

# *He Is Altogether Lovely*

## Song of Solomon 5:9-16

- 9 What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us?
- 10 My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.
- 11 His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven.
- 12 His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set.
- 13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.
- 14 His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.
- 15 His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.
- 16 His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

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## INTRODUCTION

- A. Consider also Psalm 45 as it describes the glory of Jesus Christ and His bride. Note: “A Song of loves.”
- B. Consider then Solomon’s description of a wife extolling her husband’s virtues for others (S.S. 5:9-16).
- C. We are the bride of Jesus Christ – He is our loving Husband – we are married by sovereign grace.
  - 1. When Paul spoke of marriage, he related it to Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:22-33).
  - 2. The Lord often spoke of being married to Israel (Isaiah 54:5; 62:4; Jeremiah 3:1-14; Ezekiel 16).
  - 3. Jesus used parables describing Himself as the Bridegroom of the church (Matthew 25:1-13).
  - 4. John saw the holy city descending out of heaven as a bride prepared for her husband (Rev 21:2,9).
  - 5. With an everlasting love, Jesus Christ came to seek and to save you to be His bride from the fallen and condemned mass of wicked men, and to take you to His inheritance in heaven to be with Him forever!
  - 6. A wretched misfit among the conquered captives of earth, you see the glorious Prince on His white horse condemning those around you to hell; but He raises you up and makes you His bride. Glory!
- D. We must consider our Lord Jesus as the Godman that He truly is rather than a Spirit or spiritual concept.
  - 1. He is the Man Christ Jesus – He is Jesus of Nazareth – He has every natural faculty and member you do.
  - 2. He is literally, physically, biologically, and legally the Son of David and the Son of Mary.
  - 3. Can you imagine Him sitting on the front row with this sermon being merely His formal introduction?
  - 4. Can you further see with the eye of faith that you are His bride – He is your Bridegroom and Husband?
- E. Every wise woman (and especially her father) should identify the traits needed and desired in a husband.
  - 1. A review of personal ads (preferably a marriage service) will reveal traits of the ideal husband.
  - 2. A survey of women for the primary traits of men that attract them also helps build our inventory.
  - 3. Pursuing our Lord’s analogy even further, we shall consider our Lord Jesus by the common standards.
  - 4. **Take the desired traits for a perfect husband and consider them in the light of Jesus of Nazareth!**
- F. Do not all persons desire to be loved, and to be loved greatly, and to be loved permanently and securely?
- G. Please forgive the speaker and his speech for detracting at all from this glorious theme. Lord, help us.

## THOU ART FAIRER THAN THE CHILDREN OF MEN (Psalm 45:2).

- A. **ACHIEVEMENT:** What has a man accomplished in his life to show his abilities to care for you.
  - 1. The Lord Jesus Christ created the worlds and upholds them by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:2-3).
  - 2. He always did those things that pleased God so He was well pleased with Him (Matt 3:17; 12:18; 17:5).
  - 3. He defeated Satan, death, and the grave without help (Luke 11:20-22; Colossians 2:15; II Tim 1:10).
  - 4. The grave could not contain Him; He tore the bars of death away; He obtained immortality for you.
  - 5. He mediated the greatest legal acquittal ever, as God judged you righteous in His sight (Rom 5:6-21).
  - 6. He fed 5000 men with a small lunch; He calmed great storms; He changed the Gadarene to a peaceful citizen; He changed Saul of Tarsus to Paul the apostle; He won the thief on the cross; He took the crucifixion without threatening; He received honor from heaven; He raised Lazarus; He resisted the devil in the desert; He wisely answered every devious attempt to trick Him; He did not yield to any temptation; He forgave the very men who were crucifying Him; He blocked out the sun; He rose again!
  - 7. How about the One Who made the seven stars and Orion? The Lord Jesus is His name (Amos 5:8).
- B. **LEADERSHIP:** Can a man confidently take charge, make decisions, and lead, for his wife to follow.
  - 1. They say that power or authority may be the greatest attraction characteristic of all (I Samuel 18:7).
  - 2. Angels served Him; devils trembled before Him; men and women adored and followed Him.
  - 3. He resolutely faced the cross alone and received a baptism and drank a cup like no other man could.
  - 4. He rules the nations with a rod of iron breaking them in pieces according to His own will (Rev 2:26-27).
  - 5. He sits at God’s right hand far above all authority with all things under His feet (Ephesians 1:20-22).

6. He rides a white horse with the armies of heaven following as He smites the nations (Rev 19:11-16).
  7. He is the Blessed and Only Potentate – the King of kings and the Lord of lords (I Timothy 6:13-16).
  8. Paul, the greatest of the apostles, told us to follow him as he followed our Jesus (I Corinthians 11:1).
- C. OCCUPATIONAL ABILITY: Does a man have the genetic and acquired skills for a good job or position.
1. He is exalted at the right hand of God on David's throne as King forever (Luke 1:32-33; I Tim 6:13-16).
  2. He is the Great High Priest, Apostle, Bishop, and Head of the church of God (Heb 3:1; 4:14; I Pet 2:25).
  3. Do you want to be married to a doctor? Consider the Great Physician as thy beloved Spouse.
  4. Do you want to be married to a lawyer? Consider the Judge of the quick and dead as thy dear Spouse.
  5. Do you prefer a Prince? Consider the Prince of the kings of the earth as your husband (Revelation 1:5).
  6. Do you prefer a Professor? Consider the Teacher of Israel who confounded professors at twelve.
- D. ECONOMIC ABILITY: Are a man's assets, income, gifts, and training sufficient to provide a good living.
1. Women speak fondly of men that are financially secure rather than the unemployed or underemployed.
  2. The cattle on a thousand hills are His (Psalm 50:10), and all the silver and gold is His (Haggai 2:8).
  3. The heathen are His inheritance, and the ends of the earth are His possession (Psalm 2:8; 72:8).
  4. He bringeth the wind out of His treasures (Psalm 135:7), and He calleth the stars by name (Ps 147:4).
  5. He owns everything in heaven and in earth, and what He does not have He can create with ease.
  6. He is more than able to supply all your needs according to the riches of His glory (Philippians 4:19).
- E. ENTERTAINING ABILITY: Does a man possess the graciousness and creativity to entertain in his home.
1. No woman would choose a bumbling or selfish man, who cannot make guests and her comfortable.
  2. Consider how the Lord entertained Israel in the wilderness, and He fed a multitude with nothing twice.
  3. Israel dared Him for meat, and He gave quail. A ruler denied His ability to provide and was crushed.
  4. David said the Lord Jesus prepared a table for him in the presence of his enemies (Psalm 23:4).
  5. When wine was wanting at a wedding feast, He created the best for last for all the guests (John 2:1-11).
  6. Is not the Last Supper considered the greatest intimate dinner of all time by those truly invited to it?
  7. He is in heaven now preparing the wedding feast to beat all wedding feasts just for you (Rev 19:9).
  8. In His presence is fullness of joy, and at His right hand are pleasures for evermore (Psalm 16:11).
- F. INTELLECTUAL ABILITY: Does a man possess the mental powers for success and good conversation.
1. God's works and thoughts cannot be numbered (Ps 40:5); they are much higher than yours (Is 55:8-9).
  2. He has hid within Himself all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge of the universe (Colossians 2:3).
  3. Who has been His counselor, or explored His infinite mind, or taught Him anything (Rom 11:33-34)?
  4. Elihu said that He was perfect in knowledge, before He showed how true those words were (Job 37:16).
  5. Isaiah declared that there is no searching of His understanding, so you will never be bored (Is 40:28)!
- G. OBSERVATIONAL ABILITY: Is a man perceptive, sensitive, and analytical to notice things around Him.
1. He discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart, and everything is naked and open (Hebrews 4:12-13).
  2. He perceives the unspoken thoughts of friends and foes. He knows each word in your tongue (Ps 139:4).
  3. He recognized a poor widow woman giving all her substance, though giving discreetly (Luke 21:1-4).
  4. He justified the humble publican and condemned the proud Pharisee, though both were praying.
  5. He does not miss a sparrow (Matt 10:29), and He has seen your smallest kindnesses (Matt 25:34-40).
- H. COMMUNICATION ABILITY: Can a man easily and pleasantly and clearly communicate with you.
1. Even His enemies while on earth said that no man spake like the Lord Jesus Christ (John 7:46).
  2. When two of His disciples had a conversation with Him, they said their hearts burned (Luke 24:32).
  3. A pin dropping on the floor would have been heard after He graciously read publicly (Luke 4:16-22).
  4. Multitudes followed Him to hear the message He preached. Consider the Sermon on the Mount.
  5. He perfectly fulfilled Solomon's proverb about the beauty of a word fitly spoken (Proverbs 25:11).
  6. The Lord God gave Him the tongue of the learned, so He would know how to speak well (Is 50:4).
  7. Mary did not care about anything else, as long as she could sit and listen to Jesus talk (Luke 10:38-42).

- I. CHARACTER: Does a man have a great and virtuous character of righteousness and goodness.
1. God the Father testified that Jesus loved righteousness and hated wickedness (Psalm 45:7; Heb 1:9).
  2. Graciousness, which is the crowing virtue of great character, is His trademark (Psalm 45:2; Luke 4:22).
  3. He always does those things that pleased His Father, the infinitely perfect God of heaven (John 8:29).
  4. Though sorely tempted as we are, He did not give in to temptation; no, not once, never (Heb 4:15).
  5. Pilate and his wife testified He was a just and innocent man after His trial, in spite of false testimonies.
  6. Judas declared that he had betrayed the innocent blood, though filled with the devil and hateful greed.
- J. IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH: Will a man be faithful and true regardless of physical adversity.
1. One of His great purposes in coming was to deliver you from sickness and sorrow (Is 53:4; Matt 8:17).
  2. When you are sick, He will attend your bed as the most helpful and loving nurse (Psalm 41:3).
  3. Jesus Christ is loyal and true through any sickness, as with Paul's thorn in the flesh (II Cor 12:7-10).
  4. He also heals the physically sick, like Peter's mother-in-law, Lazarus, and the daughter of Jairus.
  5. He will also destroy and abolish sickness, pain, and dying in His home for your security (Rev 21:4).
  6. He will change your decaying and disappointing body into a glorious body like His own.
  7. There is nothing that can separate you from His everlasting and unconditional love (Rom 8:38-39).
- K. FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE: Will a man be faithful and true regardless of any circumstances.
1. He never leaves us in spite of finances, moods, employment, failures, sins, weakness, etc.
  2. His covenant of marriage includes any marital violations you may make in foolishness (Ps 89:29-37).
  3. Whether Paul in prison or David in sin, He remains loyal and faithful and loving of His bride.
  4. Though Peter denied Him with curses in His darkest hour, He was there for Peter in three days.
  5. He will soon make all things new and better, so you need not worry about circumstances (Rev 21:5).
- L. FOR RICHER OR FOR POORER: Will a man be faithful and true regardless of gain or loss financially.
1. He owns all things, so our loss is not His loss; and He truly loves us for what He will make us!
  2. He has chosen the poor of this world as His bride, so that He might make her rich (II Cor 8:9; Jas 2:5).
  3. He makes us the very rich by giving us an inheritance of all things, including God Himself (Rom 8:17).
- M. LOYAL AND FAITHFUL: Will a man remain your husband in spite of any difficulties or threats.
1. He has promised He will never leave you nor forsake you, upon which you can trust (Heb 13:5-6).
  2. He has promised He will never lose any of His bride, not even one (John 6:38-39; 17:2).
  3. He has declared that nothing – not even death – can separate you from His love (Romans 8:35-39).
- N. FATHER'S BLESSING: Does a man have the blessing of his father upon the relationship.
1. The Father has highly exalted Him and given Him a Name that is above every Name (Phil 2:9-11).
  2. The Father chose you to be His Son's bride and gave you to Him in proper marriage (John 6:38-39).
  3. If you were able to get out of your husband's hand, you could not get out of His Father's (Jn 10:28-29).
  4. The Father has prepared an inheritance for Jesus Christ and you from the foundation of the world.
  5. His Father testified from Heaven that your Lord Jesus Christ was His dearly beloved Son.
- O. NO BAD HABITS: Does a man have any vices like drunkenness, laziness, gluttony, gambling, etc.
1. Your Husband behaved Himself perfectly in every way before friend and foe alike without sin.
  2. Even His enemies could find nothing to bring against Him at His trial without slandering Him with lies.
- P. TRUE AND HONEST: Does a man have the reputation for always speaking the truth in total honesty.
1. His name is the Truth (John 14:6), and on His white horse He is called Faithful and True (Rev 19:11).
  2. There was no deceit in His mouth, for He never lied about anything to anyone at anytime (Isaiah 53:9).
  3. Men did not believe Him, because He told them the truth, for their hearts preferred lies (John 8:45).
  4. He cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Heb 6:18); therefore His promises will be kept no matter what (I Thess 5:24).
- Q. INHERITANCE: Is a man going to inherit anything from his father to enhance the marital fortune.
1. He said, "In My Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:1-3).

2. The new heavens and new earth with only righteousness reigning will be His domain (II Peter 3:13).
  3. He has a glorious and incorruptible inheritance reserved in heaven for you (Eph 1:18; I Peter 1:4).
  4. He has already obtained every spiritual blessing in heavenly places and is waiting to give them to you.
- R. COMFORTING: Does a man have the ability and desire to provide comfort when you need it.
1. He has promised not to leave us comfortless (John 14:18). He promised He would comfort you.
  2. He is able to comfort you with the comfort He gave Paul, which was abundant (II Cor 1:3-5).
  3. Since He has suffered your difficulties and temptations, He is most able to succour you (Heb 2:18).
- S. PEACEFUL: Does a man have a peaceful life and create peace in his relationships.
1. Your husband is the Prince of Peace, for He obtained peace once and for all (Isaiah 9:6; Haggai 2:9).
  2. Your Lord gives peace and tells you not to be troubled or afraid of tribulations (John 14:27; 16:33).
  3. He is even able to speak peace to a great storm and immediately bring about a great calm.
  4. He has made peace with the strictest Judge in the universe and destroyed all enmity.
  5. His kingdom is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom 14:17).
- T. COMPASSIONATE: Is a man tender and considerate of others' feelings and circumstances.
1. Consider His treatment of the widow woman who had lost her only son (Luke 7:11-18).
  2. Consider how He sent word to Simon Peter specifically that He was risen from the dead (Mark 16:7).
  3. Consider His careful defense and comfort of a sinful woman despised by the Pharisees (Luke 7:36-50).
- U. MERCIFUL: Is a man of a forgiving spirit when you fail or do not measure up to his expectations.
1. Paul knew that he had obtained mercy from the Lord Jesus for his ignorance (I Timothy 1:12-13).
  2. Our Lord Jesus was very pitiful and of tender mercy toward Job and enhanced him (James 5:11).
  3. As a good father pities his children, so the Lord pities you in your failures (Psalm 103:13).
  4. He promises that He will be faithful and just to forgive you whenever you confess (I John 1:9).
  5. Whether harlots (Luke 7:37) or Zacchaeus (Luke 19:9-10) or Paul (I Tim 1:13-16), He forgives easily.
- V. AFFECTIONATE: Does a man show tender kindness, love, and warmth readily to those close to him.
1. Jesus Christ was of such affectionate conduct that John lay on His bosom at supper (John 13:23).
  2. Jesus wept openly at the funeral of Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha (John 11:35).
  3. Hear His words to Mary Magdalene, "Woman, why weepest thou?" and "Mary."
  4. He cherishes and loves you as the apple of His eye (Deuteronomy 32:10).
- W. POSITION: Is a man's position in society respected and one worthy of esteem and reverence.
1. Our Lord is King of kings and Lord of lords – the blessed and only Potentate (I Timothy 1:15).
  2. He is exalted far above all principalities and powers and every name that is named (Eph 1:21).
  3. He is the beloved Son, Who always pleases His Father, and Who is the infinite I AM THAT I AM.
  4. He is the One Mediator between God and man, Who can reconcile and please both (I Tim 2:5).
- X. PROTECTIVE: Does a man have a vigilant and intense desire to protect his loved ones from harm.
1. Jesus promises that neither death nor life nor angels can hurt us in any way (Romans 8:33-39).
  2. He promises that no man is able to pluck us out of His hand and His Father's hand (Jn 10:28-29).
  3. He looks upon any insult or injury from others as touching the apple of His eye (Zechariah 2:8).
- Y. PERCEPTIVE: Is a man sensitive to the feelings and needs of others around him.
1. Your feelings touch Him, so He gladly gives mercy and grace to help in time of need (Heb 4:15-16).
  2. He knows your downittings and uprisings, your thoughts afar off, and all your ways (Psalm 139:1-4).
- Z. STRONG: Does a man have a hardy constitution and physical presence to handle any adversity.
1. Your Lord Jesus Christ is omnipotent with infinite strength and power for any task.
  2. He is also strong of mind and purpose by defeating Satan's temptations and facing the cross.

