Wife). Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

What we are looking at here is Paul speaking in a prophetic manner. But now we have taken this another step, beyond what he said earlier in his instruction to the virgin in 2 Corinthians 11:2, "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. I have espoused you to one Husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ (meaning the Lord Jesus Christ)." But Paul did not take it all the way to marriage (but he was looking at it), for there was some revelation that God held back that He kept hid, which was not revealed in Paul's day. This was because God knew what all was to take place with the espoused virgin to His Son, Jesus Christ, and He ordained it thus. I thank God that He ordained it thus; otherwise, where would we be if the rapture had taken place then? So God knows what He is doing. And I am so glad to be part of someone that never makes a mistake, that always knows what He is doing, and there is nothing that turns Him from His purpose. So who has resisted His will? One way or another He sees that it works out until it comes to exactly as He saw it would from the beginning. Now let us pray before we get into this great mystery of marriage.

O' precious Father, we thank you for this privilege that thou has given us to come to you. And the request that has been given in, we pray that you will solve each one according to your plan. And I know that you will because 'all things work together for good to them that love God,' for your will always comes out right in the end. We praise you for today, and we thank you for the anointing, that Holy Unction, to speak the living Word of glorified flesh and bones so that the Wife of your Son will receive today from that which you are speaking. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Notice, 'the great mystery of marriage' - and that is becoming one with the Lord Jesus Christ, bone of His glorified bones and flesh of His glorified flesh. We two have become one, even though the Lord Jesus Christ is still in heaven sitting on the Father's throne (Revelation, Chapter 3), and we the Wife are down here on earth, as we have not gone in the rapture yet. And those saints whose bodies went by the way of the grave (from during Paul's time and all through the time of the church ages) who were part of the Wife, have been brought back to earth. And the reason they were brought back to earth was because they were to be part of a great marriage, which has taken place. They came as spiritual bodies (Paul referred to them as having 'a house, a spiritual tabernacle') to take on glorified flesh and bones. And as they have been taking on glorified flesh and bones, so have our bodies (which are strictly flesh) been taking on glorified flesh and bones. So we are made one with them.

Now as we look at this great mystery, we see there were certain things that were not revealed until this time that we are living in now, which are the two parts of that *them*—the masculine and feminine parts of Christ. This was a revelation that was not spoken of at any other time, but we get a clear example of it in the Book of Genesis 1:27 where God created Adam and Eve; for it says, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He *them*." Notice, God created them in the spirit first, so there was a time when God created their spirits. So they were not in fleshly bodies yet; they were just in the spirit, for God had created them in the image of what He is, for God is a Spirit. And it was the same for us.

We were predestinated in God before the world was. So we were in Him. So was the Christ Spirit in Him. And in the Christ Spirit, there were the masculine and feminine attributes. (Remember here that all of these attributes were in God first, and then in Christ.) And then when He created Adam, the first man, by His predestination, by His Word, He put the same attributes in Adam (male and female), and that was that *them* in the spirit. Then later God created a body for Adam, just as He created a body for His Son, Jesus, through a virgin named Mary. So after Adam's body was created, there was a masculine and feminine spirit in that same body.

It is important here to notice that after God created Adam from the dust of the earth, He then created all of His other creatures before He created Adam's wife, Eve. Likewise, when God created His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, He let the world go through the church ages before He created His only begotten Son's Wife. And this fits God's pattern of Adam and Eve perfectly. So God created the animals and brought them to Adam to see what He would call each one. And whatever he called them that is what they were. And that is what they are even to this day.

Notice, Eve was there in Adam all the time; but the feminine spirit of Eve laid dormant for the most part during this time. Then one day Adam noticed that to everything there was male and female, so he began to get lonely; and he thought to himself, "Where is my helpmeet; where is my counterpart?" At that point, God put Adam to sleep, and He took from him a rib and the feminine part of his spirit with which He created a woman. So then there were masculine and feminine in separate bodies, yet they were one—"They two shall be one flesh." They blended

together, and they were still one (compatible), even though they were in separate bodies. So there was Eve whom God had made who was Adam's helpmeet. She was someone that thought as Adam did and wanted the same thing but in the feminine. So now God had the masculine attributes in the man and the feminine attributes in the woman. And from there He began creating sons and daughters of God. This pattern of male and female that was shown in Adam and Eve was hidden until it came to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Christ Wife, but now it is revealed to us, the Christ Wife of the Lamb.

