<u>Leeswijzer:</u> In these lessons you find many bible references. If you are new tot the Bible, there are some good websites that you can visit. Here in our lessons we use the abbriviation that is more or less common in the evangelical world. A abbriviation as Ex.1:10-15, stand fort he tekst in the bibelbook Exodus, chapter 1 verse 10 up to and including verse 15. The index is clickable, by clicking on a sentence you will get rapidly on the right page.
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1. The preparation of His bride

"Introduction



In Revelation 1 we sow Jesus after His resurrection but here it is also going to be about the church His bride as we sow in: <u>Ephesians 5: 25 - 27</u> and about the 7 Spirits of God ; the Blood of the Lamb; the Zoë - Word and the word of their Testimony:

Song of Solomon 4: 12 / 6: 10 & Ephesians 5: 25 - 27.

Through Him and through Him only all promises from the Father are: "Yes & Amen" \rightarrow this by the circumcision of the heart! God; our Lord is creating His nation out of Jews and Gentiles by repentance / reconciliation & rebirth this by means of his Sons precious: graceful Sacrifice! Before the Word was incarnated in Mary: the Lord was since eternity with the Father& with the Holy Spirit in that beautiful place called heaven! After His sacrifice He also became the passionate / strong High-Priest acc. to the order of Melchizedek; this in favor of us and of all those that will be reached later on!

Read now lease:

Exodus 19: 6 / 1 Peter 2: 9; Daniel 7: 13 - 14 & 10: 5 - 6 & Ezekiel 1: 27 - 28.

After Revelation1: 5 - He also became *the* Judge in heaven. He who intercedes for us - our *Revelation19:5- 8 / Luke 1: 73 - 75 / Isaiah11:1- 3 & Hebrew 5: 7*

In the next posting I'll share more on Revelation 2 & 3 For now be highly blessed by going through the lessons of our awesome subject; for quests meet me as usual on chat; or by e-mail - <u>br. Paulo!</u>

2. The Marriage of the Lamb

The final preparation of the body of Christ!



The church in progress under His hand!

2.1. The first church of 7: Ephesus - Revelation 2: 1 - 7 !

It is written that those people had a fervent relation with the Lord. Because of this relation, out of Agape & Gesseth love! A knowing by heart - was growing in them through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God: Philippians 4: 4 - 10 & Isaiah. 50: 4 - 10; that is what He has planned also for us: an intimate / powerful love relation so that He could meet us, just like He met Moses, between the Cherubim at the mercy seat from the: "Arc of the covenant"

Here is the Lord of Lords is walking among the candles and sees the core of their hearts. He praises them in verse 2 and 3 but also reminding them on the fact that they lost their first priority \rightarrow loving Him above all!

He admonishes them to recover this first love and to do their first works out of this source. He praises them however because this Church hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans which brought Him great joy as He suffered a lot to have victory here!

An important lesson to us as well

Listen to the Holy Spirit. It's an encouragement to walk with Him in heavenly places - remarkable: in the book Ephesians you can read about this item. It guarantees that the Lord Jesus has been feeding them from this special tree of Live!

2.2. Second church: Smyrna - Revelation 2: 8 - 11

Here, the Lord shows Him self as the First and the Last - who was dead and lives again. Precisely to those who are oppressed - He says in verses 9 - 10 that He is living and that He has the last winning Word. He shows: acknowledgement and praises for their attitude. A reminder to persevere even death as He is alive - He urges them to remain faithful in spite of their situation and promises the over comers:

"The crown < divine authority > of LIVE - Zoë!

2.3. Third church: Pergamum - Revelation 2:12 - 17

Here, the Lord shows himself as the Double-edged Sword that separates: <u>Psalm 149 : 6</u> about this item - in verse 13 He praises them for their faithfulness despite the strongholds - despite the murder of their brothers. In verses14 & 15 an admonishment:

The Nicolaitans had a dominant hierarchy - a pyramid shape in leadership. There was also Bileam the spirit that seduces to recede from God and unto spiritual fornication like in 1 Corinthian 10 - Repent or else God will fight against you through His word. Hear what the Spirit says: If you win - He will give you from the: "hidden Manna"- ! He will add the white Stone of legal acquittal with written on it a new intimate name.

9:24 - 27 / 10:1 - 11; John 3: 14 - 16 & Hebrew 12: 1- 6

Here - Jesus speaks as the Son of God, He who has eyes like flaming fire: hot and consuming but filled with of love. He with feet as copper bronzes this to protect His heel against the heel biter. He does praise in verse 19 their work / love / faith and helpfulness. He also praises their perseverance and the growth in their works. He has however this complaint against them:

Their tolerance for Jezebel as she was the head of the Baal priests - A seducer of the brethren tempting them unto fortification and idolatry. Here is desperately needed the Hebrew 6: 1- 6 attitude - additional to Revelation 2: 25 & Colossians 3: 1- 4. It shows us the Lord and gives strength and understanding of the subsequent process in 3: 5 - 17. So hold on as he / she who over comes and saves his / her works till the end will be rewarded by Lord Jesus Christ with:

- 1. Authority over the gentiles < demons >!
- 2. An iron shepherd's crook
- 3. The morning star, who announces: the new day!

