

The wedding of Jesus

A wedding

Unity with God

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Jesus' mission

God didn't just send Jesus to the world to save it.

Yes that was his purpose as well, but He wanted a bride for his Son.

A people that would love him back the way Jesus had loved them.

A people that would respond to his unselfish act of self-sacrifice by fully dedicating their own life to him in return.

That's the perfect prototype for marriage.

It's based on a devotion that's equal in both partners.

If one loves the other but that love is returned in a lesser decree, you might not have a satisfactory unity.

The one that does most of the loving may actually be the most content partner.

Yet God didn't just want Jesus to be content with us.

He wanted him to be thrilled with a partner that loved him back without withholding any place of their heart.

Jesus loves all people that come to him, and even those that never come, He died for.

For just a chance they would return back his love for them.

(NB: NOT to EARN it back, that's not possible, but to respond to it in a fitting way)

So God is looking for a bride for his beloved Son.

Of course all who receive him become children of God. Brothers and sisters of Jesus.

But the bride would be something else.

She would not withhold anything from God!

And the invitation to become fully his was for all who would be saved.

So preparations were set in place.

A time was set for the ceremony.

A time only the Father knew.

When Jesus, Son of God, finished his work on earth as a man, living and dying on our behalf, and left for heaven again, his involvement with us wasn't done.

He didn't save us just to leave us on our own again.

He poured out his Spirit on us, enabling us to be free from the enslavement sin brings.

But that's not all.

He wants an intimate relationship with us. To walk with us daily as we go through life, discovering his love and beauty more each and every day.

Despite the hardships we may endure, just like in any good marriage, his devotion for us is for better or for worse.

He never leaves us, but He still respects our free will.

We can still choose to obey him or not.

And to spend time with him daily, or...to ignore him totally.

He will keep drawing us to himself, in the same measure with which He drew us to himself before we accepted his salvation.

When He pulled at our hearts telling us that there was something more.

Or rather Someone!

Someone that's involved in our eternal well-being and doesn't want anyone to be lost and separate from him forever. That's basically the summary of what hell is: eternal separation from God.

And now we are married to him, or should I say betrothed (dutch: in ondertrouw)?

This is more than an engagement. It's a registration by the authorities that and when you will get married.

When we accept Jesus as our Savior and submit to him we are registered in heaven as his future bride!

But what does this look like? A marriage with Jesus?

Preparations

So what does this mean?!

Marriage speaks of unity right?

Yet, apart from a formal ceremony, an administration by the law, it takes relationship to consume a marriage. Physical of course, but hopefully you don't get married without doing life together. Getting to know each other as a person.

And I believe that's what we get to do in this period.

We daily get to spend time with Jesus.

But that's not all.

Before a wedding takes place there's a lot of preparation.

The bride takes every effort in finding the most splendid wedding gown and makes herself beautiful in advance of the final hour.

Also a place is being prepared for the couple to live together.

I believe Jesus made this place ready for us when He died on the cross for our sin and offered his blood to the Father in heaven as a propitiation.

Propitiation means that God's righteousness is satisfied by the death of Jesus in our place.

Because of Jesus death God considered righteousness to be done, thereby enabling Him righteously to save sinners who put their faith in Jesus.
Now we could become citizens of heaven without heaven being defiled and morality being compromised.

A home

In My Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you may be also. You know where I am going, and you know the way."

John 14:2-4

As you see Jesus said He would return after He prepared a place for us.
And He did!
He went away by dying, and He came back when He rose from the death.
We now have access to God the Father in the spiritual realm.
With our spirit we can draw near to God every day.
We don't have to wait for that until we die or until the "wedding".
That's why Jesus said they knew the way.
Because they had access right after He rose from the death.
Our spirit is already in the same place as Jesus, in heaven.
That's what the bible tells us.
Heaven is now our home!

A wedding

However, prophecies in the bible are often multiple times fulfilled.
At the last supper Jesus said:

For I tell you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Luke 22:18

I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:29

When a groom in Galilee, where Jesus lived most of the time, was betrothed to his bride he would say almost these same words: "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until I drink it with you in my father's house."*

This meant there was going to be a wedding!
I believe the wine stands for intimacy with Jesus.
He already had an intimate relationship with his disciples.
That's why they drank wine together.