When God created Christ as Spirit, He used this Spirit as it moved in and throughout all the earth in His different workings with mankind. And at God's predestinated time, the Christ Spirit (which was masculine and feminine) came into Jesus when He was baptized by John the Baptist. The Christ Spirit did not anoint nor come into Jesus until Jesus went through all the normal trials and testings that are common to man as He lived on this earth. But notice, once Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, then the heavens opened, and John saw the Spirit in the form of a dove rest upon Jesus. The Christ Spirit, which was both masculine and feminine, came into Him, and now there was a man like Adam that contained both the masculine and feminine attributes of God within Him. But the male (the masculine) was the predominant one, and He was the one that went forth and made certain decisions. But He had a Wife in Him that was part of Him, who was not yet manifested. This was the same with Adam. And when he saw Eve, he said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh," and we can add 'and spirit of my spirit,' for she was part of that spirit that was within him, that second part of that them—'male and female created He them.' When this was first said ('created He them'), they were in the spirit; but then when He created a separate body for Eve and took that feminine part of that them and put it within Eve, then there stood a beautiful wife that God created. And that is also what God has done in His creation of us, the Wife of the Lamb.

In Revelation, Chapter 10, Christ Jesus (which was the Christ Spirit, consisting of both the masculine and feminine attributes which were dwelling in the Lord Jesus Christ) came back to complete the perfect plan of God, bringing the male (the Lord Jesus Christ) and female (virgin) together as Man and Wife (the King and His Queen) in a proxy marriage.

Notice, when Christ Jesus came back, He also brought back all those spiritual bodies that were to be part of the Wife whose physical bodies had gone to the grave previously during the church ages, as shown in the Book of 1 Thessalonians 4:14 where it says, "Those that sleep in Jesus (meaning Christ Jesus) will God bring (send) with Him," for all the members had to be together for our marriage as we all are part of His Wife. This saying is so overwhelming that people cannot get ahold of it. But to us that have revelation of the Word, who are part of the Wife's message of the last trump of God, we hear the trumpet sounding, and it has opened up all these revelations so clearly. So the things which remained such a mystery are now so clear. And it is so wonderful that right here in this moment of time, the second part of that them is now here on the earth. This mystery was not solved in Paul's day. He did not speak about how the marriage would take place and how the fullness of Christ Jesus, both masculine and feminine, would come back to this earth for our marriage. And the feminine part has taken on a permanent resting place in us, the Wife of the Lamb, which means we have the predominate role in the earth as the Queen in the absence of our Husband and King. Amen.

See, the masculine and feminine parts of that *them* came, but it was the feminine part of that *them* that took on glorified flesh and bones, for the masculine part had already taken on glorified flesh and bones in the Lord Jesus Christ, but the feminine was not glorified at the time, but it was in the mind of God, in the plan of God, in the will of God, and 'who can resist His will.' The at God's ordained time, the will of God came to fruition, and we became a temple for that feminine part to permanently dwell in, which has made us the Wife of the Lamb. And now we are the permanent dwelling place of the feminine part of that *them* that was taken out of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here, in Revelation, Chapter 10, we see how the great mystery marriage took place; for it could not be Jesus marrying Jesus, or the Holy Ghost marrying the Holy Ghost, or something of that nature; but it is exactly portrayed as it is in Genesis 1:27 with Adam and Eve—it was in the spirit first, and then came the flesh and bones. So has it been in our marriage to the Lord Jesus Christ our Husband and King.

The entire feminine part of that *them* that was in Adam came into Eve, and there appeared a beautiful woman, and she was a woman in every sense of the word. And as we look at the coming of Christ Jesus in Revelation, Chapter 10, remember here that the Christ Spirit, like God the Father, is everywhere present at the same time and is in heaven and in the earth at the same time. So the masculine

and feminine parts of that *them* are also in heaven and in the earth at the same time; thus showing that the man, the Lord Jesus Christ, did not have to come to this earth for our marriage to take place. Thus the two parts of that *them* were married together here in the earth while our physical Husband and King remained in heaven. We which were alive and had remained and those departed saints that God sent down to this earth were married by a proxy marriage to our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, while He remained in heaven on the Father's throne to finish His work. And in our marriage to Him, we also became one with those departed saints of the church ages, with whom together we are caught up to meet our King in a special meeting place.

