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**“BRIDE”**  
November 22, 2009  
*Study Questions*

1. READ Proverbs 18:22
  
2. Why is it a “good thing” to find a wife?
  
3. If God devised a scheme to “find a wife,” actually calling His church “the bride of Christ,” why might this be a “good thing” for Him or from His perspective?
  
4. READ Matthew 22:30
  
5. Why would God establish heaven without “marrying or being given in marriage?”
  
6. READ Revelation 19:1-8 and Revelation 21: 1-8
  
7. Describe together “the wedding of the lamb.” Is this something you look forward to seeing? Why?

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8. READ Ephesians 5:21-33
  
9. Paul uses marriage as an illustration and an example. Of what?
  
10. Is mutual submission and respect old fashioned? Why do some people dislike submission so much? If both men and women are asked to submit to one another, why do some women ask pastor's "not to use Ephesians 5 in their weddings?"
  
11. How can we each/all prepare for our ultimate wedding day?

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