

THE VIRGINS OF REVELATION

God Will Have a Pure People On The Earth

ONE OF THE PROMINENT THEMES OF REVELATION is the contrast between the pure woman and the impure woman. The first is a symbol of the true and faithful people of God. The second represents an unfaithful counterfeit Christian system that uses its power to misrepresent the character of God and persecute His true followers. In this study we will explore the key characteristics of the pure woman and how she is to prepare herself to become the bride of Christ.

A Pure End-Time People

In **Revelation 14:1-5** God describes His people as virgins. Then John outlines a list of characteristics that defines their virginal faith. They have undergone a spiritual experience that has made them a faithful and beautiful representative of God to the world and prepared them to take their place in eternity future as the bride of Christ.

God Invites Us To Fall in Love With Him

Song of Songs 8:6-7—⁶ Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame. ⁷ Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly despised.

Ezekiel 16:8, TEV—As I passed by again, I saw that the time had come for you to fall in love. I covered your naked body with my coat and promised to love you. Yes, I made a marriage covenant with you, and you became mine." This is what the Sovereign LORD says.

The Alluring Power of God's Love

Hosea 3:1—Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel."

Hosea 2:1—¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will allure her, will bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfort to her... ¹⁶ And it shall be, in that day, says the LORD, that you will call Me 'My Husband,' and no longer call Me 'My Master,'... ¹⁹ I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in loving-kindness and mercy; ²⁰ I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD.

Jesus Is The Bridegroom

John 3:29-31—²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease. ³¹ He who comes from above is above all.

John 14:1-3—¹ Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

John 17:3—³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent...²⁴ “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.²⁶ And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

Ephesians 5:25-32—²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself...³¹ “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

The Two Women of Revelation

In **Revelation 12:1** we encounter the pure woman of Revelation, the faithful people of God. In **Revelation 17** we are shown the harlot woman, the apostate church. In **Revelation 19:1-2** the impure woman is judged or exposed as the false system it is. Then in **Revelation 19:6-9** the pure woman is made the eternal bride of Christ.

Five Area of Purity Needed

- A Pure _____ / _____ — **Rev. 12; 14:1; 18:1-4**
- A Pure _____ — **Rev. 14:6-7**
- A Pure _____ / _____ — **Mt. 5:8; 1 Jn. 1:9**
- A Pure _____ — **Rev. 14:12; Rom. 6:16-17**
- A Pure _____ — **Jn. 14:15; 2 Cor. 5:14; 1 Cor. 13**

The Word of God Purifies

Psalms 119:9-10—⁹ How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.¹⁰ With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

1 Timothy 1:5—Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith.

1 Peter 1:22-25—²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,²⁴ because “All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,²⁵ but the word of the LORD endures forever.”

1 Peter 2:1-3—¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9

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