So the feminine part of that *them* came into us and took a permanent dwelling place. See, this is the permanent home of the feminine attributes, for She is the Wife of the Lord Jesus Christ. And the masculine and feminine work together perfectly. The Lord Jesus Christ loves us, His Wife, and cannot do enough good things for us. That is why He makes all grace abound toward us. We delight ourselves in Him and He gives us the desires of our heart. And our desire is to do His will. So He married a Wife that has a nature that desires those things that He desires. Therefore, it is no struggle for Him to give us the desires of our heart because we do not desire things that are unnecessary or not needed.

Let us read Verse 32 again, "This is a great mystery: but I speak of Christ (the Lord Jesus Christ), and the church (the Wife)." That is what John saw when he wrote in Revelation 19:7-8, "Let us be glad and rejoice, for the marriage of the Lamb has come." I am talking about a marriage. And for there to have been a marriage, the spirit and body had to

be united together and become one. Then Adam could say, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This is my wife." And that is what the Lord Jesus Christ says, for He calls us His Wife, because that is what we are. And we were married by Christ Jesus by *my gospel* who was the proxy in the absence of the Lord Jesus Christ who must remain in heaven until the beginning of the millennial reign. (Acts 3:19:21)

Today people use the word *Christ*, and Paul did in his day, for many times he said *Christ* when he actually meant *the Lord Jesus Christ*, because the masculine and feminine were all together at that time, for that *them* had not been separated. So he was legitimately speaking, and it was not a misnomer. But now to do the same thing, if we say we are married to Christ, then that means Christ is married to Himself. No, we are married to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God.

It is being said much today 'Christ this and Christ that' and 'Christ is coming soon.' Well, Christ has already come. A while back, a man got ahold of our book, The Interpreted Book of Revelation, and he came and wanted to talk to me about it; and as we were talking, he made the comment, "I believe Christ is coming soon." And, of course, I understood by his saying Christ that he was meaning the Lord Jesus Christ. But we the Wife know that Christ has already come, as shown in Revelation, Chapter 10.

Many times we say *Christ Jesus* instead of *Jesus Christ*, and how we say it makes all the difference in the world. We are married to the Lord Jesus Christ, but when we are speaking of the things that the Christ of our Lord Jesus Christ has done since He came back to earth in this day, we say *Christ Jesus*. And that puts the masculine attributes and

the feminine attributes in the arrangements. So if we say, "Christ saved us; Christ died on the cross," well, we want to see the man there also and not just the Spirit. So it is different. In this moment of the twinkling of an eye, Christ is spoken of in the correct form as the body of people in the earth, the feminine part of Christ, for we are called Christ the Wife of the Lamb. See, these mysteries were not solved in Paul's day; but it was only solved by the sounding of this last trumpet in this day.

In reading what Paul said, many things were said for his time, his day, and we cannot bring them over and apply them to the Wife because many times he was applying them to the virgin, especially when they began to get away from the things he taught them. He told them, "You have gotten entangled and are trying to be justified by the law." See, those things could not apply to the Wife of the Lamb, even though the virgin was there trying to sort it all out. See, as the married Wife of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, we do not have to sort those things out.

Again, when we talk about Christ doing certain things, we say, "Christ Jesus," because now if we just say *Christ*, we could even be talking about ourselves, Christ the Wife. So when we talk about Christ coming back in Revelation, Chapter 10, we say, 'Christ Jesus came back;' for the masculine and feminine parts of that Spirit were represented there, although the man Jesus Christ is still in heaven.

So Paul did not unravel these things that have to do with our marriage, and they were not solved in his day. He did not show the two parts of that *them*, separating one part of that *them*, the Queen, the Wife of the Lamb, in marriage from the other part of that *them*, the King, which was in the Lord Jesus Christ our Husband. That only took place in Christ Jesus in our day. God had to reveal this mystery of marriage so that we could be comfortable knowing that we are the Wife of the Lamb—and the masculine Spirit is ready to assist in any way, just like a natural husband and wife.

