

REVELATION Lesson 197

THE WOMAN BECOMES THE BRIDE (Rev 21:9)

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A HISTORY OF SOME RELATIONSHIPS IN THE BIBLE

Gen 2:18 God made a woman for Adam. She was perfectly fit to meet Adams desires and needs.

Gen 26:34-35 Esau was a despicable man who sought out and married a despicable woman.

Jdg 14:1-3 Samson chose the wrong kind of woman to the grief of his parents.

People are attracted to people with similar interests, financial status, and social backgrounds.

- If you want to attract someone who is pure and loves God, you need to make sure you are known as someone who is pure and loves God.

THE WOMEN JESUS TALKED TO DURING HIS MINISTRY:

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL (John 4:3-18) —She is an adulteress, a fornicator, she lived loosely, she was known to be an indecent, and immoral woman. Jesus' disciples marveled that He would talk to such a woman (vs 27).

THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN THE VERY ACT OF ADULTERY (John 8:1-11) —She is guilty of violating God's Law: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." By that violation, she was worthy of death (Lev 20:10). Jesus showed her mercy and grace.

MARY MAGDALENE WHO HAD SEVEN DEVILS (Mark 16:9) —She probably wasn't the kind of woman who was considered moral and good. Her reputation would have been quite the opposite. In fact, God-fearing people recoiled at the sight of this woman washing and anointing Jesus' feet with her hair (Luke 7:39).

SUCH WERE SOME OF US (1 Cor 6:9-11)

WE ALL HAD OUR CONVERSATION IN TIMES PAST IN THE LUSTS OF OUR FLESH (Eph2:1-3)

- **BUT GOD...RICH IN MERCY...LOVED US...QUICKENED US TOGETHER WITH CHRIST...RAISED US UP...(Eph 2:4-7).**

WE OURSELVES WERE SOMETIMES FOOLISH, DISOBEDIENT, DECEIVED, SERVING DIVERS LUSTS AND PLEASURES, LIVING IN MALICE AND ENVY, HATEFUL... (Titus 3:3)

- **BUT AFTER THAT...HE SAVED US...JUSTIFIED US...AND MADE US HEIRS (Titus 3:4-7)**
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NOW WE ARE ESPOUSED TO ONE HUSBAND BEING PREPARED TO BE PRESENTED TO CHRIST AS A CHASTE VIRGIN (2 Cor 11:1).

We had nothing in common with Jesus Christ when he sought us. But the fact that He reached out and saved and exalted such sinners as we are—and can present us as a chaste virgin—will forever testify of His wonderful grace and mercy.

WE LOVE HIM—BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US (1 John 4:8-11, 19). ...WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS (Rom 5:8).