But here Jesus says He will drink it NEW with them.
Which I believe stands for a deeper intimacy even.
A wedding!
(Keep in mind the context is communion, a picture of his blood shed for us.
It's what this covenant is based upon!)

Yes a wedding of believers with Jesus. (of course this is spiritual)
A unity that will never be broken. (God doesn't do divorces, that's men's invention)
Now this hasn't happened yet. (at the time I wrote this)
We do have a unity with God when we become believers, yet we are still able to walk away from him.
But once we are married with him we'll be so faithful that we'll never leave his side.
I believe this time of being betrothed with Jesus is all about getting our heart ready.
It's when we can prove our loyalty to him.
You would not want to get married to someone that doesn't have a track record of being a faithful person with integrity.
So before this wedding can take place we need to rid ourselves of all other "lovers".
Other "gods".
Everything that has a place in our hearts and lives that's more important than God has to go, or rather, it has to be put in the right place, below God, not above him.
You don't want to marry someone that prioritizes his hobby or job or anything else above you
When you get married the other person becomes your equal partner.
Now I don't believe we become equal to Jesus, because He made us, He is our Creator.
Yet there will be a mutual love and respect, that considers the other as more important than ourselves.
(without putting ourselves down as being less valuable, but it means we put the other first)
Jesus already proved to us that He loves and honors us this way!
He considered our lives to be of more importance than his own.
So He died instead, in our place, when we deserved to die.
He took the fall for our sin!
Now THAT is love and devotion.
It doesn't diminish when the other fails.
Rather it takes the fall upon himself.
Always covering, always believing the best, always protecting and drawing near.
Making amends.
But God never has to make amends with us, it's always the other way around.
And I believe this is the time in which we still have a chance to make amends with God.
By which I mean that we can still repent from all the other lovers we have while we are betrothed to Jesus.

Yet I also believe that the bible tells us that this time is coming to an end.
I do believe that as long as the world exists people will have a chance to repent and turn to God and be saved from eternal separation from him.

However it seems that once the wedding takes place the door (to the wedding, not to the kingdom!) is shut and no one can get in.

(See the parable of the 10 virgins, only half of them got in for the wedding!
[Matthew 25](#))

*source: *Before the wrath*, a documentary

A kingdom

So what is this wedding then and when will it take place?

I get the impression it's not the end of the world nor right before the final tribulation the bible talks about.

For I tell you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Luke 22:18

We saw earlier that this statement of Jesus referred to weddings!

I believe the wine (or grape juice) is a picture of the joy of intimate (spiritual) relationship with Jesus, and that He talks here about the wedding with him of those believers that made themselves ready.

Now it says that He won't drink it until the kingdom of God comes!

So that's an indication about when it will take place.

But what is the kingdom of God?

A kingdom is a place where a king rules.

So the kingdom of God is where God rules.

Now obviously God rules in heaven.

Yet Jesus told us to pray that the kingdom of God would come.

On earth as it is in heaven.

So it wasn't here yet.

He links God's rule with God's will being done.

The kingdom of God on earth means this:

The gospel is being preached

The broken-hearted are healed

Those who are spiritually bound are set free

God's favor is proclaimed (the acceptable year)

Vengeance (=justice) on evil will take place

All who mourn (for losses) who take shelter in the secret place (Zion)

(see also "[Saved from what?](#)")

will find comfort and protection

They receive beauty, joy and a heart full of praise

They will be called trees of righteousness
Restoration in all areas of life takes place through them
And more...

*the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations. Is. 61:11*

Just read [Isaiah 61](#) and you get the picture.

You see Jesus is the king so everything that Jesus was anointed to do will take place.

Keep in mind that believers are the body of Jesus.

So He will do it through them.

To be honest I don't get the impression that He will physically come down to sit on a physical throne.

At least not yet.

Especially not if that would mean He's limited to space and time like we are here on earth, although of course He could bypass that and travel in the spirit like we can as well.

However I believe his ruling through us is part of our own redemption, of being restored to the authority and glory we once had before the fall.

Interesting is that the verse before it says God will cause righteousness to spring forth it talks about a bride adorning herself:

*He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...
... as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.(verse 10)*

After I wrote "[Homecoming](#)" the thought came in my mind that I had described the wedding.