Notice our title again, *The Great Mystery of Marriage That Was Not Solved in Paul's Day*. But it is solved now! And now *Paul* knows about it too! He is rejoicing over this. He is shouting, "Amen! Preach it, Ben, preach it!" He knows that he did his part, and he did it well, for he laid such a foundation that nothing could move it. And when we began to build, we had to build on Paul's foundation. So the foundation had to be laid right so that the rest of the building would lay perfectly on it.

Here, I would like to tell you a dream that I had years ago. In the dream, some ministers and I had gone together on a camping trip. We each had our own tent. And when it came time to make camp and set up our tents, we found ourselves in a sandy field. Some of the ministers commented on how lucky we were to camp there because the stakes (to tie the tents down) were so easy to drive into the sand. So as they hurriedly put up their tents, I noticed a pile of crossties by the roadside. (Crossties are the heavy timbers used under railroad tracks). And I began to roll those heavy ties over to where I was erecting my tent so that I could tie my tent to the crossties (Paul's foundation). While I was working on this, some of the ministers commented to me that it was not necessary to tie the tent down so firmly, seeing that we would not be there very long. But I ignored them. (And I tell you, it was worth the extra work to be right on that foundation.)

continued to tie the tent firmly to the crossties. Then we all retired for the evening. Now, during the night, there came a bad windstorm, which shook my tent violently, but it did not blow it down. The next morning, all the other tents had blown away and were scattered across the field. And the ministers were nowhere to be found. See, we have seen many winds come through and blow ministries away, which started and stopped, and there is no telling where they are at now; for they went with the different things that looked more enticing. But this apostolic ministry has not moved in all these years in any way except forward. And it is still here today after all these many years. Now there is something that we can have confidence in, something that we know is right, something we can look back on and see how it developed into the Wife's ministry of glorified flesh and bones, which excelleth and strips all others of their glory. And I love the fact of how it has progressed as we have come through time. All along, the Word has been meeting the conditions for the time that we were (and are) living in. So the messages that were preached more than 60 years ago, no, they do not compare to what we are ministering today in revelation, but they will not contradict it. It was just a little touch of what we have now. But we built, and built, and built until here we are. And now we are the married Wife of the Lamb, glorified flesh and bones.

In the past, as we were becoming more and more of what He wanted us to be, there may have been times that we said, "I do not think I am qualified to be part of the Wife." But He is the one that decided that and who Has resisted His will? He is the one that chose us. He is the one that called us. And He knew that we would make some mistakes and we would stumble along the way at different

times. But He knew that we would be right where we needed to be in this moment of time. And when one looks at us, they see fine linen, clean and white, which is the righteousness of the Wife saints, the righteousness which is of the fullness of the faith of Christ. And we are rejoicing and giving honor to the Lord Jesus Christ our Husband and King!

So this great mystery that was not solved in Paul's day is now solved in this day. Again, it started when Christ Jesus came back; not the Lord Jesus Christ in His physical glorified form, but when Christ Jesus came back in Revelation, Chapter 10. There we see the signs of His coming-'the rainbow was upon His head, and His face was as it were the sun, and His feet as pillars of fire'showing the masculine and feminine parts of the Spirit came, and there was a great marriage that took place, and we became the Wife of the Lamb. So we have come through Ephesians 4:13-16, and right at the end of it, God spared us a moment, for we were brought into this moment of the twinkling of an eye, where we are twinkling in the glory of God, shining as the stars forever! And anyone that was ordained of God to be part of the Wife that has not heard this last trumpet of God, which is the message of the Wife, can come into the fullness of it and be one hundred percent Wife, for they come right into this twinkling time of the rapture and begin to twinkle with us. They do not have to grow up in it; they are put into it by revelation, fullgrown.

