

MAN and WOMAN, Part 2

YAH revealed in our relationship – or just fire?

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Summary: Be sure you hear Part 1 first. Whether you're single or married, we all have to interact with the opposite sex. This 2 part series will give us the all-important perspective we need to have to let us honor one another. Learn how the Hebrew word for "man" and "woman" (ish, isha) tells us so much about the key to having Yahweh's glory in our marital and all male-female relationships. The Divine breath; the spirit in man; how are we treating anyone made in God's image; the perfect Model and example; future of the world hanging on our marriages and relationships, and much more.

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Welcome to Light on the Rock. This is your brother Philip Shields with **our PART 2** Message about Man and Woman. ***Please be sure to listen to Part 1 before hearing this one.*** I also recommend you hear the audio. These transcripts are close to what I said, but not exact. I don't have time to transcribe every word, word by word.

WHY am I doing this 2 part series on Man and Woman? Because our heavenly Father has a very special purpose for every single human being, for YOU yourself.

If you want a message that puts the grandeur and majesty of God into perspective, check out this message by a Louie Giglio. I'm sure I won't agree with all of Mr. Giglio's theology, but in THIS message he does a masterful job of giving us perspective – how small we are in the universe, how great our maker is, and how SPECIAL we are. Give it a listen. I've put the link in the transcript. Just copy and paste it to your URL or Google search "How Great is our God Louie Giglio" and look for the 40 minute message.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAzCP8SEKwc>

You are unique. Our Maker spoke and the stars and entire galaxies came out from His Word. "By the Word of God the heavens were framed" (2 Pet. 3:5). Our Maker can breathe stars so big into existence, it's hard to imagine. And now we're told we haven't even figured out where His expanding universe ends! We're told there are billions of stars in just our galaxy alone and then told there are billions of galaxies! And the stars are so big, so powerful, that we can't even grasp their size. The biggest star we've found is one called "Big dog" (Canis majoris, I think). If our earth were the size of just a golf ball, "Big Dog" would be a star next to the golf ball – 6 miles high! It would be Mt. Everest next to the golf-ball sized earth. ONE star. That big. Now imagine billions of these stars, all huge, in billions of galaxies. OUR star, the sun – by the way – if our earth were a golf ball, would be 15 feet in diameter. So you see the grandeur of our God.

So why say all that? Because God breathed the universe into existence. He spoke – and animals and whales and fish and birds and trees were created. *But when it came to mankind, He didn't just speak us into existence.* No, He hand fashioned the man out of the dirt of the ground, raised him from the earth, and breathed/blew into His nostrils the breath of God, and mankind became a living being. Have you ever thought about that, that way? That you were not just spoken into existence, but hand crafted.

Then He took the woman out of the side of the man He had made, and once again hand-crafted, personally designed and built the woman. Why was this special?

Because in the image of God created He them, male and female created He them – both in HIS image. Both in His likeness. Both with parts of His qualities. And every human being ever since then came from Adam and Eve, and every man and woman and child on this planet is in His image, destined to have the opportunity to come into God's family. Yes, Yahuweh has a family.

That's why He calls us His "children". That's why there is a God the Father, the Highest, the top Being in the universe. That's why there is a God, part of the one God, who is the Son of God, who calls the Father "His" God many times in scripture. Jesus told Mary Magdalene in John 20:17 "I must go to my Father and your Father, to MY GOD and your God." **Ephesians 1:3 and 17** say God, "the GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ". Yes, Jesus – or as I prefer to call him by the name His mama called Him – Yeshua, is God, is the Creator who spoke the words "Let there be light". But Yeshua also is God even though even He has a God and was with God (**John 1:1-3**).

And when these Beings speak, they say "Let us make man in our image, after OUR likeness" (**Gen. 1:26-28**) but they are referred to also in the singular. We say "God" singular, even though the Hebrew word is "Elohim" – a plural word that is often translated "gods" in some scriptures. But scripture is clear: Yahweh our Elohim is one (Deut 6:4) – but more than one personality. "And so in the image of God created HE them, male and female created He them."

So Yahweh has a family. I hope to soon, give a full sermon or two on why you were born, what is God's destiny for mankind, what is He doing? If you think it's simply to fly up to heaven and strum a harp for eternity, that sermon will blow you away. It's so much more! Let me know if you want to hear me on that topic or other topics. I ask you – write me. I long to hear from you who from 40 countries are hearing these messages. Write to pws2010@gmail.com and I will respond, or within the website you can write me a message.

Now I hope you have heard part 1 first, because I have a lot of new ground to cover today and though I'll refer to some things I've said, I can't spend time reviewing it all. If you haven't heard part 1 first, stop – go and listen to that one first, then this one, please.

HAND MADE, GOD BREATHED

So "the Strong Ones", or the "Mighty Ones" (that's what Elohim – a plural word, translated as "God" means), at the end of creating everything else, make mankind by hand. Out of the dust of the ground. He didn't just speak us into existence like He did everything else. The One doing this was the One who became Jesus Christ. No man or woman has ever seen or heard God the Father (**John 1:18; 1 John 4:12**). But millions have heard the voice of God who became God the Son of God in the Highest. Millions heard him from Mt. Sinai alone, for example (**Exodus 20:1, 18-19, 22**). Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses had face to face encounters with God, or at least heard His voice.

Let's read Genesis 2:7 again and start to go deeper today than last time. In this passage, the true Creator identifies Himself from other Elohim – gods – the same word used for false gods and idols by giving now His very personal name: YHVH – Yahweh or Yahueh/Yahuweh. Mankind has NO authority to change HIS name, of all names, into "the LORD" or Adonai as both the Christians and Jews do!

*The Majority of Christians are actually following Judaism on this one point, as it is the Jews who change YHVH to “Adonai” every single time! Adonai means “the Lord”. I am not the one “Judaizing” by saying YHVH, as Jews won’t use that word or name. They say “Lord” (Adonai) – which is what Christians do. Or they call Him “HaShem” – the Name. But God’s WORD says **YHVH almost 7,000 times!** I have 2 sermons on our Creator’s name given in October 2011.*

<http://www.lightontherock.org/audio/names.mp3> this is the first one.