- AA. HANDSOME: Is a man attractive and good-looking for your own pleasure and your public pride.
1. Does the description of Revelation 1:13-17 and 19:11-16 not move you to great pleasure?
  2. Would you be ashamed to be His bride and have your friends meet Him in His wedding glory?
  3. While He may have been nothing to desire in His humiliation, He is much more than that now.
- BB. REMEMBERS: Will a man remember the details and things that are important to you.
1. He knows the fall of every sparrow, and He has your very hairs numbered (Matthew 10:29-30)!
  2. He knows your frame; He remembers that you are but dust (Psalm 103:14).
  3. He knows everything you have need before you ever ask (Matthew 6:8,32).
- CC. CHEERFUL: Is a man a happy and joyful individual, who will create a pleasurable environment.
1. He promises that He wants you to have life and to have it more abundantly (John 10:10).
  2. He only has life; His presence is one of full joy; with Him are pleasures for evermore (Ps 16:11).
  3. He has been anointed with the oil of gladness (joy of the Holy Ghost) above all others (Ps 45:7).
- DD. KIND: Is he a considerate man who will think and do nice things to you and for you.
1. Your Lord Jesus is so abundantly kind, He even shows His kindness to His enemies (Luke 6:35).
  2. He was kind to the widow of Nain at a funeral, who lost her only son (Luke 7:11-15).
- EE. SEEKING: Is he a man who will seek you when you desert him or are discouraged or are lost.
1. Every woman wonders at times, if her husband would seek her, if she left him for a while.
  2. Jesus rejoices at seeking His bride when she leaves and always brings her back again and wins her.
  3. He comforted you by drawing the analogy of a Shepherd and His sheep for comparison (Luke 15:3-7).
  4. He comforted you with the analogy of the woman and the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10).
- FF. LOVING: Does he have an intense loving spirit to spend and be spent giving for your profit and pleasure.
1. Jesus loves you so much He died for you and endured the wrath of God for you, for your mutual joy.
  2. Jesus loves you so that neither death nor life . . . can separate you from His love (Rom 8:38-39).
  3. And He does not love generally or promiscuously or flippantly, you are His special object of love.
  4. And He does not love you merely for a short time: He has loved you from eternity and forever.
  5. And He does not only love you while times are good and you are glorious, He loves you forever.
  6. And He does not love only to a point, He loves you until you are perfect and forever and only His.
  7. And He does not love you because you did something or are something, He loves you because He chose to love you, and His love will make you something.
  8. Many women claim they want a man to love them for who they are; but Jesus loved you in spite of who and what you are, and gave Himself to make you lovely and win you by His kindness (Ps 45:11).
- GG. CLEVER: Does he have a quick, creative, and analytic mind to lead you, intrigue you, and entertain you.
1. When you consider a lily and its beauty, remember that He created that for you (Matthew 6:28-29).
  2. When you consider a horse and its strength, remember that He created it for you (Job 39:19-25).
  3. When you consider the sunsets, full moon, and the stars, He created those for you also (Gen 1:16).
  4. When you consider the wonders of conception, birth, and growth of your child, He designed it.
  5. When you think of all the glory of the universe, He has made a place much better just for you.
- HH. HARD WORKING: Does he have a good work ethic so that you will not suffer from laziness or sloth.
1. He was diligently committed to doing the work assigned to Him by His Father (John 4:34; 9:4).
  2. He was able to gloriously tell His Father that He had finished the work assignment (John 17:4).
  3. He worked so diligently on earth that He had no leisure so much as to eat (Mark 6:31).
  4. While His hard working disciples slept, He spent the night in vigilant prayer for His work for you.
- II. TILL DEATH DO US PART: Is he a man who will conscientiously take his marriage vows seriously.
1. Jesus does so much more than these ritual words – He will still love you after death, even forever!
  2. Rather than death being a means of separation from your Husband, it will unite you to Him forever!

