



...said, Yes, And house,
...came into the saying,
...prevented him, Simon? of
...thinkest thou, Simon? of
...do the kings of the
...take custom or tribute?
...their own children, or of
...strangers?
6 Peter saith unto him, Of
...Jesus saith unto
...the children
...Then are the children

...about his neck
...depth of the sea.
7 Woe unto the world
...cause of offences! for it
...needs be that offences
...but woe to that man by
...the offence cometh!
8 Wherefore if thy
...thy foot offend thee, ha
...off, and cast them from
...is better for thee to ent
...life halt or maimed,
...than having two hands,
...feet to be cast into ever
...fire.
9 And if thine eye
...thee, pluck it out, and
...from thee: it is better
...rather than having two
...eyes, and being cast
...into hell.
10 If thine hand
...thee, cut it off, and
...from thee: it is better
...rather than having two
...hands, and being cast
...into hell.

...should perish.
...Moreover if thy brother
...trespass against thee, go
...tell him alone; if he shall
...and him alone; if he shall
...thee, thou hast gained thy
...brother.
16 When take with thee one
...more, that in the mouth
...two or three witnesses
...word may be estab-
...and if he shall neglect to
...them, tell it unto the
...church; but if he neglect to
...the church, let him be
...as an heathen man
...and a publican.
17 Verily I say unto you,
...whatsoever ye shall bind on
...earth, shall be bound on
...heaven, and whatsoever ye
...shall loose on earth, shall
...be loosed on heaven.

...certain thing.
24 And when he shall
...to reckon, one shall
...unto him, which owes
...thousand talents.
25 But forasmuch as he
...not to pay, his lord
...manded him to be sold, and
...wife, and children, and all
...he had, and payment to
...made.
26 The servant therefore
...down, and worshipped
...saying, Lord, have p
...with me, and I will p
...all.
27 Then the lord of
...vant was moved with
...sion, and loosed him,
...gave him the debt.

Bride of Christ



Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27

This mystery is profound, and I am saying
that it refers to Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:32

First Stage:

The Pursuit

For He chose us in Him **before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Ephesians 1:4

...for you were bought with a price.
Therefore, honour God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:20

Excruciating / Ex cruciatus (Latin)

'Out of the cross' or 'from the cross'

Let the Cross stand as the loudest
and final declaration of your worth.

Second Stage:

The Promise

300-year-old Decorated Ketubah



Source: Library of Congress - African and Middle Eastern Division.

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Kiddushin (קִדְּוִשִׁין)

Set Apart

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you

Luke 22:20

Third Stage:

The Preparation

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that **I am going there to prepare a place for you**? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:2-3

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, **but only the Father.**

Matthew 24:36

What do we do while we wait?

1. Keep the lamp burning

1. Keep the door open

Parable of the Ten Virgins



Matthew 25:1-3

You can be near the activity of faith and still
be far from the heart of God.

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Revelation 22:17



