



The Bride Who Forgot Her Wedding Dress ***Dan Jenkins***

Only those who have experienced it can comprehend the vast amount of time spent in preparation for a wedding. From the time the engagement is announced and likely even before then, hardly a day passes without the bride making plans for the upcoming event. The amount of energy expended by everyone involved can hardly be measured.

There is a spiritual lesson in this which must not be overlooked. The Bible describes our relationship to the Lord as being His bride (Eph. 5:25-32). Paul told the Corinthians that he has “espoused them to one husband” (2 Cor. 11:2) so that they might be presented as a chaste virgin to the Lord. The seriousness of that preparation must exceed that of the preparation for any earthly marriage.

The new Jerusalem is described as one “made ready as a bride adorned for her husband” (Rev. 21:2). Whether this refers to the church today or to its future abode does not diminish the point of preparation. She was adorned for her husband. Every bride, including His, prepared herself for her husband.

What is the nature of that adornment? There are those “garments” she can never wear which are described as the works of the flesh—“sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these” (Gal. 5:19-20). There are those “garments” she must wear which are described as the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . .” (Gal. 5:22-23).

Perhaps no other passage so succinctly describes the attire we must wear as His bride. Take a look at that list of “wedding attire” and think of how He wants us to appear before Him. Look at yourself and see those areas where preparation has not been properly made. Are you ready for the coming of the bridegroom?

Israel’s relationship with God was described as a marriage (Jer. 3:20; 31:32; Mal. 2:11). Jeremiah reminded that nation of her espousal to the Lord in the wilderness around Mt. Sinai (Jer. 2:2). Then Israel changed and forgot their “wedding.” The prophet cried out to that nation, “Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten me days without number” (Jer. 2:32).

Some brides make great preparation for the wedding and then forget the vows they made. Have you forgotten the vows you made to Him?

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Ruby Malone, Betty Green,
Jane Washington

Today's Sermons

AM - Fruit of the Spirit -
Gentleness
Galatians 5:22-23

PM - What Is Your Life
James 4:13-17

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Monthly Men's Business
Meeting

Cards to Send

Eddie & Teriyaki Anderson
225 Deerfield Loop
Henderson, TN 38340

John & Gwen Smith
495 Medon Malesus Road
Medon, TN 38356

Weekly Record

Bible Class	38/5
AM Worship	71/8
PM Worship	49/11
Wed Bible Study	46/5
Contribution	6396
Budget	3500

Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 15 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Jeff Bliss
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Ray Pack

Feb 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Marion Thomas

Feb 22 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove
Communion: Marion Thomas
Contribution:
Van McConnell

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Singing Night
Closing Prayer: Colton Brown
Communion: Greg Long

Feb 25 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Tim

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM