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SUMMARY OF MESSAGE BRIDAL/BETROTHAL DEVOTION - Preparing for the Bridegroom's Return / Australia's Role

Ps Norman Miller

Norman shared a very impassioned message about the blessing of marriages and his marriage to Barbara. He said he would not be able to minister with the integrity and accountability he can minister in if his relationship with Barbara was not right. He is able to impart an anointing for those who want a real marriage of hearts with open, honest communication. You really need to order the DVD to appreciate what he shared as it was led by the Spirit and not the same as what he had prepared which is below.

The Lord has shown us that two important keys are:

1. The **Father's heart**, expressed in many scriptures and our Friday night focus at Parliament House – Malachi 4:5-6 and
2. The **Lover's heart** where Jesus as the bridegroom woos the bride, us, His church, again expressed in many scriptures including Rev 19:7-9.

One of the main things we need to do in these last days is for the church to prepare itself as a bride, without spot or wrinkle (Eph 5:27) and be ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb, the Lamb being the Lord Jesus Christ. Rev 19:7-9 says:

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

And His bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean,

Was given her to wear.

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

Then the angel said to me “Write: ‘Blessed are those who

Are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’”

And he added “These are the true words of God.”

How do we prepare ourselves – living holy lives, doing righteous acts and being lovers of Jesus? The Bridegroom does not want servants, He wants lovers. We do righteous acts out of the overflow of our hearts and our love for Him, not because it is our duty. We are not hirelings. We are to enter into the bridal chamber and be intimate with Him – our husband, our lover, the one we adore and are devoted to, the One we worship.

Song of Songs 1:2-4 expresses this beautifully “Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth – for Your love is more delightful than wine. Pleasing is the fragrance of Your perfumes; Your name is like perfume poured out. No wonder the maidens love You! Take me away with You – let us hurry! Let the King bring me into His chambers.”

We need to be prepared to be woken in the night to pray and worship and receive the Lord when He comes searching for us – not to be too tired and too comfortable to get up and let Him in and spend time with Him as Song of Songs 5:2-6 tells us.

Also we don't want to be like the five foolish virgins (Mat 25) who didn't have oil in their lamps and weren't ready when the Bridegroom came for them and the door was shut on them. We need to be like the five wise virgins who were ready, waiting and prepared. As was the Jewish custom, the groom would come unexpectedly in the night and his betrothed needed to be ready and prepared and we need to be ready too, continually filling ourselves with the oil of the Holy Spirit.

We need to have a total commitment to our Lord and not be half-hearted. Ruth's pledge to her mother-in-law Naomi is beautiful and is often used for marriage vows. When we hosted a Ps 24:7: Opening the Nation's Gates and Ushering in the King of Glory conference at Parliament House Canberra in July 2004, we had a wedding as a prophetic picture of the church as the bride marrying the Bridegroom. We had Jewish and Gentile participants. Isaiah 62 was a theme for that conference.

Ruth 1:16-17 says "But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.'" This is a very strong statement but that is the kind of commitment our Lord, our Love, wants from us.

Isaiah 62:3-5 shows us that Israel, and the church as we have been grafted in to the promises of Israel, is a crown of splendour and a royal diadem in the Lord's hand. Instead of being deserted or desolate, you (Israel, the church) will be called Hephzibah or a delight and your land Beulah or married. As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, God will rejoice over us. We will be sought after by God as His holy people and He will delight in us. We know that Jesus is always searching after us, seeking us, wooing us, desiring intimacy with us, drawing us to Himself, desiring union with us, whether we are Jew or Gentile.

How Christ loves the church is the model or example husbands need to follow with their wives eg husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy (Eph 5:22-33). Husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. It is a profound mystery but just as a husband and wife become one flesh, so are Christ and the church united. Husbands are to love their wives as themselves and wives are to respect their husbands.

Unfortunately, the enemy has brought perversion into family relationships because in attacking marriages and parenthood, he attacks the God who is our Creator and Father and Jesus who is our lover and saviour.

Tune in to the Father's heart and be sensitive to the heart of the Bridegroom. Kiss the feet of Jesus. Be like Mary who was content to sit at the feet of Jesus, doing the one thing that pleased Him while Martha was busy. Be like the Mary with the alabaster jar of expensive perfume which she poured on Jesus feet and wiped His feet with her hair (John 12:1-3). Be like the beloved disciple John who leaned his head on Jesus' shoulder (John 13:23).

Ps Barbara Miller

I had a **vision** (10.04.05) where I saw a gold and red scepter being pointed down towards me – it was very ornate and had a red and gold crown on the end of it. I wanted to be sure I was not just imagining this and I asked God for confirmation. I felt He reminded me of Esther and I was just so overawed in my spirit that I just cried as the vision unfolded – was shaken in a way I've never been with previous visions. I could hardly talk to explain it afterwards.