At the wedding there is a supper right?

A meal we partake of.

Now what does this mean, what do we eat?

I think it might be a picture of the body and blood of Jesus we eat and drink.

Of course we already did when we got saved, yet we need to take part of Jesus in a greater measure.

We need to be completely unified to his death, which means the death of our old nature.

We already died with Jesus on the cross but we need to reckon ourselves as such.

Only then the world will be attracted to us, and only then God's lifegiving resurrecting power that restores all that's death and broken will be released inside of us and come out to the world.

Resulting in healing and peace.

Peace

Yes peace, you read it right!

In Isaiah 2 it says that in the latter days there will be peace and God's mountain (=his rule) will be the highest of all mountains. Meaning his kingdom will come on earth!

But this can't happen before we are totally united to Jesus.
Btw when Jesus said there would be wars in the latter days, He also said this wasn't the end.
Then He continues to describe more calamities.
This could very well mean there would be a time of peace.
And that after that there would again be war and calamities during the final tribulation.
In the new testament it says that people will say " we finally had peace".
And then Jesus returns unexpectedly and there's chaos again.
I get the impression this speaks about the rapture of the bride.
That after she is taken the morality in the world will collapse.
But that's another part of his second coming...

Rapture or wedding?

I believe Jesus return will be multifold. (I first heard this from Troy Brewer)
Many prophecies in the bible happen several times.
I believe this is one of these prophecies.
It's really the only way it makes sense and all the scriptures ad up and don't contradict each other.
What if the first fulfilment of Jesus return really is the wedding?
He comes for his bride, as the bible promises.
Yet does this mean He takes her away?

This is what Revelation says about the bride (Jerusalem):

And the nations of those who are saved (from the judgement that has come on the earth) shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honor into it. No unclean thing shall ever enter it, nor shall anyone who commits abomination or falsehood, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Rev. 21:24,27

Jerusalem is a spiritual place in the heavenly realms, yet it's the bride, like every city is made up from its inhabitants.
If other people will walk in our light than we are not taken out of this world.
Nor does this speak of the new heaven and earth in which there is no wickedness and everyone submits to God.
It clearly mentions wicked people still existing.

The impression I'm getting is that the first part of Jesus return He will come to marry his bride.
Meaning a deeper unity with him than we ever had before.
However this does not mean He has to take us out of this world.

The Redeemer shall come to Zion and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob, says the Lord.
Isaiah 5:20

(Jerusalem is Zion, it's a spiritual region believers have access to.)

The context of this verse is that God says there is no justice and then He comes to bring righteousness.

In Rev. 19 it speaks about the marriage supper of the Lamb (Jesus) and right after that it mentions an army clothed in white, waging war with Jesus against evil.

What if "we'll meet him (Jesus) in the air" is not literally us being taken up in the sky, but rather us meeting him in the heavenly realm? (the first time of this fulfilment)

An encounter in the spirit, while we are still on earth, just like we can have encounters with him every day in heavenly places!

To be honest that's the only interpretation that makes sense to me.

Revelation speaks about Jerusalem, the bride, coming down, not going up.

I believe this means that believers have made God their dwelling place.

Instead of just encountering him now and then.

Saying a prayer when they feel like.

And because of that God's presence, who dwells in Zion, comes to the earth.

So Jerusalem (the bride) comes down and influences the earth, bringing justice and judgement on evil.

The bride releases God's presence in the natural through her constant abiding in the heavenly realms.

Unity with Jesus

So what will this wedding look like?

I believe it will be a deeper unity between Jesus and those believers that prepared themselves and sought God's face, his presence.

Those that removed other gods and put him first place in their lives.

And that it will be accompanied with a greater authority.

Over sickness and any form of darkness.

But, of course, the most beautiful part will be a deeper intimacy with him.

A deeper love for him.

More supernatural encounters.

God will not hide himself from his bride of course.

We will see more of his beauty and be led by his wisdom.

There will truly be a unity between him and us.

The way we live our lives and interact with others will be a reflection of God's own character and nature.

As it says in Romans 8:19

The children of God will be revealed so

...that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the glorious freedom of the children of God. (verse 21)

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Matth. 13:43

Now the verses before that say:

“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, and the good seed are the sons of the kingdom. But the weeds are the sons of the evil one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels.

*“Therefore as the weeds are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of Man shall send out His angels, and **they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who do evil**, and will throw them into a fiery furnace. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.(Matth 13:37-42)*

I realize it talks here about the end of the world. But you need to keep in mind that many prophecies in the bible are multiple times fulfilled in different ways. So this can mean that part of it is not fulfilled the first or second time but e.g. only the last time.

Example of this is Joel's prophecy about an outpouring of God's Spirit which according to Paul was fulfilled at Pentecost. Yet when you read it you see that not every part of that prophecy was fulfilled at that time.

Also, it may mean the end of the world as we know it right now.

(I first heard this phrase from Johnny Enlow)

Meaning some great changes will take place!

So what does it say here?

Now this may seem far-fetched but perhaps the harvest is the wedding. (I'm talking about the first fulfilment we are about to see, which may not be the same as a later fulfilment.)

It speaks about a separation between good and evil inside of God's kingdom.

Since God's kingdom is where He rules, this may initially speak about removing evil from the so called church! A cleansing of the house!

There are other scriptures that support this.

Note that it says evil is taken away. Not good (the bride).

It also makes the next verse make sense:

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matth. 13:43)

It's only when all junk is removed from our lives that we can shine.

After all, evil is darkness.

But truth and holiness are light.

I do believe though that this light will result in righteousness springing up in the earth.

And even among non-believers there may be more justice than ever before.

Because Jesus rules through his bride.

The bible says a law will come from Zion which I believe is his bride, living in the presence of God.

We are his body, and we influence the spiritual (and moral) climate on the earth.

I believe there will be a cleansing in the whole earth.

[Joel 1](#) (I'm not talking about the first fulfilment that already occurred in Israel long ago) can be interpreted as speaking about a season of spiritual dryness among believers.

Joy is gone.

A lack of worship that comes from the inside and is wholehearted.

Without having other "gods" on the side.

A lack of pasture for the sheep which can speak of a lack of spiritual food for believers.

First leaders are called to repentance and then everyone else.

An army

In Joel 2 it talks about a day of the Lord that's coming.

There will be a final day of the Lord but there are more than one.

It means a period (whether a literal day or longer) of vengeance upon evil.

A time of cleansing in the earth, not out of spite, but because of love God won't tolerate evil forever.

Otherwise it would get only worse.

Examples are the flood and Sodom and Gomorra and in this book the former invasion of the Chaldeans in Israel and their captivity.

Here it's literally an (heathen!) army that fulfills God's commandments.

But it can refer to anyone that God will use to bring judgement on evil.

He can use angels, believers and non-believers alike to destroy ungodliness.

And yes He will destroy ungodliness in believers lives as well.

We are still saved by grace but we can't trample on the blood of Jesus by not repenting from sin.

Part of salvation is empowerment not to sin.

We just have to put on Jesus by faith.

See also "[Unashamed](#)".

And spend time in his presence so we become like him. See appendix.

God does not require anything unreasonable or difficult from us .

His joke is easy!

But we do need to put it on.

This basically means we come to him daily and listen for his voice, so we can learn from him.

I believe God's bride is part of this army that brings justice in the earth.

Keep in mind it destroys evil, not good.

But it also says this destruction is temporary:

*a great and mighty army comes,
such as was never before,*

*and will never be again,
even through the years of all generations.
Joel 2:2*

So that means that at some point it's work will be done.
It also means it's not the end of the world.
And there's an escape for all who repent.
God is still merciful and will stretch out his saving hand till the last moment.
Jesus died for sinners after all, not saints.
We only become saints after we received his mercy, not before!

Restoration

*25 And I will compensate you for the years the locusts have eaten...
...My great army which I sent against you.*

That's how merciful God is!
First He sends destruction on people who live godless lives.
Be aware these can be believers. There will be a cleansing.
Yet when they repent and turn back to God's ways
He restores everything to them they had lost!
God doesn't take pleasure in bringing people down!
However He will do what it takes to turn us back to him.
Our comfort is not his first priority.
Our eternal well-being is!
He even died for that.
Thereby putting us above himself, since He took our place on that cross.
There's no length He won't go to draw people back to him.
Even bringing destruction, if it leads to repentance.
And then He overflows us with restoration.
God will wound us if He has to.
But He will also heal us!!!