<http://www.lightontherock.org/audio/part2.mp3> this is part 2 of What is His Name.

Genesis 2:7-9

7 And YHVH Elohim (God) formed man (ha-adam) of the dust of the ground, **and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and man (mankind) became a living being.

8 YHVH Elohim [Eternal God] planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground YHVH Elohim [Eternal God] made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, **and** the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now are we getting the point: it doesn’t say YHVH hand-made, personally formed dogs, trees, or whales out of this or that. It appears to me that He just spoke, and He “breathed out” stars, trees, grass, animals by His Word. By the word of God the heavens were created and framed (**Hebrews 11:3; 2 Pet. 3:5**). And now they’ve discovered what they’re calling “the God Particle” – and I’ll blog on that before long. It’s amazing. So it appears to me that Creator God spoke – and everything was created. Some believe they can read into Genesis 1:21, 25 that He hand-crafted the animals, but I believe He just spoke and the seas abounded with sea life, then He spoke again on another day, and the land abounded with land animals.

But with humankind, scripture is super clear in Genesis 2 that Yahweh personally “hand-made” the man – and later the woman – and gave to man the Divine breath of life. This YHVH was the One who later became known as Jesus, according to John 1:1-3, 14 and Col. 1:15-18 and so many other verses. *Though all other living creatures have breath given by Yahuweh, we are not told that He personally breathed into their nostrils His breath of Life.* I think there’s something to this. Every human has something of God in them, something Divine – *His* breath. I want you to ponder that difference. We are NOT just like “the other animals” and in fact, I don’t consider mankind to be an “animal”. I just don’t.

This makes each of us very special on this planet. This makes you, your spouse, your children, your parents – and all humanity – partakers of this divine breath since we all came from Adam and Eve. *So Yah expects us to treat all humans with profound respect and honor, especially when we covenant to marry, because we are dealing with beings uniquely made in the image and likeness of the Creator and who also have His divine breath as part of their existence.*

I preach to myself too. I’m trying to let this sink in to my own brain and apply this better in my life and in all my relationships too. I’ll speak soon on what really matters: that we be kind, show justice, mercy and faith to one another. *We can know a lot of God’s word in our heads, but if it’s not changing our hearts, then our religion is useless. I get that.* And it speaks to me too.

A couple review reminders: man was created outside the garden and then invited into what was the Divine presence on earth, the Garden of Eden. We covered last time:

- the word being used so far for “man” is “*adam*” meaning really *mankind*, as I showed last time that even Eve was called “adam” in Genesis 5:2 (if you look at the original Hebrew there). Your Bible might say “man” or “humankind”. It’s “adam”.
- The word “adam probably comes from “*adamah*” the ground, or it might come from “*edom*” – red. The red dirt. Either way, I think it points to what he was: living dirt. That’s the human, physical side. But Yah blows into Adam’s nose and that’s the divine spark.

So in every human being is something of the dirt we come from, planet earth, and something of God, His breath. That is important to understand.

- *The Garden of Eden means “Garden of Delights”. I covered last time that **the Hebrew WORD picture** for EDEN is “See/behold the Door to Eternal Life”.*
- *The man was placed there “to keep” – shamar in Hebrew –shamar it, protect and guard it! He was to keep danger out. We men are still commissioned to shamar – keep, protect, guard – our own Edens today, our homes.*

In the center were 2 trees, representing the same two choices given Israel: life or death, blessings or cursings. BOTH trees were in the midst of the garden. Both were beautiful trees. It wasn’t just Adam and Eve who chose the wrong tree, we all have, and we all have many times. So let’s not be too tough on our forebears.

THE SPIRIT IN MAN BREATHED IN BY GOD

Let’s step back. When Yah made mankind, Yahuweh knelt down in the dirt of His creation, hand-made man—something He didn’t do with any other part of the creation -- and raised up man from the ground, blew into His nose – and I believe that is what differentiates us from animals. Obviously Yahweh created all things. But it appears that He spoke them into existence. But not so for man. We have something of the divine in us, a divine essence. Nowhere does it say He did that with animals or anything else. Animals have a “spirit of animals” that goes back to the ground when they die, but we have a “spirit in man that goes back to God who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 3:21; 12:7).

Job 32:8

“But there is a **spirit** in man, And the **breath** of the Almighty gives him understanding.”

Two different Hebrew words used here, but the *ruach* (spirit) in man is tied to a wind, spirit, and puff from God that gives us understanding.

What does this have to do with man and woman and marriage? I’m making the point we have a divine “something” inside of us that makes us unique and special. We are all made in the image of God – men and women everywhere – and He expects us to be very respectful therefore of all humanity! Especially someone we then go into covenant with—our spouse.

Zechariah 12:1 implies God stretched out the heavens and *then* formed the spirit in man. This is what makes us different from animals. We are a living soul, a living nephesh as Gen 2:7 says. More than *having* a soul, we *are* one. But there *is* something that goes back to our Maker when we die. This spirit in man that gives us human understanding (**Job 32:8; 1 Cor. 2:11-12**) is also the interface (1 Cor. 2:11-14) that allows us to commune with the Spirit of God, to understand, to

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worship, to sing, to be creative, to be different from animals. The spirit in man, according to 1 Cor. 2:11, allows us to be human and think like a human and makes us different from animals. Paul goes on to say we still need God's Holy Spirit to allow us to understand spiritual things. (Read 1 Cor. 2:11-14). I would like to have a full length sermon on Spirit in man if you request it. It is this "spirit in man" – *not* the same thing as commonly misunderstood as "the soul" – according to scripture, that returns to God when we breathe our last:

Ecclesiastes 3:20-21

All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust. 21 Who knows **the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward**, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, **And the spirit will return to God who gave it.**

Pretty clear, isn't it? Women have this spirit too, for they came out of the same body that Yah breathed life into. So when Jairus' daughter died it says when Yeshua resurrected her, that "*her spirit returned to her*" and she came back to life (**Luke 8:55**). Returned from where? From God in heaven who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

Understand that all flesh has a spirit "something", even animals. Theirs is called "the spirit of the animal" in Ecclesiastes 3:21. I believe that is how God knows when even a sparrow dies. He feels it, knows it, somehow it gets registered in Him, I believe. But that sparrow's spirit does not go on living or go back to God. It simply dies and that's the end of it. It goes into the ground, **Ecc. 3:21** says. But we humans have a "divine spark" or essence in us that makes us very special.