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Step 7 (2)!

2.4. Fourth church - Thyatira: Revelations 2:18-29

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 9: 24 - 27 & 10:1-11; John 14 - 16 and Hebrew 12:1 - 6!

Here our Lord shows Him self as the Son of God with eyes of fire but filled with compassion and love and with feet of cupper this against the bites of the evil one !

In verse 19 He praises them for their work and for there love / endurance and faith. However He reprimands them for their tolerance to Isabel in verses 22-23. Remember she was that high priest of those Babel priest during that sacrifice on Mount Carmel with Elia - she was the one deceiving His people to infirmity.

Revelation 2: 25 - Showing Him an encouragement unto that process in the further part of this chapter ! So hold on- the one that overcomes and endures to the end will be honored by our Lord with 3:1-3

- 1. 1 Authority over the heathen (demons)
- 2. An iron rot!
- 3. A brigthing morning calling out "The new morning"!

2.5. Fifth church: Sardis - Revelation 3: 1-6!

Here the seven Spirits of <u>Isaiah.11: 1-3</u> and the 7 angels / helpers of the 7 pastors / leaders of these 7 churches. Here the lord urges them to stay alert; to strengthen their hearts: when they'd overcome - they'd wear walk with Him in white fresh linen garments and their names will remain for ever in His book of Live!

Advise: take care to keep a fresh and vibrant relationship with the Lord as this will give you strength by living works. Otherwise: dead works \rightarrow Ephesians 5: 11 - 14. About good deeds - born out of Him - see: Revelation 19: 8. These are works - in linen - which the Lord has already prepared for us.

2.6. Sixth church: Philadelphia - Revelation 3:7 - 13!

Mention: Philios stands for brotherly love

Towards this tiny, but strong church - Jesus shows Himself here as the Holy and Honest One - this was possible because their 'stage' was ok.

He who has the keys of David the: "High priest - King" and also He owns the keys of the Kingdom of God and of the Hades. Read about this also: <u>Isaiah. 22 : 22</u> The Jews who caste like Sardis; would experience it.

Please do read now:

Roman 2 : 28 - 29 / Isaiah.25 : 6 - 9 Deuterium 10 :16 - 17 / 30 :56. → New life Philippians3: 10-14 / 4: 4-9 For the over comers in this church Jesus promises to make them pillars in the house of His Father and to write \rightarrow the name of God / the Name of the new city and His new Name in their purified hearts - a beautiful perspective to these friends of our Lord !

A few relevant names of God so necessary in these situations are:

Jehovah Nissi : from press in to overcome - <u>Exodus 17: 8 - 15</u> Jehovah Rapha: from bitter, through the wood, to healing - <u>Exodus 15: 23 - 27</u> Jehovah Jireh : from crises to provision - <u>Genesis 22: 12-14</u>

2.7. Seventh church: Laodicea - Revelation 3:14 - 22!

This is **so** cool as: it's not an anti-climax, but a: **climax!**

He shows himself here as: the Amen - the One to be trusted / the honest One and the Alpha the Beginning of creation. Their problem: lukewarm hearts because of the loss of knowing their Creator.

They needed three things for a transformation

Gold: pure, Zoe - Word: purified seven times, a relationship that 'ld create faith. Eye - ointment \rightarrow Isaiah. 25: 6 - 7; it liquefies the covering so they start to see Him White clothes and a clean / new mantle - due to a relation from the heart like the Father showed them in *Revelation 19: 8*.

The fruit of this process:

Repentance after remittance: the door in Revelation 4 opens from inside out - then intimacy starts this inclusive discipline with fire - space, hunger and thirst are created. It is possible for Him now to take more space in them and He'd also be allowed to do! Despite pain, love is growing and the discipline; pruning refines as the crashing of the herbs gives to Him a pure aroma. He - who is Fire, re - creates them and creates in them besides fire also love / joy - strength a fear for the Lord this in the deepest places of their beings! In the next Step I'll share on the precious subject: <u>the Holy Spirit of God</u> - for this item I'd advise you to prepare your hearts by reading cq.: meditating on next verses:

Joel 3; Exodus 37:1-10; Isah.11:1-3 & 61 then also Roman 12 & 1 Corinthians 12-14!

