

The Marriage of the Lamb - Eph. 5:25

by Bernard Fell

Christ's love for the Church is a sacrificial and redemptive love that demonstrates His desire for companionship and a relationship with humanity.

Scripture: Genesis 2:18, Isaiah 53:5, 2 Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 1:4, Ephesians 5:25, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 19:7, Revelation 21:2

Topics: "Christ's Love", "Eternal Union"

Description

Bernard Fell preaches about the sacrificial love of Christ for the Church, illustrating how Jesus left His heavenly abode to seek a bride among humble sinners, purchasing her with His own blood to present her as a radiant and beautiful bride in His righteousness. The sermon delves into the deep relationship between Christ and His Church, a divine union purposed by the Father before the world began, culminating in an eternal and joyous union in heaven.

Transcript

Christ also loved the Church,

and gave Himself for it.

Ephesians 5:25

"Tis not good," we hear God saying,

"For the Man to dwell alone;

I will make a meet companion

Who shall share His glorious throne."

Worshipped and adored by angels,

Cherubim and seraphim,

Yet among the shining myriads

Was no consort found for Him.

So He left His Father's dwelling,
For this cause to seek a wife;
From the plenitude of glory
To a hostile world of strife.
Passing by the proud self-righteous,
Unrepentant in their sin,
Saw in humble, contrite sinners
His own lovely bride to win.
But His blood must be the purchase,
From that spear-pierced opened side,
Ere His bride could be presented,
By a Father satisfied.
Wonder of succeeding ages,
This relationship with man;
Secret of the Father's bosom,
Purposed ere the world began.
Never was a bride more happy,
Never was more costly dress,
As she stands, with radiant beauty,
In His perfect righteousness.
Woven on the looms of Calvary,
And designed by wisdom, too:
Lo! its threads are gold and silver,
Spotless white, and heavenly blue.
Yet another robe is given,
Made by her in "single" days,
Bright reward for faithful service

On her wedding day displayed.
Kindly words compose its fabric,
Every stitch a deed of love,
Righteous acts for Christ recorded,
Reproduced in heaven above.
Soon the day of His espousal,
Heavenly Lover, spotless Bride,
When together, and forever
In unclouded joy abide.
Now He waits in priestly service
For that meeting in the air;
Long years seem but fleeting moments
For the love He hath to her.

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