
RUN, LIKE JOSEPH

"You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?" James 4:4.

"Submit, therefore to God. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you," James 4:7.

"Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring Lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in the faith..." 1st Peter 5:8-9.

Elvis was right! *"Well a hard headed woman, a soft hearted man
been the cause of trouble ever since the world began
Oh, yeah, ever since the world began."*

And, Elvis referenced the Bible in his hit record of the 50's. First, Adam told to Eve, "...Don't let me catch you messin' 'round that apple tree." And, Samson demanded Delilah "To keep her cotton pickin' fingers out my curly hair."

Did Elvis understand the significance of the words he sang? I doubt it. Not too many people see how Gender Terms explain spiritual truth. However, it's another way of teaching us to flee sin; while, instructing us how to honor God by being faithful - just like a wife is to her husband.

Joseph knew what to do! He ran right out of her room; that is, Potiphar's wife's bedroom. "And she caught him by his garment, saying, 'Lie with me!' And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside," Genesis 39:12. No wonder he was a "type of Christ."

But, Egypt's influence covers the world, nowadays. Everywhere we go, there's a harlot bidding God's people to "Come and lie."

We have to run! We must! We are God's GENDERED PEOPLE, called to honor the LORD. "Gender Terms" are used in many places in the Bible, and we must understand what these terms mean.

One example is Revelation 17:5. John's account is about the mighty, influential control that the woman has over the world. Here, John saw a "WOMAN, clothed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls," v 4.

After describing the harlot, John follows with "Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues;" in the next chapter of 18, verse 4.

Not only must we "Come Out" but, RUN AS FAST AS WE CAN "OUT OF HER." The woman, representative of the world's fleshly lure, desires to commit whoredom with man, both within the religious and material sectors. And, God calls for "My People" to be just like Joseph and RUN! We must refuse the attractiveness that the woman flaunts; or, be in a world of trouble.

There are other representative women in the Bible, as well; which, are specified to be God's Gendered People. Within the O. T. Book of Hosea, God reveals His

tender love for Israel, His wife. **"Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the sons of Israel," Hosea 3:1.**

And, Jeremiah prophesied that God will divorce His sinful nation. **"And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also," Jer 3:8.**

Yet, through this marriage between God and His people, a son was produced that will save; not only Israel, but **"whosoever calls on the name of the LORD," Ro 10:13.**

Indeed, the world grows strangely dim by the loving and prophetic words in Hosea 11:2, **"When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son."** Jesus, the Christ, became God's faithful Son; even, out of a faithless Gendered People.

No one takes care of us the way God does. His love calls us to honor Him today, within His Gendered People, the feminine church (See Eph 5).

When we serve the LORD, He honors our faithfulness. He has always rewarded those of faith; from Abraham to you and me. And, it will be no different when we get to eternity.

If we take a close look at God's plan, we see that He produced a Spiritual union of God and man, accomplished by Christ being born of man. And, faith, in both Covenants, must be honored; for Christ came in the flesh out of Israel, choosing them and Gentiles to be His bride, the church. How glorious!!!

His Bride of today is God's Gendered People, as explained within the New Covenant. But, the blessing goes beyond this life. His people become the Bride Class that make up the holy city, New Jerusalem of Rev 21:2.

There is no secret (apart from inspiration) in serving the LORD. It is just like being married. Faithfulness and obedience, motivated by love, produces fidelity within God's people. Their fidelity is so strong that the civil law of God's commandments has a direct effect upon, and within, their spiritual relationship with the LORD.

God's GENDERED PEOPLE run from all illicit sexual situations. To stay is to be personally involved. To run means they hear God's call to leave the harlots of the world; whether, actual or within some fantasy that the world calls 'entertainment.'

Gendered People are still in AWE of God. They are fearful in their service to God. Fearful of breaking any commandment; especially, the Seventh commandment of "Adultery."

Like Israel, traveling in the wilderness, God's people understand their relationship with God goes beyond an act of the flesh. His people have much deeper understanding. Their walk is a SPIRITUAL act of obedience. And, while His people walk, the LORD walks alongside. Glory to God, it's Beulah Land!!!