

# THE END IS JUST THE BEGINNING

## See With New Eyes, Session 10

FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION, we encounter picture after picture of God's faithful love. One of the most beautiful symbols employed to describe the relationship God longs for with humanity is that of marriage.

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### THE LOVER SEEKING HIS BELOVED

*Jesus came to our world as the divine lover seeking His human beloved. He came to reveal His desire for us with the hope of arousing in us a returning desire, and the Bible says that He is coming back to our world a second time to receive as His eternal bride all who have said yes to His proposal of eternal love.*

**John 3:28-30, TEV**—<sup>28</sup>I am not the Messiah, but have been sent ahead of Him. <sup>29</sup>The bridegroom is the one to whom the bride belongs; but the bridegroom's friend, who stands by and listens, is glad when he hears the bridegroom's voice. This is how my own happiness is made complete. <sup>30</sup>He must become more important while I must become less important."

**Ephesians 5:25-32, TEV**—<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave His life for it. <sup>26</sup>He did this to dedicate the church to God by His word, after making it clean by washing it in water, <sup>27</sup>in order to present the church to Himself in all its beauty—pure and faultless, without spot or wrinkle or any other imperfection... <sup>31</sup>As the Scripture says, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one." <sup>32</sup>There is a deep secret truth revealed in this scripture, which I understand as applying to Christ and the church.

**John 14:1-6**—<sup>1</sup>Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And where I go you know, and the way you know." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

**Revelation 21:1-5**—<sup>1</sup>Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup>Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

## OUR ETERNAL HOME

*The new heavens and the new earth will be our internal home. Forever and ever we will enjoy nothing but glorious beauty, perfect peace, relational harmony, and unhindered pleasure.*

**Genesis 2:8**—The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

**Psalms 16:11**—You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Isaiah 11:6-9**—<sup>6</sup>The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

**Revelation 22:4**—They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

**Job 19:26-27**—After my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

**John 13:3-5, 12-16**—<sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. <sup>5</sup>After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded... <sup>12</sup>So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master."

**John 14:9**—He who has seen me has seen the Father.

**Luke 12:37**—Blessed are those servants whom the Master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that He will gird Himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

**Revelation 22:12**—Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Additional Blessings of our Eternal State:

Immortality (1 Corinthians 15:51-55).

A transformed and glorified physical body like that of Christ (Philippians 3:20-21).

A room in God's house (John 14:1-3).

To inherit all things with Christ as co-heirs with Him.

Throne status as rulers over the universe with Christ. (Revelation 3:21).

Fellowship with faithful of all ages (Matthew 8:11).