For more info you can reach me as usual on my fb-chat or by a pers. Message a review on some items of <u>Step 3 c</u> & <u>Step 7</u> (supplementary lesson) will be shared about in the next <u>Step 7 b lesson</u> along with the start on the lessons of <u>Step 5</u>:

"The Holy Spirit of God"!

For now be blessed! <u>br. Paulo!</u>

3. Essay on The Marriage <u>"Introduction to the marriage"</u>



Already in the Old Testament God said: Let Us make - create mankind! - Genenesis1: 26. The Us here literally means: EI - Elohim!

3.1. The Trinity of our God

Here - God the Father speaks out: "the Word"- later that Word in John 1:1-3 & Luke1: 26 - 38. did become flesh in Jesus! In Luc.1 the angel - the messenger Gabriël - spreads the Seed \rightarrow Father's Words unto Mary. By her faith and by the breathing of the Holy Spirit these Word became our Lord the Son of God and the son of men: <u>Jesus the Christ-</u>! So if we worship God we can worship all 3 appearances of: Him - Who loves us!

3.2. The blessing because of His sacrifice and resurrection

Our Jesus - Who was born out of the Virgin Mary was baptized in water at his 30th year by John the baptist and there the Holy Spirit came to rest upon Him. His fire - baptism however He became in Luke 4: 1-13 where satan tempted Him three times from then on He walked by the Holy Spirit and his Father during his 3 years ministry on earth as was prophesied in: Isaiah.1 vs.1-7; 50: 4-9; Isaiah 8; Isaiah 53 and also in Isaiah 61

See: <u>Isaiah 53</u> Here He went in obedience to his Father and through many and deep sufferings to Gethsemane where He had to drink that cup of disaster for us mankind in order to create a bridge an ability to us for reconciliation and also for the back-payment in behalf of our the wages of sin - that's why He had to be killed by all mankind on the cross of: Calvary's cross!

3.3. A way back to the heart of dedication

Because of this Sacrifice the way became open again for men tot Gods heart in order to get straight with Him - this by accepting the precious offering of Jesus blood. This wonderful act of Jesus was the ultimate fulfillment of all the offerings out of <u>Lev.16</u> on the so called the:

"The day of Atonement"!

Realize that something very special had happened in His live on earth. His soul was transformed in an incorruptible soul as written in *1 Peter 1: 8 - 10.* Then - after "all" His sufferings - He did command His spirit into Father's hands and said:"It is finished". There He shed his natural blood in exchange for our sin in order to buy us free from evil! Then - He went as Overcomer into Hell - took the keys of the enemy and preached deliverance unto the captives of all ages and many were seen in Sion - after He arose and He first of all met: Mary of Magdala: *John 19: 11 - 15* from whom He had cast out 7 demons and though He loved her - was not allowed to touch Him this because something had to be done first:

His incorruptible Blood had to be brought to the Father first: <Hebrew 9:11-15>

Mention this: later His youngsters where indeed free to touch His scars! Now He is our High Priest pleading before his Father for mercy by His **B**lood for every one who comes unto Him with repentance to recon ciliated them with the Father. He even pleads there for us - his brothers and sisters in order to help us through.We'll find much more blessings because of this precious event in:

John 1: 16 / Ephesians1: 3 and in John 3: 12-17.

This is now available to menkind of all ages - this if they accept this precious Blood offering of the Lamb of God our Lord: "Jesus the Christ"!. The source of redemption on our behalf

4. Part 2: The marriage -message!

This part of the essay implies the following items:

- 1. The unbelieving man / woman
- 2. The single believing man / woman
- 3. The married Christian with an unbeliever
- 4. The married Christian couple
- 5. The woman who became a widow
- 6. Special issues in concern to marriage

4.1. The unbelieving man & woman

In concern to this I do refer to: chapter 1.2. What I wrote there is a solid foundation, a grace message about what Jesus did for us as \rightarrow our Lord loves them especially: John 3:12-16 - Acts 2: 38 and verses <u>41-47</u> are written there for those who need Him most. !

4.2. The single believing man / woman

It's shown in the Bible that Jesus cared for the lonely. Many women followed Him during His travels in Israel read now: <u>2 Corinthians 6: 11-16</u> as a special warning for not too strong men or women. An advice: stay pure and wait till the Lord connects you to a partner - chosen by Him In the meantime seek His heart and be filled / educated by meditating his Word as it comes to you in:

Luke 6: 27-28 / Hebrew12: 1-3 & 5:6 -10 / Ephesians 4: 17-32 / 2 Timothy 2: 19-25 Colossians 3:1- 4 / Philippians 3:7 / 4:2-13

These will build you up till you're in His sight a strong and a deep founded single - ready for God - with or even without a partner to be used by Him for His ministry; remind the 5 stones of David and those arrows created in the save and warm place of His hand palm \rightarrow for ever His arrows & stones!

