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What do the majority of Christian sermons and teachings address? Compare that to **the greatest commandment** ⇒ Matthew 22:37-38, which is also what Christians will be doing for eternity: **Loving God**.

What does God call Christians ⇒ Revelation 21:9, which is also what marriage on earth is patterned from: **The Bride of Christ**.

What do a Bridegroom and Bride love to do more than anything else: **be intimate**.

What do you think “**Loving God**” means? **What** do you think Heaven will consist of? Revelation 21:1-22:5 describes a wonderful environment, and Isaiah 6:1-3 / Revelation 4 describe continuous worship. Do you want to continuously worship God? Consider this: the more we know God, the more we love God, and our desire to worship Him increases.

Heaven is an eternal honeymoon with God. As God desires continuous worship, so a groom desires continuous sex; worship is the pattern sex came from, and is one of many spiritual parallels God patterned human intimacy from. As the Bride of Christ desires to praise continuously, so a bride desires continuous romance; praise is the pattern romance came from, another parallel. Our *Intimate Anatomy* workbook explains this, which helps us in our: 1) building intimacy with our spouse, and 2) building intimacy with God.

If I am not excited about this eternal intimacy, do I understand who God is? Only God and I can answer this question, and His declaration of that answer gets closer with every breath I take. Stop, think and learn some lessons from marriage which God created:

First of all: having the privilege of being one of the two who become one is so deep, it almost boggles the mind. Owning the experience of combined spiritual, physical and emotional union is nothing short of ecstatic, and is therefore to be valued immensely and increasingly. This is one major reason why we cherish our spouse; all of our other human relationships combined could never come close to the power of this holy matrimony.

Secondly and subsequently, this intimacy has unlimited growth potential. Being made in God’s image ⇒ Genesis 1:26, we have a free will, a creative mind and abilities with resources to accomplish great things, and enjoy doing them ⇒ 1 Timothy 6:17. Without revelation of the first point in the previous paragraph, this second point will seem boring.

We have a stewardship obligation to maximize God’s gifts ⇒ Matthew 25:14-30, especially this gift of intimacy ⇒ Matthew 22:39; Ephesians 5:25-29. Realizing the awesomeness of God in our life is central to realizing the awesomeness of marriage. Then together they inspire us to build passionate intimacy with the only Holy God and in holy matrimony... **as one**. **We are dangerously calloused if these two points do not stir us up**. Those who say they love God but do not love their spouse are liars ⇒ 1 John 4:20.

If we are calloused, there is hope: return to our first love now ⇒ Revelation 2:4-5. We are calloused if vices excite us more than our passion for God and / or for our spouse. Return to **Loving God** like a honeymoon Bride of Christ, and to **loving your spouse** like a honeymoon spouse. Marriage is made in the image of relationship with God: it is **holy**.

Loving God IS Christianity! Loving our spouse verifies it. ♥ Loren & Kathy Falzone