- JJ. GOOD LIFESTYLE: Will a man be able to provide a comfortable, secure, and pleasing lifestyle.
1. Jesus Christ provides all the blessings of peace, joy, love, contentment, and other blessings now.
  2. And He is preparing a place for you to spend eternity without death, sorrow, crying, or pain.
  3. In His presence is fullness of joy and at His right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:11).
- KK. NAME: Does he have a good family name that stands for virtue and success and reputation.
1. He has a name that is above every name that is named (Ephesians 1:21-23; Philippians 2:9-11).
  2. His name Jesus means I AM THAT I AM IS YOUR SAVIOUR, Jehovah is your Saviour.
  3. He has a name written that no man knows but He Himself, and it must be glorious (Revelation 19:12).
  4. He is called God, for He is God; He was God with us (Psalm 45:6-7; Isaiah 7:14; Matt 1:23; Heb 1:8).
  5. He is called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, Prince of peace (Is 9:6).
  6. His name is worthy to be praised forever and forever (Psalm 44:8; 61:8; 72:19; 145:1-2,21).
- LL. REPUTATION: Does a man have a good reputation of all those who know him.
1. His Father approved of Him as singularly superior to Moses and Elijah (Matthew 17:1-5).
  2. All the angels worship Him and sing His praises in heaven (Hebrews 1:4-7; Rev 5:11-12).
  3. All the demons fear Him and worship Him as well (Mark 1:23-28; 5:1-15; Acts 19:13-17).
  4. The multitudes in heaven sing His worthy praise, and the four beasts agree to the praise (Rev 5:14).
  5. His enemies could find no fault in Him, though they used every devious means possible.
  6. Time is determined by its relationship to Him – either Before Him (B.C.) or After Him (A.D.).
- MM. PROMOTE SECURITY: Does a man have the will and the ability to make you feel secure.
1. All women want to know that their husbands love them, only them, and forever them.
  2. Jesus loved you and loves you as no other, and He has set His affection on you from eternity (SS 6:9).
  3. Jesus promised to never leave nor forsake you; He promised to love you through and beyond death.
  4. A mother may forsake her sucking child, but the Lord has your name on His palms (Is 49:14-16).
  5. His love is no rebound from a prior relationship that will disappear in time, for He has loved only you.
- NN. PERSONAL: Is he able to be personal and intimate without business and hobbies taking him away.
1. He allowed John to lie on His bosom at supper and inspired the holy record of it (John 13:23,25).
  2. He defended Mary's desire to sit at His feet and rebuked Martha for her carefulness (Luke 10:38-42).
  3. He remembered His mother even while on the cross and took personal care of her (John 19:25-27).
  4. He personally appeared to Mary Magdalene after His resurrection (Mark 16:9; John 20:11-18).
  5. Your name is written in His book of life and on the palms of His hands (Luke 10:20; Is 49:14-16).
  6. Yours is no mere legal betrothal; He asks if you will invite Him in for intimate fellowship (Rev 3:20).
- OO. COMMITTED: Is he a man who will commit to marriage for life and will keep his commitment.
1. Many men today will say they love a woman, but they will not commit to marry her and stay with her.
  2. Your Jesus is so committed that He gave His life to win you and show you His love for all eternity!
  3. He not only gave His life for you, but He lives on your behalf in glory, and He wants you with Him!
  4. He ever lives to make intercession for you, and He will certainly bring you home to God (Heb 7:25).
- PP. WINNING: Is he a man who will not take your love for granted, but will always work to win you.
1. Your Jesus has given you numberless blessings and continues to do so to show you His love.
  2. An eternity in heaven with unspeakable blessings awaits you as He shows you His eternal love.
  3. He is looking forward to a day when He can display the full riches of His glory and grace to you.
- QQ. JEALOUS: Does he love you enough and want you enough to be jealous about other men.
1. If you do not appreciate a man's jealousy, then you misunderstand love (Num 5:11-31; Song 8:6-7).
  2. He is very jealous; His name is Jealous; and He will not put up with any imposters or challengers.
  3. He wants you to love Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love no other.
  4. He will pursue you and win you back, if you stray from him for another (Jeremiah 3:1). What love!