I touched the tip of the scepter as Esther did and I felt the Lord was saying 'you can have up to ½ my kingdom' – I know Esther asked for the physical lives of the Jewish people under Medo-Persian rule, and I decided to ask for souls – Jew and Gentile.

Because I'd just been reading about Evan Roberts asking for 100,000 souls before the Welsh Revival, I asked for 100,000 souls. I then remembered the scripture "ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance", so I asked for Australia, the Pacific and Asia, but I made a special request for Europe and the UK because of the falling away from Christianity there and the rise of Islam. I also asked for Israel and the Middle East including Iraq and the Palestinian

Authority. Then why not Africa & North and South America & Russia? I didn't want anywhere to be left out.

I asked God to download passion and burden for the lost to our church and me. I said, 'Lord, years ago when Norman and I asked you to give us a love for Israel and the Jewish people you did it instantly'. I asked the Lord to do the same thing now for souls to be saved. I was quite overcome with all of this – I also told God I would be prepared to pay the price just as Esther did. I also asked the Lord to help me enter His rest so that I would not be worn out. I slept better that night than I usually do – such peace and rest.

One thing that remains in my mind is how huge the scepter is. Much bigger than a scepter used by an earthly King would be, but I didn't have to hold it, God did. Also, the crown on the end is beautiful, but unusual. (End of vision)

God is looking for Esthers and there are many in the church that have found favour with Him. If the Lord pointed the scepter at you tonight, what would you ask for? What would you like to see for this nation of Australia? Esther spent a year beautifying herself for one night with the King who became her husband. How long do we spend preparing ourselves for our King Jesus who loves us?

When the enemy Haman convinced the King to issue a decree to kill all the Jews in the Medo-Persian empire and Queen Esther, herself a Jew had to risk her life going into the King's presence uninvited to save her people, Mordecai said "...And who knows that you have come to royal position for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14) There are many of you here tonight, men and women, that God has positioned, just like Esther, for a special purpose in this time. Do you know what it is? Are you ready to pay the price?

The decree of the king could not be revoked but King Xerxes told Esther and Mordecai to write another decree in his name, sealed with the king's signet ring which would nullify the effect of first (Esther 8:8). So if the enemy decrees a thing against you, ask God if you can write a decree to reverse its effects. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, write a decree based on scripture and seal it with the signet ring of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord led me (Barbara) to do this in Bendigo at our 24/7 Open Heaven conference last year and it was powerful. I decreed it again at the Melbourne 24/7 Open Heaven conference as they were back to back. The next day the Premier and Deputy Premier of Victoria both unexpectedly resigned. They had been responsible for bringing in the Religious Vilification legislation that had taken Danny Naliah and Daniel Scott to court. When I shared this at the All Pacific Prayer Assembly in PNG in August, they decided to make this decree for PNG and the Pacific and the wording was changed slightly. It was signed by women from all 19 provinces of PNG and some women from the Pacific Islands. We have been declaring the Bendigo decree Mondays to Fridays in our church prayer meetings ever since. So we expect powerful changes. The decree is as follows and we decree it in Canberra today:

Decree for Canberra, Australia and the Nations

We, as the church of the living God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, declare and decree and make an edict in Canberra, Australia on 10 August 2008 that we will individually and corporately fulfill God's destiny for our lives.

We decree that the treasury door is open for us to access all the finances required for what God has called us to do. We decree the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous (Prov 13:22) and that God will give us the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places so we will know that He is the Lord God of Israel who summons us by name (Isa 45:3).

We decree that the church will arise to its position in Christ as in Eph 2:6 – “God has raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in heavenly realms in Christ Jesus”. We decree that the church will rise to its calling to legislate, under God’s direction, in heavenly places and to remove illegal government.

We decree that the captives are released from Satan’s bondage, that their eyes are open to his deception (2 Cor 4:4) and that a huge harvest of souls will come into God’s kingdom (Isa 61:1).

We decree that every false religious system, every false governmental system and every false monetary system would bow the knee to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. (Rev 18:2).

We decree that foreign or false gods will not be worshipped in Canberra, Australia and the nations and that false altars are torn down and overthrown and destroyed, that wrong foundations are uprooted and that every imagination that raises itself up against God is torn down. (Jer 1:10, 2Cor 10:5) We decree that false apostles, false prophets, false pastors, false teachers and false evangelists are removed from their positions and gagged and rendered powerless. We decree an end to ungodly sacrifices. We decree that godly foundations are planted and built on and bless the true 5 fold ministry.

We decree that every throne that opposes the throne of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be destroyed and their unrighteous armies will be defeated. We decree that the kingdoms of the world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ and He will reign for ever and ever. (Rev 11:15).

Signed by: All participants on Sunday night 10/8/08
Sealed with the signet ring of the Lord Jesus Christ

I challenge you to look at your personal situation and the situation of Australia and ask the Lord to give you a decree to declare or proclaim so that His Kingdom will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

(Note: people stood to their feet and enthusiastically joined in the decree. There was a rush of people to the front to sign it. Ps Barbara still had the second part of the message to go and, because of the time, continued to share while people lined up to sign the decree.)

