

The Maturity of the Bride

Monday 10/27

Heb. 6:1

1 Therefore leaving the word of the beginning of Christ, let us be brought on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith in God,

Rom. 12:2

2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

2 Pet. 1:3-4

3 Seeing that His divine power has granted to us all things which relate to life and godliness, through the full knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and virtue,

4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

1 Cor. 12:16, 18-19, 21, 24

16 And if the ear should say, Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body, it is not that because of this it is not of the body.

18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed.

19 And if all were one member, where would the body be?

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

24 But our comely members have no need. But God has blended the body together, giving more abundant honor to the member that lacked,

Further Reading: *HWMR The Preparation of the Bride – Week 3, Day 1*

Tuesday 10/28

Phil. 3:12-15

12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which

God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you.

Titus 3:5

5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

1 Pet. 1:3, 23

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

23 Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through the living and abiding word of God.

Matt. 5:48

48 You therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Eph. 4:13, 15

13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

Further Reading: *HWMR The Preparation of the Bride – Week 3, Day 2*

Wednesday 10/29

James 5:7

7 Therefore be long-suffering, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer eagerly awaits the precious fruit of the earth, exercising long-suffering over it until it receives the early and late rain.

S.S. 4:1, 4

1 Oh, you are beautiful, my love! Oh, you are beautiful! Your eyes are like doves behind your veil; Your hair is like a flock of goats That repose on Mount Gilead.

4 Your neck is like the tower of David, Built for an armory: A thousand bucklers hang on it, All the shields of the mighty men.

Matt. 13:3

3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went out to sow.

Rev. 14:4, 14-15

4 These are they who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

14 And I saw, and behold, there was a white cloud, and on the cloud One like the Son of Man sitting, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, Send forth Your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come because the harvest of the earth is ripe.

Gal. 4:19

19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

2 Cor. 3:18

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Rom. 8:29

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Further Reading: *HWMR The Preparation of the Bride – Week 3, Day 3*

Thursday 10/30

Col. 1:28-29

28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

Heb. 12:10

10 For they disciplined for a few days as it seemed good to them; but He, for what is profitable that we might partake of His holiness.

Col. 2:19

19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

Col. 3:10-11

10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew,

circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

John 10:10

10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

2 Cor. 1:8-10

8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were excessively burdened, beyond our power, so that we despaired even of living.

9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

10 Who has delivered us out of so great a death, and will deliver us; in whom we have hoped that He will also yet deliver us,

Further Reading: *HWMR The Preparation of the Bride – Week 3, Day 4*

Friday 10/31

Gen. 43:14

14 And may the All-sufficient God grant you mercy before the man, that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am to be bereaved of my children, I shall be bereaved.

Gen. 48:15-16

15 And he blessed Joseph and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has shepherded me all my life to this day,

16 The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; And may my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And may they be a teeming multitude in the midst of the earth.

Luke 1:53

53 The hungry He has filled with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

Matt. 5:6

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Rom. 5:10

10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

Rom. 9:16

16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

John 3:29

29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Preparation of the Bride – Week 3, Day 5*

Saturday 11/1

Rev. 19:5-9, 11-14, 16

5 And a voice came out from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all His slaves and those who fear Him, the small and the great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

8 And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.

9 And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

12 And His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems, and He has a name written which no one knows but Himself.

13 And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

16 And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev. 20:6

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Preparation of the Bride – Week 3, Day 6*

Lord's Day 11/2

Heb. 7:7

7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.

Heb. 12:5-11

5 And you have completely forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when reproved by Him;

6 For whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives."

7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons. For what son is there whom the father does not discipline?

8 But if you are without discipline, of which all sons have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had the fathers of our flesh as discipliners and we respected them; shall we not much more be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they disciplined for a few days as it seemed good to them; but He, for what is profitable that we might partake of His holiness.

11 Now no discipline at the present time seems to be a matter of joy, but of grief; but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised by it.

Gen. 47:7, 10

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father and set him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went forth from Pharaoh's presence.

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Further Reading

The Experience of Life, ch. 12

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: *Gen. 27:30-46*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 63-64*

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: *God's Visitation and Abraham's Fellowship with God in Genesis 18*

Scripture: *Gen. 18*

Assigned Reading: *LS of Genesis, msg(s). 50*

Supplemental Reading: *LS of Exodus, msg. 176; Crystallization-study of the Humanity of Christ, ch. 2; The God-ordained Way to Practice the New Testament Economy, ch. 13*

Study Questions: *See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study*