God with us

*27 Then you will know that I am in the midst of you,
that I am the Lord your God,
and that there is no other.
And My people will never again be shamed.*

Then, it says, God will pour out his Spirit on ALL flesh.
People will have dreams and visions and prophesy.
This is not only for believers.
And there will be wonders in the heavens

and the earth.

Yet no matter what happens, even cosmic changes, there's ALWAYS a place of refuge.

*For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance (32)*

I believe mount Zion speaks of a place in the heavenly realms believers have access to.
Jerusalem are believers. It's the bride.

We need to make this place our habitation.

In Isaiah 35 it speaks about a highway of holiness.

No lion can come on it.

No one can hurt us there.

I believe this is the same as Zion.

It speaks of a way of living in connection with God.

It's for those who put on Jesus as their righteousness. See "[Homecoming](#)".

It's not some place you get to by performance in your own strength.

The bride lives in God's protection because she accepted God's provision.

That which He gave us on the cross.

She doesn't walk around "naked" so her shame is exposed.

See "[Unashamed](#)".

Then in Joel 3 it speaks about judgement on the nations for what they have done to God's people.

Interesting is that initially God let them hurt his people because they had turned from him.

But now they've come back to God there will be vengeance, justice.

The Lord dwells in Zion! (3:21)

And that's one of the best verses in the bible if you ask me!

Because we get to live in that place, in the spiritual realm.

While we live on earth!

Right now!

Conclusion

The wedding with Jesus is the permanent unity of Jesus with those believers that have fully surrendered their hearts to him.

Who don't have compromises in their relationship with God.

Who let the love of God fully win their hearts and fully gave their lives to him in return.

In return to his great and incomprehensible devotion for us, who once were fully alienated from him.

Yet He died for us, taking the fall for our sin and rebellion against God.

The bride is love stricken with the sacrifice Jesus made for her, and doesn't abuse it to continue to live in sin, which stands in the way of intimacy with her True Lover.

So are you ready?

Did you let him wash you clean?

A time of great cleansing is coming on the earth and He wants to do it through people that are fully in love with him.

People that are not after power and self-promotion but that lovingly devote their lives to bring the healing and restoration to the earth that only repentance and purity can bring.

Jesus himself said He would not return until the time for all things to be restored.

We are about to enter that time.

He invites us to bring the kingdom of heaven down to earth, with Him as our Head.

I believe it's part of our own redemption, to have dominion once again.

To remove all other gods, the way the Israelites had to remove all wickedness from the land.

That's the only way we can live in our promised land.

And stay in it.

Activation

Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor...

Ruth 3:3

Let's be like Ruth and make ourselves beautiful for our (future) Husband.

Let's remove all lesser lovers, that we gave a place in our lives above him.

Let's put on Jesus' righteousness in faith. It's our best clothing.

(See also the notes in The Passion Translation in Ruth)

Actually, it's the only clothing that's allowed for the wedding!

Without it you can't partake of it.

Read "[Unashamed](#)".

We (believers) are the salt of the earth, but what if we lose our saltiness...?

(salt cleanses and preserves)

Being the bride is all about relationship with Jesus.

It's not about displays of power and doing wonders.

Although that's part of our authority, but they flow from intimacy.

From connection with the One that performs them, through us.

In the parable with the 10 virgins the ones that missed the wedding were those that didn't have enough oil.

The groom doesn't let them in and says He doesn't know them!

The wedding is only for those that have cultivated relationship with Jesus.

So are you his bride?
Are you preparing yourself for his coming?
Are you taking baths of oil that make you beautiful and clean?
See appendix "[Soaking](#)".
Are you listening for his voice throughout the day?
His promptings, telling you what is good and what is wrong?
His whispers of love in your ears.
His tugging on your heart.
Do you respond and seek his face?
Or do you let the cares of this world smother them?

If so you can still repent.
Meaning to redirect your ways.
Start today!
Time is drawing near.
This might be your last call...
Become sensitive to his voice and built relationship with him while you still can.
Obey his voice at all times.
He loves you so much He doesn't want slaves, but obedient lovers.
Obedience is an expression of love, not a way to earn it.
You already have his complete love and you can't do anything to add to it nor to diminish it.
Remember, He died for you when you were not even seeking him nor believed in his existence.
Because He wanted to have your heart so much.
Let him love you.
And love him back!