Tonight, I believe God wants us to deal with the issue of godly authority. Queen Esther was able to operate under the King’s authority because she was submitted to him (not like Queen Vashti.) She saved thousands of lives because of it.

We need to be under authority and pray for authority – government, church, workplace and home. I hear many Christians criticizing the Prime Minister, other denominations, Christian leaders etc. Yes, we can exercise discernment and we can say the truth in love and we can pray with compassion for them but there is such a judgemental and self-righteous, even Pharisee spirit in parts of the church which brings death not life.

We are to pray for those in authority (1 Tim 2:1-2). God can use even those who are not Christian like Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes (Isa 44:28, Isa 45, Ezra 1, Ezra 6, Neh 1) who assisted the exiles to return to Jerusalem and for the city and temple to be rebuilt. Kevin Rudd says he is a Christian but many Christians refuse to believe this and want to see him fall, even pray to see him fall and curse him with their words. Remember what happened when King David fell. His nation and the believers paid for it.

Re husbands and wives, Eph 5:32-33 tells us “This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

Re parents and children, Eph 6:1-4 tells us that children are to obey their parents and honour their mother and father and that fathers are not to exasperate their children.

Re workplace relations, Eph 6:7-9 tells us that we are to serve wholeheartedly as if we were serving the Lord not men and it is the Lord who will reward us. Bosses should not threaten workers or show favouritism to them knowing God is Master of all.

Notice all these work both ways. I don't have time to expand on these areas but there are spirits over our nation such as – anti-authority, rebellion, undermining, tall poppy syndrome and controlling spirits. There is disregard for authority and abuse of authority. Perhaps the white settlement of this nation being a penal colony has something to do with it.

My message does not relate to any person at this conference or who has been here or will be here. I'm talking about the state of the church generally. But I believe God wants to deal with it tonight. Many in the church wander from church to church to avoid being under authority.

I'll share briefly on the Absalom or undermining or usurping spirit. In 2 Sam 14:6, we see where King David's son, Absalom stood by the road to the city gate for 4 years stealing the hearts of the men of Israel, listening to their concerns and saying if only he were judge in the land, they would get justice. When he thought he had enough support, he proclaimed himself King and David and his entourage fled the palace. David had not seen it coming because he trusted and loved his son.

1 Sam 18:6 - David's men defeated the army of Israel (Absalom had usurped the King's authority and was using the army that should have protected the King against David). This is a rebellious spirit. This was very costly – 20,000 men lost their lives. Absalom lost his life and David mourned him, shaming his men. David wished he had died instead of his son and the victory was turned to mourning. Much pain is caused by this spirit. Many pastors have raised up leaders, only to find them causing church splits.

On the other hand, we have the abuse of authority through a controlling, manipulating spirit. In 1 Ki 21:8-10, we see the story of a Queen very different from Esther. Jezebel used her position as Queen for evil ends. She used the King's authority without his permission to have an innocent person, Naboth, falsely accused and killed so her husband, King Ahab, could take Naboth's vineyard which he desired. She used the King's name and seal on letters of accusation against Naboth.

We have people hurt by abuse of authority and controlling spirits in all areas of life – family, workplace, church and government. There may be people here tonight who need to do business with God who abused the authority they had or undermined someone else's authority.

The Lord showed me that we need to lay our crowns down before the Lord tonight as a way of dealing with these spirits in the church and in our nation. Rev 4:9-11 tells us that the 24 elders had authority but instead of wanting to be recognized, instead of holding onto their crowns, instead of seeking their own honour, they honoured God continually and laid their crowns down before Him. As the Lord showed me this last night, I asked for confirmation and at the prayer meeting this morning, both Norman and Kris Schlyder both read scriptures about the 24 elders laying down their crowns before the Lord.

So what we'll do now is the worship team will lead us as we sing the song "Crown Him with Many Crowns" and the dancers and banner carriers have banners with crowns to present before the King of Kings. After we sing this song, I'll lead us in a prayer of corporate repentance for allowing these spirits to affect us and we'll lay our crowns before the King in a prophetic act.

Ps Adem Xhafer

Ps Adem shared how the **Lord is delayed in returning for His bride because all the harvest is not in and the bride is incomplete**. He shared some wonderful visions of how the Lord had taken him up in the Spirit over the east coast of Australia on eagle wings and over the centre and Western Australia and showed him huge wheat fields ready for harvest. He also shared how the Lord showed him that, even though he is an evangelist, he was blind to the harvest around him. He said we needed God to open our eyes as we're like the church in Laodicea in Rev 3:17 that is blind. He ended with a prophetic act of blowing the shofar over the harvest to call it in and we all joined him in that. Again, you need to see the DVD to get the fullness of this message that was Spirit-led.

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