So the great mystery that was not solved in Paul's day is solved by the fact that those two parts of that *them* are working perfectly together now. The masculine part of that *them* is working predominately in our Lord Jesus

Christ the King; and the second part, the feminine part of that them, is the Wife of the Lamb, who has taken on glorified flesh and bones by the sounding of the last trump of God message that is built on Paul's foundation, which was laid when we were but a virgin. We the Wife began to take on glorified flesh and bones because of our joining to the Lord Jesus Christ in marriage when He came in Revelation, Chapter 10, and brought us the little book, a message which contained the feminine attributes of Christ, and upon receiving it we were joined to His glorified flesh and bones. He is glorified flesh and bones, and that is the only thing we could join to because we were created from the same special part of the Word that He was created from. So our glorification is taking place as we are praising Him, walking with Him, and knowing that we are the Queen and He is the King and our Husband. And in the eyes of God, He sees no fault nor failures in us. When He looks at us, He only sees fine linen, clean and white. He only sees the righteousness He gave us, which is the righteousness of the fullness of the faith of Christ. For when the faith of Christ and the faith of the Son of God married together, it produced fine linen, clean and white, the righteousness of the Wife saints, the righteousness which is of the fullness of the faith of Christ. And the wisdom of the Wife of the Lamb knows not to mix Her righteousness with any other type of righteousness. We took the righteousness that He gave us, which is fine linen, clean and white. He clothed us, and here we are today, without fault before Him as the Wife of His Son. He did it! Who has resisted His will? The Wife is doing the perfect will of God.

In 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, Paul began to speak about the mystery that was not solved in his day, for he said, "Behold, I show you a mystery." Then he began to tell us what it would be when it came. (See, he did not unfold any of the things that I have unfolded today—the two parts of that them. He did not unfold these things. He only said, "I show you a mystery.") He said, "The dead in Christ shall rise and we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." And now we are living in that moment of time (and are even at the closing of it) and the action of the twinkling of an eye is taking place. And when those departed saints rose, they did not come up out of the ground, but they came down from heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:14), for God sent them down with Christ Jesus in Revelation, Chapter 10, when He came. And He sent them down so that we could fulfill the scripture in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 that 'together we will be caught up to meet Him in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.' And then after the tribulation is over, we will come back to this earth.

Again, the departed saints, which came back with Christ Jesus, came with spiritual bodies, but they go back with glorified flesh and bones. And during this time of 'glorified flesh and bones,' if they want to eat, they can eat. Jesus Christ did. And He could appear in a room and then disappear. So if any of those saints want to visit us in a visible form, they do not have to open the door, but we could look around and there sits Paul, there sits Irenaeus, there sits William Branham, and there sits Raymond Jackson. Well, I did not hear them come in. No, with that body they can come in without coming through a door; they are just there. I love the way God does things!

So this great mystery of marriage is now solved—the two parts of that *them*—and the feminine part of Christ is down here on earth and is the Wife of the Lamb. And here we are today, part of the special part of God that was there with Him before He ever created anything, and part of Christ, and part of the whole plan all the way through. Here we are rejoicing in the Lord!

So that mystery that was not solved, that did not come into fruition in Paul's day, we brought the plan of God on and finished it out, showing that we are the Wife of the Lamb. We are the 'She that is bringing forth Her fruits,' and we are showing forth the feminine part of the Godhead. He is the one that did it. It was not by our works. It was not by any abilities that we might have. No! This is His will and who has resisted His Will?

Notice again our title, The Great Mystery of Marriage That Was Not Solved in Paul's Day. And the great mystery that was not solved in Paul's day simply means this: If we had just stayed with what Paul said, we would never know this great mystery. Without going on, we would have never known about the two parts of that them. righteousness which is of the fullness of the faith of Christ has spoken! We spoke about this righteousness in last week's message, which we entitled The Righteousness Which is of the Fullness of the Faith of Christ Has Spoken, saying (concerning the Word), "Who is going to ascend into heaven and bring Christ (the Lord Jesus Christ) down from heaven," "Who is going to do this," and "Who is going to do that," and "How is this or that going to take place?" No, but the Word is in us, and even in our mouth, and in our heart. And when we speak it, it is not written down as a Bible scripture; but it is more powerful in this 'spoken Word' sense because it is living, present-tense Word, which is fulfilling the Word, now in glorified flesh and bones. And God is fulfilling what He ordained to do, things that have not been spoken or written about before. It was just in God, and God put it in us because we are part of the Godhead; for He shares all His secrets with us as it relates to salvation.

The great mystery that was not solved in Paul's day is solved now by the sounding of the last trumpet—"I show you a great mystery, the trumpet shall sound and all of this will burst forth." And here it is right before our eyes. And we are rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory!

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Word today and thank you for your many blessings. We pray that you will take these words and use them for your glory, and we will be so careful to praise you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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