David says in **Psalms 139:13-18** that Yah knew you and me before we were born. Please read it. I believe HE chose the sperm which fertilized your mom's single egg. I believe HE watched as the 2 cells – the sperm and egg, became one united being. He watched as it grew into 16 cells by day 3; He was there when your little tiny heart began to beat; He was there when your eyes formed a slit and you had eyelids for the first time. He was there when you took your first breath!

What I'm saying is that your Maker made you just as personally as He did Adam and Eve! Every man, every woman, and every child anywhere in the world, any race, any country, all are made in His image. Scripture says children are a heritage from Yahuweh (**Psalms 127:3**). They are His, and He allows parents the privilege of raising His child.

IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY/MARRIAGE. Not Divorce

God therefore takes it very, very seriously when anyone aborts HIS child. When someone divorces or puts away His wife, He calls it violence and hates it. We have to stop this scourge among the people of Yah. This is a big reason why I'm speaking on this! Yahuweh tells us in **Malachi 4:4-6**, that He is going to have our families get back together, have fathers and children loving each other again, and if we don't, utter destruction is coming. But before that can happen, we have to get our marriages and relationships in order. A mutual respect has to happen.

Malachi 2:13-15

13 And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of Yahuweh with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill from your hands.

14 Yet you say, "For what reason?" ["why isn't Yah hearing my prayers anymore?]
**Because Yahuweh has been witness between you and the wife of your youth,
With whom you have dealt treacherously; ["hindered prayer?"]**
Yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

Yah is very clear: our word, our words, especially in a covenant, are very important. He expects us to keep our word. "For better or for worse; in sickness or in health" – whatever life throws at us, we're in this together! Over and over we will see how Yah abhors breaking what we said we would do. If we give our word for something, for anything, He expects us to keep it. Let's continue Mal 2:15 now.

15 But did He not make them one,
Having a remnant of the Spirit?
And why one?
He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit,
And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

Some translations say verse 15 is saying that those who have an iota of God's spirit would not be doing that! Or is he saying, He breathed into man His spirit, and woman came out of that one body – and they are supposed to remember to stay as one.? Either way, Yah hates putting away or divorce in the next verse. As I read it, do all in your power to keep the Adversary away from your home and thoughts of divorce. Yah hates it! It plays right into the Adversary's hands. There are limited cases where divorce is permissible, but it's gotten out of control among the called out ones and we must stop divorcing for non-permissible reasons.

Malachi 2:16

For YHVH Elohim of Israel says He hates divorce (putting away)

For it covers one's garment with violence," says YHVH of hosts.

"Therefore take heed to your spirit; that you do not deal treacherously."

Peter and Paul address the issue of when we have an unbelieving spouse. Paul says if she or he is pleased to stay with us, then fine. But if the unbeliever departs, then the believer is not bound in such cases. But believers should not be the ones initiating this. I cite 1 Cor. 7:12-16 which you can read later, and I'll post it in the transcript notes.

1 Corinthians 7:12-16

12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. 13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; **otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.** 15 **But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases.** But God has called us to peace. 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

Peter tells wives to behave with a respectful and quiet spirit even to husbands who have no interest in spiritual things. Read it in 1 Pet. 3:1-6.

1 Peter 3:1-6 [when was the last time you heard this read in church?]

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward — arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — 4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Then in the next verse, which we'll read later, Peter tells us men to "honor your wife", understand her, so your prayers not be hindered, because he says they are co-heirs with us of the grace of life.

Let me hop back to 1 Cor. 7:11-14 again and the concept of marriage and remarriage. "Not under bondage" means we're free of the marriage at that point, if the unbeliever departs the marriage.

Paul goes on to say that if when called into a relationship with our heavenly Father, that if we have been loosed (separated/divorced) already, we do not sin if we remarry (1 Cor. 7:27-28).

1 Corinthians 7:27-28

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. 28 But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.

So obviously, I cannot go along with the hard right wing faction of believers who believe no matter what, if you have a living ex-spouse you divorced, that it would be adultery to ever remarry. What do they do with verses like 1 Cor. 7:28? We'll cover Matthew 19 and Romans 7 and other places in depth in a future sermon on that. **But I do believe and say there is far too much divorce going on.** Too many taking the easier road. Some are legitimate, but too many perhaps are not legitimate reasons for divorce. *Those who are not divorced – that doesn't mean they have it hunky-dory. No, they're working on their marriages.*

Marriages should be a commitment to give 100% all the time. It's a 100% commitment even if your spouse isn't doing his/her part. We will all be judged on our own performance ("Judged according to their works" – Rev. 20:12-13), not our wife's or husband's performance.

Each is to do his/her own scriptures.

Also, as I read the scriptures again today, here's a very important point: the scriptures for men is for the men to do themselves. The Scriptures for women are for women to do themselves. It is not up to me to remind, tell, force, or make my wife do the verses about women. Nor is it up to her to remind me of the kind of husband I am supposed to be. We each stand before God for our own judgment, and I do my own verses. So I'll read verses for men and women today as we have men and women who listen in or read these transcripts. *If we can do things to ruin a marriage or any other relationship, we can also start doing things that will repair and build our marriages and all our relationships. SOW new seed; reap a new harvest of good works.*

So one reason we're talking about this is that our marriages have to be fixed! That in turns puts peace in the home and makes it more likely for fathers and sons to get along.