4.3. The married Christian man / woman with a not Christian partner

These precious brothers and sisters should hold on by His grace and power, doing severe applications and shelter as in *Psalm 91*. They should realize: He pleads for them.So they should go for a deep seeking of God by meditating on: <u>1 Peter 3: 1-6</u> These verses will deeply encourage them to stay close to God. If real hardships appear spite of all efforts then pay attention **to point 2.6** where I will teach on this subject a whole lot much more- might be needed to touch the roots of the problems here

A very important extra advice!

At least: don't overhaste by impulsive actions but seek help and try to keep focused on Him as written in Hebrew12: 1 - 5 and mention:

He does reign and pleads there for both of the partners!

4.4. The married Christian couples

This part will be very inspiring: First of all because these groups of peoples represent the biblical marriage. Gods plan in men's lives for many of his children here on earth. Mention that Ephesians 5: 27 - 34 is the blueprint and shadow of the mariage to come for Christ and his bride. Men should live according to Ephesians 5: 22 - 34 as these are God's conditions to create a healthy atmosphere for their women to live as Paul advises them in 5: 22 - 24! In concern to this: do re-read: Revelation 2 and 3: about the development of the bride of the Lam by the re- dedication and cleansing process!

This unto His standard: a stronger - more purified /desperate and passionate intimacy with their Lord and Chrome will help them to reach that precious, glorious goal. *Songs of Salomon 4:12 -15* is a beautiful sample of this highly qualified process of development with as the ultimate goal: Songs of Salomon 6: 10: The warrior - bride: ready to follow Him where ever He longs to go! A new balance!

4.5. Extra support in the process

Some fresh guidance's for both partners are found in:

Roman12: 1-3 up from verse 9 in 1 Peter 5 and in 2 Peter1: 1-12.

We find some very inspiring scriptures for these husbands and wives as also: <u>Ephesians 5:</u> <u>10</u> a Script which probably will be of help here! Other very important priorities for these groups of peoples are - and mention: God gave these as protection for his Holy covenants - this as a protection against all kinds of disaster and also to stimulate this precious gift for which his Son payed that high price at the Cross and for which He should be rewarded by our dedicated hearts relations!

Major priorities:

To salve these problems we can go possibly by next steps:

- 1. Urge yourself first of all to work on your personal intimate relation with the Trinity you're beloved One! Quality time for each other and also for the kids and for being together with God in liberty & respect & peace and joy: Also in the solitary area's
- 2. Seek Him deeply also for both of your ministries alone and together as well!
- 3. For men: try to be a good smell from and to God in your priesthood this in wisdom/power and also in compassion by sharing this to others.

Going together with God in respect to Him and to each others-a pure and humble heart will be needed to keep the relation going:

Strong / fruitful / fireful & peaceful!

An hearts attitude to be enabled to live with Him and by this development to restart learning with each other by exercising in resetting their focus there and knowing and realizing He does care a lot about both. Then a new day might possibly approach! The downing of a new perspective for both!

4.6. The woman who became a widow

In view of Gods Word! Read now please: 1*Timothy 5:1-16* with special attention to verse 9 & 10. Here God points out a special group whom He cares for a whole lot \rightarrow put your focus on these and take care for them as "God" does honor them. These will be a big blessing to the church all over His Kingdom: World - wide. So do seriously meditate on this chapter

4.7. Special issues in concern to marriage

Some situations that cause particular blockades as can be: hurts and pains because of violence and / or rejection and / or abuse from eithr one of the partners! A bad issue is: starting a relation - Christian or domestic - without seriously seeking the Lord for special advice a.o conformation. Later on - problem might appear because of this. Also a too rushly or out of pain started new relation which is often build on former pains will be able to bear painful problems. Sometimes these situations escalate so far that - in spite of a serious longtime counseling a separation or even divorce will be the result. This can happen because of violent intimidation a .o manipulating or pressure mostly from men to women!

"Some more possible obstacles in this process"!

Some other reasons can be: cheating on one another or abandon a wife or a husband because of hurt. In all of these situations, most times living apart will be necessary! For female victims in such situations it's the first priority to run unto God for shelter and also they might need good counseling for longer times - after that time they'll need to build up their live again with God: Rest / shelter - tenderness and later on perhaps a positive building up will bring them back on their feet. Healing of violence / rejection and working on their identity in His presence can do much good here!

4.8. An inspiration unto a new careful start

In this situation Gods guidance is essential. Perhaps He might even open a way for them to a new / pure and joyful relation or for a blessed ministry. But good and fresh fellowships with balanced and stronger brothers / sisters - friend will do a lot of good in order to restore love and strength in their lives and environments of these precious but wounded victims:

"He reigns and knows and He cares and pleads for them"!

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