



## THE LOVING HUSBAND—PART THREE

*Ephesians 5:31-33*

### 1. The Divine \_\_\_\_\_

Originated in the wisdom of God, the Divine priority was for one man and one woman to hold fast together through all of life. When lived out in loving faithfulness, it reminds us of the days before the dominion of sin.

*He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so." ~ Matthew 19:8*

### 2. The Divine \_\_\_\_\_

The grand mystery is revealed as Christ the husband and the church the bride. Until the cross and resurrection, this was hidden. And yet, even at the creation God gave illustration to what He would do.

*Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ~ Revelation 21:9*

### 3. The Divine \_\_\_\_\_

As Christ loves His church and the church reveres her Savior, so let husbands and wives produce the same quality of love and respect. For every believing marriage ought to bear a reflection of that which is of Christ.

*Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. ~ 3 John 1:11*

### HEBREWS 13:4

**LET MARRIAGE BE HELD IN HONOR AMONG ALL, AND LET THE MARRIAGE BED BE UNDEFILED, FOR GOD WILL JUDGE THE SEXUALLY IMMORAL AND ADULTEROUS.**



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**Additional Scripture References**  
*(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)*

### Malachi 2:15

*Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.*

### 1 Corinthians 7:33-34

*But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided... But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband.*

### Genesis 2:24

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

### John 3:29

*The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.*

### Isaiah 54:5

*For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.*

### 2 Corinthians 11:2

*For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.*

### Hosea 2:16

*"And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.'"*

### Ephesians 5:1

*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.*