Malachi 4 :4-6 says if this doesn't happen, God will smite the earth with utter extinction (that's what "a curse" – *cherem* in Hebrew—means). So people getting along – is critical!

Malachi 4:5-6 – the last words from the book of Malachi: CJB

“Look, I will send to you Eliyahu [Elijah] the prophet
before the coming of the great and terrible Day of YHVH.

He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children

and the hearts of the children to their fathers;

otherwise I will come and strike the land with complete destruction (cherem).”

It's the same word used when YHVH said Jericho was to be *cherem* – devoted to destruction. It was the same used of Edom. And now we are being warned, we will be under *cherem* (*utter destruction* if we don't heed.

Before Fathers will be turning their hearts back to the children and vice versa, our marriages have to first be restored. Fathers and their children won't be very effective in trying to get back together if the marriage is in shambles. So first we have to repent of the things that have been hurting our marriages and get ourselves back on track with God's help.

By God's grace, we are told that the time is coming when the curse is lifted off Jerusalem, so I guess enough people do heed and do turn their hearts back in these relationships. (You can see this in Zech 14:11 for example.) Now let's pick up where we left off – with the creation of Eve.

EVE IS “BUILT”

In Gen. 2:19-20, animals are brought to the man to name and no spouse is found for Adam. Yahweh is really setting this up. [More is said in the audio here.] Yah wanted a helper for Adam. The word for “helper” is “ezer” – and I pointed out last time that even YAH is called OUR “ezer”. The name Eliezer = God my help, helper. So we men should be glad to have a helper but also want to be HELPING her any time we can as well.

Genesis 2:21-22

And YHVH Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which Yahweh God had taken from man [*adam*] He made (built) into a woman, and He brought her to the man [*adam*].

So at **the very end of Elohim's physical creation through work, He presents to man His crowning and final creation: Eve, the woman.** She was the last thing He created physically. Of course He created the sabbath by resting/stopping work. ***But perhaps by making her the grand finale of His creation, He is saying she is special and is to be seen as very special.***

Maybe Yahweh was saying, “Adam, yes, you're the leader as I made you first (1 Tim. 2:11-14). But I left my best work for last. Cherish her. Love her. Guard her. Lead her. Cover for her. Watch over her in a loving way. And even though I made her to be your helper, don't forget to copy my example, and you be HER helper as well. Bring the best out of *each other*. She's a jewel, you're both a jewel – if you treat each other right. If you don't, you'll both have hell fire in your relationship”.

This wonderful creation called Eve was taken from Adam's side, near His heart, to be loved and cherished by him.

I had said earlier that the One who became Jesus Christ blew into Adam's nostrils His spirit, His breath – same word in Hebrew – and man became a living being. There was something divine imparted to mankind that is not in animals, and I think we're going to see this even in the words for man and woman.

“ISH” AND “ISHA”--YAH'S GLORY, OR FIRE?

From **Gen 1 thru to Gen 2:23**, we have the word “*adam*” being used both for the individual who takes the name “Adam”, and for all mankind. Then a different word is introduced.

Genesis 2:23-25

23 And Adam said: [*ha-adam* in Hebrew = the adam]

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

She shall be called Woman (*isha, issah*), because she was taken out of Man (*ish*)."

24 Therefore a man (*ish*) shall leave his father and mother and **be joined to** his wife (*isha, issah*), and **they shall become one (*echad*)** flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man (*ish*) and his wife (*isha*), and were not ashamed.

[More is said on audio. Discussed “naked” – some speculation.]

So we see a different word introduced for what is translated into English as “man” only after Eve was built from Adam's side. Now we're going to read of *Ish* and *Isha*. Up until now, the word “man” in English – everywhere, every time until Gen 2:23 – is *adam* – mankind, humankind, or man.

Ish, on the other hand, means “male, man, husband”. *Isha* means “female, woman, wife, and girl”. Now it gets very interesting (at least it was to me!)

Ish – Strong's #376

Isha – Strong's # 802.

(I cite Strong's numbers in case you have an Englishman's concordance and wish to check all the places that Hebrew word is used. Remember Strong's is a concordance, not a reliable lexicon.)

So ISH = male person, or man. So *Judas Iscariot* = *Judas, man (ish) of/from Kerioth*.

When Adam awoke and saw the woman (*isha* in Hebrew) naked there, he realized she was part of him. So now we have male and female, from one body, they're united in marriage by God and they gladly become one again and gladly obey the command to increase and fill the earth with kids.

Please remember that they could not multiply and be fruitful until they came together again as one. I am not confining my comments to Adam and Eve. As Paul says in Ephesians 5, “I speak concerning Christ and the church”. Eve came out of Adam and had to be coupled again as one with Adam in order to multiply, to grow. ***In the same way, the church will not be fruitful or multiply until we first all come together.*** Our “body parts” (the brethren) are splintered and scattered all over the place. We have to and we will come together. Messiah is not marrying a Bride made up of people who, for the most part, want nothing to do with one another. The human marriage was simply a type of the more important relationship of Christ and His called-out ones (the church, the *ekklesia*).

When we become one, and then become one with Messiah, we will begin to multiply and have fruit as never before. Hear my sermons please that I gave in Oct-Nov-Dec 2009 and early 2010.

Now there's something very interesting about the words Adam used when He used **ISH**, a masculine noun meaning male, man (Strong's 376) and **Isha** (802) a feminine noun meaning female, woman, wife.

I want to keep this simple. Some of you are new to Hebrew or the concept of Hebrew word pictures. The Hebrew letters for “ish” and “isha” in Hebrew are written almost identically except each has *one unique letter* the other does not have. Otherwise they are written the same. Listen carefully because I think this is not coincidence:

- The unique letter to ISH in Hebrew is a *Yod*. Like our Y. Smallest letter in the aleph-beit.
- The unique letter to ISHA in Hebrew is a *Hey* – like our H.

