

# THOUGHTS ON A WEDDING

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## A Look at Several Women in the Bible:

**Gen 2:18** God made a woman who was meet (fitting, just right) for Adam.

**Gen 26:34-35** Esau married outlandish women who were a grief to his parents.

**Judg 14:1-3** Samson wanted a Philistine woman, a disappointment to his parents.

- You will look for a mate who has similar beliefs, traits, values, social status, etc.
  - Birds of a feather flock together.
  - Like attracts like.
- If you hope to find a godly woman, you need to be a godly man, and vice-versa.

## Jesus' Peculiar Treatment of Sinful Women

**John 4:3-18** Jesus didn't look for "decent people" during his travels on earth. He gave His time to the most indecent and immoral of people. This woman at the well was an adulterous fornicator.

**John 8:1-11** Jesus did not condemn this adulterous woman caught in the very act of adultery.

**Mark 16:9** Mary Magdeline was a woman who had seven devils cast out of her. She became a close follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Luke 7:36-39** A woman with a bad reputation anointed Jesus' feet with ointment and wiped them with her hair. He allowed it when others considered it wrong.

- On several occasions, the Lord put everything on hold to deal with an individual woman of ill-report.

## A Look at Our Former Selves:

**1 Cor 6:9-11** We were (past tense) fornicators, Idolators, adulterers, etc.

- Now we are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Eph 2:-1-7** We were (past tense) dead in trespasses and sins, walking according to the course of this world, and according to the devil.

- But God, who is rich in mercy...loved us...quickened us together with Christ...raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus...by His grace.

**Titus 3:3-7** We were (past tense) foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving pleasures, hateful, etc.

- But after that...in His kindness, God washed us, renewed us, and made us heirs.

**2 Cor 11:1-2** We (the Church) are espoused to one husband and will be presented as a chaste virgin to Christ.

- Most people will choose a spouse who has a similar background, interests, experiences.
- We had nothing in common with Christ.
  - He chose us, not based on how good we were, but to demonstrate His Love, His goodness, His kindness, His mercy, and His grace.
  - We are no longer what we used to be. At the marriage of the Lamb, His bride will be seen as a chaste virgin, purified by the blood of Christ.
  - Christ and His Church: the true Cinderella story.

**1 John 4:8-11, 19** Christ loved us when we were unlovable. How could we not love Him?