

The Dowry of a Sovereign King

Matthew 28:18 AMP
Rev. 5:2-7

Our American society places value & love on 3 groups of people:

- 1) The lower class society
- 2) The middle class society
- 3) The working class
- 4) The upper class

People treat the lower class of our society much different than the other 2 classes. We see this even in our churches.

- A) The lower class comprises of people living in poverty, homeless & unemployed. They lack proper medical, food & clothing attention
 - B) Sadly they are viewed as societal trash in the eyes of the wealthy and the famous.
 - C) The working class are minimally educated people who often worked unskilled labor and manual labor jobs. They are often called the working poor or blue collar workers.
 - D) Then you have the middle class or the white collar worker you ever have the lower and upper middle class people who have more money and things than the working class or the lower class. They make up of business professionals, managers, CEOs, etc.
 - E) Then lastly we have the upper class. They represent 1 to 3% of the U.S. population. They make up the aristocratic high society families. Many times these are people who have been rich for generations.
- We call these 4 classes the social classes of our society in which both heathen and pagan Americans judge the worth and value of you and I.

In Hebrew custom when a man marries a woman – the dowry determines the worth and value of the marriage.

- No dowry – no wedding is what Larry said. He kept his bride & 2 hundred wedding guests waiting until midnight. Larry understood he would receive \$2,000 3 days before the wedding. The bride's father however, maintained that he was unaware of such an agreement.
- In Yemen the bachelor pays between \$2,500 and \$40,000 for his bride or there is no wedding.
- In Hebrew custom, if you were poor you sought community help for charitable organizations to marry a poor girl.

For Isaac and Rebekah, if you and me really want to understand the value of God's love for us and our real identity we must look at the dowry of Jesus Christ for His bride.

- If you were paying for a rich girl of high value – you would give slaves, real estate, gifts & movable property. All to establish in the social class what value you placed on your wife. We see this in Gen. 24:53

- Too often we base love on how we treat each other
- We base our value on how others accept us.
- We determine God's love for us by how we feel about ourselves in our trials

- Almost to the point we question our own identities and what we are doing.

Jesus shows us by Calvary's brutal beating and death His expensive dowry for you and me.

- A) We must get our definition of love from the dowry of the sovereign king.
- B) This dowry shows us expensive love that came with pain.
- C) He wants us to go back and look at the dowry of the marriage to determine how we are going to treat each other in relational love.
- D) This love dowry is more expensive than any Hebrew dowry has a greater value than all of the social class systems we judge ourselves by.
- E) This dowry of love shows us our true identity as human beings, before our titles we give each other.

Read I Peter 1:18 AMP

- F) This dowry is the first piece of furniture in the tabernacle of Moses called the Brazen Altar.
- G) This love dowry is what gives us the justification to go into the palanquin bed of Solomon.
- H) Some of us want to be loved but don't want to embrace and act out the dowry love of Jesus for yourselves.
- I) Some of us are disillusioned with love and untrusting and fearful in relational love, because you are comparing love to how you were raised and taught. Your identity and value of love is in the blood dowry of Jesus Christ. This dictates how you should act regardless of how others treat you.
- J) So love in its true definition is defined by the expensive bloody dowry of Jesus Christ.
- K) He wasn't you and I to pursue His love with this high value when you practice relational love with others.
- L) So how I eat, how I take care of myself, how to fight in warfare, and how I love others when they hurt me all starts with my dowry love from Jesus Christ.
- M) This is what makes him hold all power both in heaven and in earth.
- N) Jesus is sovereign. He is the only one who could sit on the throne and open the books. Because of the expensive love through pain He paid for a palanquin bed bride.
- O) Some of you refuse to love and take relational risk because of the pain involved. You associate pain with rejection, loneliness, and abandonment. But pain is a part of love according to the dowry of Jesus. **I Peter 4:1-2**

- The dowry gets us into the palanquin bed of love.
- The dowry gives us our love identity. It provokes us to give back out expensive love to others relationally.
- This sets the tone for the whole palanquin bed tabernacle experience for us in prayer.
- God's grace and spirit is here tonight to help you embrace the dowry of the Sovereign King. So, you won't let anger, fear, or unforgiveness dictate your daily decisions.
- I'm not a lower class or middle class valued person.
- My identity and value are higher than that because of the blood dowry of a Sovereign King.

- Esther understood this and never went toe to toe with Haman. She knew the power of the love dowry.
- This causes you to give people the benefit of the doubt when they hurt you.

The love Dowry says:

- 1) Because you've been bought with a price I require you to give out expensive love relationally.
- 2) Go the extra mile for young people
- 3) Go and teach that bible study
- 4) Get out of that dead selfish routine because my blood dowry love is greater than your deepest hurts and fears.
- 5) The blood dowry says husbands love your wives like the blood dowry of Jesus. This is why I keep fighting for my marriage. I have a long way to go to give Vyon what Jesus gave the church. But this is our measuring stick for human value love. Despite my past, despite my generational curses I will seek the power of the blood dowry to change my attitude about relational love. This goes for women too.
- 6) Wives honor your husbands and nurture them. Do not withhold affection from them. He has already given you blood dowry power to forgive and receive new self-esteem love. This blood love dowry of the sovereign king now is our security in this wicked dark world. (Read Song of Sol 3:8)

The Bible says in the last days, men's hearts will fail because of fear.

- A) But the blood dowry of the sovereign king has highly skilled soldiers to fight for you because of the fear of the night.
 - B) Sovereignty is my security because His blood dowry controls the chaos and evil all around us.
 - **Read Is. 41:10 AMP**
 - **Read Is. 35:4**
 - **Read Ps. 118:6**
 - **Read Deut. 31:6-8**
- We have this attitude because God is Sovereign. He earned this Sovereignty with a blood dowry.
 - We must conquer relational fears to publicly declare God is Sovereign. He is still able. He is still in full control – we need to exercise faith right now by declaring the Sovereignty of our King.

I have a palanquin bed of guards

- 1) I will not be excited by the night.
- 2) I choose to show blood dowry love towards, insults, losses, hurts, impatience, over criticalness, rejections, and abandonment.
- 3) I'm valued by a blood dowry, and Jesus holds all power both in heaven and earth.
- 4) God has my face in the palm of His hands.

Read Phil. 4:7

I have personally had to fight and practice this blood dowry love.

- While facing a foreclosure God stepped in.
- Watching loved one walk away from their local church
- Facing the doctrinal differences between Ethiopia and the UPC.

- Watching my wife in her sickness and couldn't do anything about it.
- Facing the loss of our 2121 property.

Jesus wants us to declare openly and publicly that our security is in the dowry of a Sovereign King.

Read again Rev. 5:2-7

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