When you put those 2 unique letters together, you have a Yod and a Hey – which happens to be the first two letters of the Tetragrammaton YHWH, God's most personal name. Yod and Hey by themselves, form the word *Yah* in Hebrew, the short form of Yahweh. **It is God's name!**

You can find God called “Yah” in the original Hebrew especially in **Isa. 12:2; Isa. 26:4** and others places. We know the name Yah in the word “Hallelujah”. The ending jah is correctly pronounced with a Y sound – Yah. Hallelujah = Let us praise Yah (or “Praise the LORD”). Yah is also used in **PS. 118:14; Ex. 15:2; 17:16; PS. 68:18; 77:11**, etc.

Are you with me so far?

- **The unique letter in the Hebrew word Ish (male, pronounced “eesh”) is a Yod, and the unique letter in Isha (female) is a Hey. Put them together and you see “Yah”. That tells us in word pictures, that when man and woman work together, YAH is revealed.** Of course! He created them both in his image. He divided His traits and attributes equally to men and women.
- **However, when you take the Yod and Hey out of the letters for *Ish* and *Isha*, when you take God's name out of the relationship, you're left with a Hebrew word meaning “FIRE”! (*Esh* – Strong's #784)** But when you put Yod and Hey in the *Ish* and *Isha* *together*, when you put God's name back into the relationship, you have Yah revealed to His glory and you end up with a wonderful blissful marriage.

If we leave Yah out of our male/female relationship, we have Fire (esh). Are we getting it!?

So which is it that we want? Yah's glory revealed because we men can work with women – or do we want two fires colliding into an explosion called divorce? *I pray my marriage grows to the point where it showcases what the gracious Master can do in us*, weak dust of the earth that we are -- and bring glory to Him. I'd like His *Shekinah* glory to shine in all our covenant marriages – and even in all male-female relationships, wherever that is: at work, at our worship services and in every day interaction. Praise Yah!

Do you remember “and the Word became flesh” in John 1:14? Yah is embedded right in the very Hebrew words for fleshly “man – Ish” and “woman – isha”. He can walk in our lives, appear in our marriages, be glorified in our homes – if we men and women work lovingly together and let Yah shine forth.

So “Ish” and “Isha” show us, in their Hebrew word pictures, that if we want to bring God’s glory clearly shown, we men and women **have to keep God, keep God’s personal name, in our relationship.**

We will NOT ever be fully one with our spouse unless and until we first are one with our God and Savior. Let this sink in. Nor will we be one with the “Body of Christ” until we are one with the HEAD of that Body, Jesus Christ our King. This why there are so many divorces. This is why there are so many “splinter groups”. Why? Because we are not grasping this vital key: we must be one IN HIM and then we will lovingly treat the Body. We become One Spirit with Him (read 1 Cor. 6:17).

If each is as one with God, then we will be under His covering, we will be led by HIS Spirit, we will be fulfilling His will and obedient to His instructions about marriage. Oneness first with Yah makes us easier to live with, frankly. Let’s read Yeshua’s words, where He gives this vital KEY:

John 17:20-23

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; [here, He is actually including us, who believe because of their word.] 21 **that they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; **that they also may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And *the glory which You gave Me I have given them*, **that they may be one just as We are one**: (HOW?) 23 **I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

The reason we are not one in our marriages is that we are not one FIRST with Abba, our Father and our Saviour. The reason we have so many splits in the body of Christ, is because we’re not one with our Savior first and foremost. If we were, the splits in our marriages and in the body of Christ simply would not be happening.

Until every man and every woman each beseeches his/her Maker to give each of us a new heart, to bring us into oneness with our Redeemer, and we repent of our sins and become one with Him – there won’t be any proper bonding between the sexes or in any marriage. Are you getting it? Oneness starts with oneness with Him. His *skekinah* glory is what we want in all our endeavors and in our marriages.

Yeshua implies that showing oneness, in Him, will also

- witness about WHO He is, as people see His life in our lives.
- Another big reason for oneness is this: two can’t and won’t be fruitful and multiply if they remain apart. Adam and Eve had to come together as one again in order to be fruitful. There is more to this than just referring to the sexual marital union. **The body of Christ will not be fruitful until we become one in Him – and also one with our parts of this body.** We can’t be AS effective as we could be, as fruitful, by the constant splintering. The brethren, the sheep, have had enough of it. The shepherds need to start coming together and really caring about their sheep who want to be with the other sheep of God’s flock.

Yeshua did promise that that particular time is coming, when the sheep will be in one flock.

John 10:16 (the setting for this discussion was after the healed blind man had been thrown out-John 9; Yeshua was upset and upbraided their leaders about being a false shepherd, a hireling, in John 10.)

16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and ***there will be one flock and one shepherd.***

John 11:49-52

49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, 50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." 51 Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not for that nation only, but also that **He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.**

So we are the body and Bride of Christ, and for us to be fruitful, the Body has to come together and so do with HIS mind. Be sure to also call, love and bond with your father, your mom, your children, your grandparents. Put first things first. Make time for bringing people together.

EQUAL FUTURE and potential before Yah

Man and woman are created with equal potential: to be sons and daughters of God (2 Cor.6:18). Peter says to dwell with your wife with understanding, since you are co-heirs, ***or heirs together, of the grace of life (1 Pet. 3:7).*** Be careful, he says, lest your prayers be hindered. I have a recent sermon on "Hindered Prayer" given this year, earlier in 2012.

Spiritually, there is no longer a distinction between men and women, though there are different functions. There are different functions, but the same team. There is leadership. There is a captain of the team – but it is to be done in love.

Galatians 3:28-29

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, **there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.** 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We have different functions, but equal opportunity ahead of us. Each of us will be rewarded by our won works, and by how well we obeyed the commands for our roles and functions.

Paul quotes from the Old Testament to show we are all actually called God's "sons and daughters" – **See 2 Cor. 6:18.** Peter says we are "co-heirs together of the grace of life" (1 Pet. 3:7).