- RR. EASILY PLEASED: Is he a man with reasonable expectations and who will be content with your efforts.
1. Jesus comforted you to come to Him – His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).
  2. His commandments are not grievous: there is great reward in keeping them (I John 5:3; Psalm 19:11).
  3. His expectations are reasonable. Like a father, He pities and remembers your frame (Ps 103:13-18).
  4. He remembers little things that even you forget, like small kindnesses to brethren (Matt 25:31-46).
- TT. GENEROUS: Is he of a liberal and generous spirit and will cheerfully and easily give to you and for you.
1. Some men are so stingy, tight, selfish, boorish, and conservative that they cannot give generously.
  2. Jesus bountifully gives and is not envious that you shall be made a joint heir with Him (Rom 8:17).
  3. He was so generous that He was willing to become poor that you might become rich (II Cor 8:9).
- UU. NICE DRESS: Is he willing to spend for a nice dress for you to wear to your wedding.
1. Your Husband Jesus has secured for you a dress of fine linen, clean and white (Revelation 19:8).
  2. He provided the garment of fine needlework that makes you beautiful in His sight (Psalm 45:13-14).
  3. He had promised this wonderful attire before (Isaiah 52:1; 61:10; 64:6; Zechariah 3:1-5).
  4. You will not be rejected from the wedding, for you have a garment He fully approves (Mat 22:11-14).
  2. He has sacrificed Himself to sanctify and cleanse you, and to make you a glorious bride without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that you should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27).
- VV. GOOD DOWRY: Is he willing and able to pay a sufficient sum for the right to have you as His wife.
1. The dowry was an excellent practice – it separated the men from the boys and proved sincere desire.
  2. Many may claim to love you, but what price have they paid to prove the sincerity of their love.
  3. Jesus paid a dowry to Almighty God in the form of His precious blood, to buy you from the sword of Justice, where you stood condemned and guilty. Now you are safe as His bride to live forever.
  4. The most valuable commodity in the universe was obtained and spent to secure you for Jesus.
  5. His life was not taken from Him for your redemption; He voluntarily laid it down for you. Glory!
  6. You were not loving Him, when He laid it down for you; you were hating Him as an enemy. Glory!
  7. Your marriage and salvation are free only to you; He purchased the rights at infinite personal expense.

## **CONCLUSION**

- A. Do you know your bridegroom husband well? May I introduce you to Jesus of Nazareth (John 12:20-21).
- B. Has He won your heart as He did Paul, who said the love of Christ constrained him (II Cor 5:14-15)?
- C. Is He your all in all, as David said there was no one in heaven or earth he desired but Him (Ps 73:25-26)?
- D. Do you believe that to live is Jesus Christ and to die is gain (Phil 1:23)? They should be your daily thoughts.
- E. What substitute will you pick from this world to replace Him (Gal 6:14)? The world is crucified to you.
- F. How offended should He be, if you do not appreciate Him or His love for you (I Cor 16:22)? Greatly!
- G. Will you say, “Yes!” to this glorious bridegroom? Consider Revelation 3:20 and His desire for fellowship.
- H. He is altogether lovely! This is my beloved! This is my friend! Thou art fairer than the sons of men!

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