That's what a bride does.

If you read this and you missed the wedding....just know God doesn't love you any less.
You can still be a part of his kingdom.
Still be a beloved child of the most high God!
But you won't have the place of privilege and authority only the bride has.
An intimacy that's only reserved for lovers.
That makes sense right?

May God bless you in your search for truth and his love for you!

*PS: Please read and study the bible for yourselves and do not use any of my (or someone else's) words to beat people around the ears that have different views.
Remember that truth must be told in love.
This writing is part of my own search for truth. Please don't write it in stone.
It is important to read the whole bible and not built a theory on parts of it.
All of it has to be in agreement!*

See also "[Vows](#)".

[Free Gift](#) *Read here how you can give your life to God*

Read also:

[Homecoming](#)

[Unashamed](#)

[Saved from what?](#)

Soaking

Appendix

Soaking

Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor...

Ruth 3:3

Are we going to take a bath?

Well kind of...

A spiritual bath

And how we need it

Daily

Somehow we find it easy to do and earn things, but much more difficult to just lean back and relax.

And yet, that is exactly what we need.

More than all our occupations we need to take care of.

We need to be still

To know, that He is God

Not we

That He takes care of us

Not we for ourselves

Without him we can do nothing

We might as well take some time to honor him for that

To acknowledge him

To just drink in his presence

Because He's everywhere

And He never leaves us

But if we are constant busy and worried

And don't take time to enjoy the blessing of his presence

We miss the most important thing in life

Which is to have fellowship with God

Our Maker

The Lover of our soul
The One that knows us better than anyone else
The One that loves us more than anyone can
The One that desires to have our attention
To look into our face
And to bless us tremendously
Simply by the look in his eyes
A look of sheer delight
A gaze of adoration
A longing to be with us
All the time

Now THAT is amazing right?!

A God that not only loves us from a distance but actually wants to be involved with every aspect of our lives.
If only we would let him...
If only we would take time to even acknowledge his existence.
Not as some deity far away.
But Someone who lives close.
Inside our very heart.
If only we would listen
For his silent whisper in our ear
Speaking words of tenderness
Transforming every part
Making us soft and tender
Just like him

You are most invited
We both are
To go on a date with God
To surrender our heart
To give up all concerns
And let the Creator of the universe woo us!

Activation

Turn off devices that can distract you and go to a place where you cannot be disturbed.
(put a sign on your door if you need to)
Make a list of “to-do-things” for later if they come up so you don’t have to worry about forgetting them.
Turn on your favorite soothing christian music if you prefer.
You can also do it without music which might even be better if you manage to get quiet without it.

Perhaps you prefer to go outside to a silent place and let the beauty of nature quiet your minds concerns.

Close your eyes if it helps you not to get distracted.

Acknowledge the presence of God

Allow yourself to just be

You don't have to take care of anything

You don't have to earn his favor

You are allowed just to hold hands with your Maker

You don't have to talk or ask anything

Just enjoy his presence and open your heart for him to speak

Gentle words to your soul

Words of kindness

Not of condemnation

If He convicts you of sin or something you need to change

Just repent and consent

You can trust him

His instructions are always for our good

And He will provide for your every need

Whether spiritual, material, physical or emotional

Then lean in to his love

Let him saturate you

Don't try to conjure up some sort of feeling

Just believe He's there

Whether you feel it or not

And be still

And you will receive his love and change into his likeness more and more

Do this every day for as long as you want!

That's what it looks like to have a love relationship with God, your Maker.

That's what it looks like to wait on God.

*those who wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
and they shall walk and not faint.*

Is. 40:31

Don't get discouraged if you don't manage to become quiet right away so you can hear his voice.

This may take a while. For some days, for others weeks or longer.

Just keep practicing until you have breakthrough.

If you seek him with your whole heart you will find him!

Keep in mind you don't cleanse yourself. He does.
But we need to "get in the bath" and surrender to his work inside us.
Then He will do all that's needed!
Just enjoy the bath.

Read articles nr. 3 to 7 in "[Journey of the heart \(1\)](#)" about blockages for experiencing God.

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Bless you!