CORRECTION ON Gen 3:16

Gen. 3:16 – I want to correct something I said in Part 1. Eve's punishment included that she would have to live with a domineering husband. It also states she would have a "desire" for her husband. In Genesis 3 we read that Eve took of the fruit and ate, and gave it to her husband with her also (Gen. 3:6). Yes, Adam was right there the whole time, not "keeping" or guarding his home, the garden. Adam was the one who is considered the first sinner, not Eve (Rom 5:12-14). Adam knew what he was doing, but Eve did not (1 Timothy 2:14), so Adam had the greater sin. Then we're told in Gen. 3:7, only after Adam ate, were they aware of their nakedness.

Speculation: could it be that they had a glow about them, like Moses did when he had been in the presence of Yahuweh? Could it be once Adam ate, that "God turned out the lights – the glow" and they immediately knew something was 'wrong'. I can't prove it. Just speculation. I find it interesting though that they were not aware of their nakedness until ADAM ate of the wrong tree. (You should read Gen 3:6-7 yourself to see what I mean.)

Men, being a domineering leader is NOT the ideal that Christ teaches us. But let me clarify something in Gen 3:16. In that verse, it says the woman shall “**have a desire for her husband.**” When I study it more carefully, and as it was pointed out to me by one of you who listen to these messages, thank you – the word for “desire” in the Hebrew means “have a deep longing for, a strong feeling of desire.” That’s what I should have said in part 1. I have always said I will correct something that I’ve said is wrong once it’s pointed out (I don’t included speculation in that.) So “have a desire for” means to have a deep longing for her husband.

For example in **Song of Songs 7:10**, it says the Groom (probably referring to Christ) “desired” His beloved. Eve – and most women-- long for their husband to love her, guard her, assure her that he’s going to stick with her – but apparently it ended in him becoming very controlling. Men, yes, our wives long for things to be right at home. Whether they act like it or not or state it in plain words, most wives want to feel secure *emotionally* even more than financially. They want to know you’re happy and will fret if they feel the man is not happy. So men, let’s give them that peace. We must quit finding fault with each other, and start finding and mentioning what’s right.

Most of the time, men do not realize that their wife is not entirely happy. We chalk it up to moodiness, menopause, their period, or “that’s the way women are” and don’t put the focus on our marriage that we should and need to. Take time to focus on your wife and the relationship.

Marital sex

I may not have time to cover this properly but it must be said, so let me say it. What more obvious way is there of becoming one than in loving marital sex?

By the way, men listen: we’re 99% visual and have high testosterone, so it doesn’t take much to get us ready for you know what. Most women, not all, are more relationship oriented. IF our wife knows we love her, and if she knows we adore her – and she adores you – the instructions found in **1 Cor. 7:2-6** about not depriving each other of our conjugal dues won’t even be an issue.

If things aren’t happy with our wives, men – we’re going to pay. But women, if you make your man pay too much in that arena, you too are asking for trouble. That’s why Paul says don’t stay apart for longer than you can fast – 2-3-4 days for most of us. Without conjugal sex regularly, men’s biology gets pent up inside and it becomes real easy to lust – and to go astray in our minds if not in deed. I’m not excusing sin. Not at all. But it’s like a hunger or a “need” that grows and grows until released or satisfied. I hate to be so plain, but perhaps someone needs to say it.

Why don’t we hear more about 1 Cor. 7:2-6 in others’ sermons? I don’t think the same physiological “build up” happens in most women in the same way. Most men say they need more sex than what most women are saying. But, according to the Feldhans in their book on marriage, about 1 in 4 women are also saying they wish they had more marital sex than they’re having.

1 Corinthians 7:1-6

About the things you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have relations with a woman.” 2 But because of sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.

3 A husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise a wife to her husband.

4 *A wife does not have authority over her own body, but her husband does. Equally, a husband does not have authority over his own body, but his wife does.*

5 Do not deprive one another—except when you agree, for a time, to devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again; otherwise, Satan may tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Pretty plain, isn't it? My wife's body is mine, and mine is hers. (Lol) I think I got the far *better* deal, better looking deal -- though she has a bigger deal. Ha!

So Paul says it gets dangerous if you let more than a few days of fasting go by without giving each other that time of hugging, affirming, and being one. How long can you fast? 2-3 days? Most men would be deliriously happy to have intimacies 2-3x a week, or even just weekly. I know some who are saying it can be many weeks, or even months, that go by. Brethren, that should never be unless there's some physical reason for it. It's just going to set the other up for temptation, sin and unhappiness. That doesn't justify any sin, but it sure makes it easier to sin. Remember men, I speak to you too. One in four Christian wives are saying, in surveys, that they need and want more sexual intimacy. And men, we do have to help create the atmosphere around the home that encourages the activity I speak of....

And, regardless of what happens, we can't use that for an excuse to sin.

The MODEL

Now I want to speak to the men and women about what scripture says. But I want to do it by showing One who was our perfect model of what a husband should be like: the ultimate husband, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most of you are very aware that the end of Ephesians 5 speaks at length about husbands and wives and their responsibilities. I want to jump to the end, to make a point, so we can use our model.

Ephesians 5:31-32

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, ***but I speak concerning Christ and the church.***

OUR husband Yeshua is definitely in charge. But guess what? He doesn't beat us over the head with that. In fact, He wants our input. It's called "prayer". He tells us over and over in John 13, 14, 15, 16 – ask, seek, knock, come to ME – and anything you ask in my name is yours! The original intention was a loving, sharing, mutually serving, mutually helping relationship. We're loving each other, we're submitting to each other, we're preferring one another, we're honoring one another, and we're working as allies, as one!

Wives, you know the scriptures tell you over and over you are to let your man lead, submit yourselves to him and even obey him (**1 Pet. 3:1-6; Col. 3:18; Ephesians 5:22-24**). *It's something you do, not something the man makes you do.* And don't harass your husband with the "husband scriptures" either. I don't hear this being preached much anymore. It's like the men preachers are afraid to touch the topic of wives submitting and honoring their husbands. Well, I'm not. It's there, it's up to women to do it, and I hope they do.

WIVES, most of us MEN CRAVE your respect and honor perhaps even more than your love. We need to know you respect us and trust us. We need to see you backing us up in front of the children. SO wives, that's your job. Find ways to show, tell, demonstrate your respect for your husband – and I promise you, it will come back to you in spades!

Having said that, men, it will be a lot easier to submit to husband who:

- Is a loving, concerned, servant-leader husband who is kind, considerate, and who understands his wife.
- Is a good example of submitting himself to those over HIM, even when HE disagrees with things. He sets a good example of obeying and submitting to his boss (), to the government (Rom. 13) and especially to OUR head Jesus Christ.

Remember Yeshua (Jesus) perfectly submitted to HIS head. Perfectly (Philippians 2:1-11.) And partly *because* He did, God the Father exalted Him above every name (Phil 2:8-11). As we submit to God's word and to one another and follow the example in Philippians 2, we too will be exalted by God in glory.

So men, our perfect model is our Head – Jesus Christ. Yeshua. He showed us how to submit, by perfectly submitting even to the death of the cross. Every word He spoke, He said, were His father's words. Everything He did was to fulfill Father's will, not his own. Wow. *Now if our wives saw US leading by EXAMPLE, it would be a lot easier to submit to us. Ladies, if we don't, you still have your own responsibilities, however.*

So Yah made man first and has appointed the husband to be head of the wife and the marriage. That's clearly scriptural. Don't abdicate it but don't strut it either.

HOW are men to lead? By remembering to lead by being a servant leader. The greatest is the greatest servant. Also by remembering this is not about one having dominance so much as it is about finding ways to bring two very different people merging together, working together, coming together - - as one body. Yes, this body has a head (the man – 1 Cor. 11:2) but it also has the heart (the wife). We need both functioning for this body to work properly.

Remember Paul says married men and women were to represent the relationship of Christ and the church (v. 32). Let's read all of Eph 5:25-33 now.

Ephesians 5:25-33

Husbands, **LOVE your wives**, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

32 This is a great mystery, **but I speak concerning Christ and the church.** 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

I'm running out of time but need to make a couple more points:

- The kind of loving our wives that is emphasized here is a love that helps her grow, helps her feel good about herself. It's a lot that copies the love of God, who puts our sins far away and who loves us more than up to the highest heavens. ("I love you this much...")
- It's a love that helps bring the best out of her, that covers her slip-ups, doesn't keep harping on her errors or weaknesses but washes her, and he sees his wife ultimately as without spot or wrinkle. Please men. We have to quit finding fault with our wives. I

preach to myself! She needs to hear us delighted with the meal she cooked, the way she does things, the smile she has, or the way she IS.

- Think of “husband” in terms of “husbandry” – to provide growth. Probably no real connection between the words, but I like to think of it that way.
- Love *your* wife. Ladies, we almost can’t help noticing other women especially when so many of them expose themselves. God gave us eyes and testosterone. But we men need to use God’s spirit to have eyes more and more – only for our wife. Ladies, give us time to get there. If we look at another woman it doesn’t mean we don’t love you. It just means we have red blood. But men, shame on us if “looking at” turns to mental undressing. And you men know what I’m talking about.
- Flirting with other women, whether wife is nearby or not, has got to stop. That’s coming from a guy – me- who used to love to flirt when I was younger. We’ve gotta stop that totally and repent of all the times we did it. The next verse in Eph 5 speaks of sanctifying our wife – setting her apart for special, holy, covenanted use.

Husband, love your WIFE. But what do we men do? We marry our job. We show by the focus of our attention and our time—and so many of us do this, including me – that perhaps our job, or our car, or our hobbies, or our TV, or ourwhatever ... is more attractive to us than our wives. So husbands, love your *wives*, not your job, not your favorite TV show...your *WIFE*! Sure, love your job – but not more than your wife. When was the last time you really, really focused just on her, listened to her, let her vent, without walking out on her, for example?

Let’s continue in Eph 5:26 now.

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27 ASB

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as also Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her, **26 to make her holy**, cleansing her in the washing of water by the word.

“to set her apart for holy use, washing away her sins in baptism by the word.”

Yeshua – your husband and my husband if we are in Christ -- becomes our covering, our protector, our lover, our guard, our provider, our righteousness, our peace, our wisdom – and there are scriptures galore for all that. Now our Master is not blind! He sees the problems with the 7 churches in Rev. 2-3 for example and calls on his fiancée to turn around (repent). He’s there to help her, cover her – by “her” I mean you and me!

Husbands, what about it? Are we seeing our wives as women set apart for special use? Are we helping her grow?

What are you and I doing to help that happen? Does your wife believe she has room to grow and develop her interests, talents, skills? In church, are we encouraging women to let their God-given gifts to shine, within parameters given in scripture?

The other night I asked my wife – as we were enjoying our front deck and the little rocking bench she bought – I asked her, “what would make you feel more like you really mean something to me and make you feel more loved?” I’m baring my soul, folks, so don’t all pounce on me... She

said, “If you would listen more, really listen. If I knew my feelings and viewpoints were seriously being considered, I’d feel validated more. I need to feel more validated”, she said.

You see, how would WE feel if Yeshua was multi-tasking while we were talking to him (praying)? Now he might be, but God can do things we can’t and still focus 100% on what we’re saying and thinking. Do we really listen to our wife? Do we SEEK her input?

My wife wasn’t asking me to do everything exactly as she wanted. She just was asking for her husband to please just value her opinion more, to ask more often for it, and to listen with full attention when it was being given. Then, even if at times I decided something different, she would feel validated, she said. *Carole’s actually a wonderful, wonderfully humble wife and God blessed me tremendously with her. She’s been a far better wife to me than I’ve been a husband to her, but I hope that starts to change.* God is working with my heart, you see – and I hope He’s working with all of you hearing this. I certainly don’t presume to have this all dialed in already.

IF we men felt secure in our roles, we wouldn’t hesitate to ask, to listen and even often take the advice of our capable wives.

There were times man *shouldn’t* have listened to his wife, as in the case of the forbidden fruit, and there were times God *told* the husband to listen – as He did to Abraham in **Genesis 21:9-13** about arguing with Sarah about Hagar.

This all comes back down to understanding one another

UNDERSTAND your opposite sex

I want to ask you men: do you feel you understand your wife? Or are you running around feeling baffled half the time? What about your women? Do you understand your men?

1 Peter 3:7 CJB

7 You husbands, likewise, conduct your married lives **with understanding**. Although your wife may be weaker physically, you should respect her as a fellow-heir of the gift of Life. If you don’t, your prayers will be blocked.

I don’t have to understand all women; just my wife, and maybe my daughters. There are many good books out there. One set I particularly like, and it’s based on interviews with thousands of believing men and women, are the **books by Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn**. I have **“For Men Only – a straightforward guide to the inner lives of women”** and they also have one **“For Women Only”** – about understanding how men think.

For example, it explains the difference in the way men and women (I know there are generalities, and we can’t all be painted with a broad brush, but it’s still worth looking at):

- View sex
- how when a woman is telling you what’s going wrong, most women just want men to listen and be understanding. They DON’T want a solution. They just want to be heard. So next time your wife says she has a headache, we don’t need to say, “take a Tylenol or aspirin”. Or if she’s telling you all about the office intrigue going on, she doesn’t want a solution... just a partner who will hear her out and express dismay at how she could even cope with so much going on. Be understanding!

- How to deal with conflict. We men can shut things off and retreat to our cave and get over it – while the wife is more often than not, stewing over it for hours.
- How men crave to be respected by their wives even more than they crave her love.

When there's a disagreement, we men can tend to have a "just get over it" approach. I have thousands of times said, or felt like saying that, to my beloved. You see, we can have a disagreement, and I can turn it off, walk away, and move on to the next thing, just to find out that she's been upset over that for hours or days now. That's not untypical, men. I can say, "Hey, that was an hour ago. Get over it. Move on" – and that's the male approach, but God created us to have to stop and listen to why she's so hurt.

Frankly women, especially when your hormones are kicking up like in your tens, or menopause or PMS, we men are often tempted to feel you've gone nuts! Or we feel we're about to be driven nuts. Someone said on facebook once, in jest, ladies:

"30% of women are on some kind of mental health medication. Yikes men, that means 70% of them are running around out there untreated."

Though I laughed, because that is exactly what so many men (not all) sometimes (not always) think about women – it also makes a point.

Just to be fair, I need to read a passage for the wives.

What I'm about to read, I haven't heard in sermons for a long time. It's like we're scared to read it. I've heard it at weddings, and that's about it:

Ephesians 5:22-24

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Wives, we men crave your respect, probably even as much, or maybe even more than, your love. You can love more easily than we can, as a generality, so we're told to love you, and you're told to respect us. So that's the primary thing Yeshua tells you: respect your husband. Let him feel respected. Stop the things you can do that can make us feel like worthless slugs. Do all in your power to help him feel he really is king in his castle when he comes home – and that too will reward you in spades in the end.

Become one with him, more so today than yesterday. Ask yourselves, ladies: **"Where and how can I show him that I respect him and want to serve him?"** What things must I stop doing that tear down his confidence and sense of being the leader?" Then get to work doing your own part.

MY job with my wife is to be like Christ is to the church according to Ephesians 5:23-29. My job is to "husband" her, like in the word "husbandry" – where you let the things in your care GROW. My job is to let her blossom. I don't know if there's any real connection between the words "husband" and "husbandry" – but I'm drawing the connection to make a point that I am to help my wife grow in our relationship.

I'm out of time. If this sermon has moved you, or enlightened you, please tell others about this site and this sermon. And pray for me too. I'd love to hear from some of you. Let's get our marriages together, our male-female relationships in place.

CONCLUSION: So today we reviewed that this is the Enemy's world. He has poisoned and deceived adam- -mankind – that competition is better than cooperation, that each sex should fight for supremacy. Today we are reminded that men and women come from one body and are to become one body in marriage, in Christ, in HIM. Let's pool our talents, let's come together and work together, not in competition but in loving harmony.

The biggest points I wanted to get across:

- Men (ish) and women (isha) come from one body and are to keep the name of Yah in their relationships, and when they do HIS glory is revealed. **Ish/Isha = God revealed.** This is the way to be one in marriage, by first bringing and keeping Yah in the core of every relationship.
- The **ONLY** way to be perfectly one with our spouse is to **FIRST** be perfectly one with our **SPIRITUAL** spouse – Messiah. **John 17:21-22** says if we are **IN HIM**, then we will be able to be one with one another, as much “one” as Yeshua and His Father are one. That's the secret.
- We cannot multiply and be fruitful until the two come together as one body.
- We've got to stop the rampant separating and divorcing going on FAR too much in the body of Christ. Not just divorcing, but rampant divorce and remarrying going on.
- **UNDERSTAND** the one person (1 Pet 3:7) who should mean most in your life 2nd only to God – is your spouse. You don't have to understand all men, wives. Men, you don't have to understand all women. Just your one woman. And yes, I recommend Feldhahn's books to help get us there.
- Let's focus on seeing the best in each other. Nurturing and bringing the best out of our spouse, and with everyone we interact with.
- Men our perfect model of leadership is Yeshua Himself. He leads, but he doesn't bark orders or shout at us every time we fall short. He leads by serving but He's also decisive.
- Women, we men crave your honor and respect perhaps even more than your love.

Out of time... we'll talk again soon. And hey, I'm really glad to see so many from Russia, China, the Ukraine, France, Mexico, and 35-40 other countries coming to this site to learn Yahweh's kingdom way. Tell others about this site. There are over 100 timeless sermons on this website. Enjoy them, free of charge. Remember, I'd love to hear from you.

Until next time, this has been Philip Shields, your brother in Yeshua our King, in Jesus the Christ, to His glory and honor.