

## CouplesInBloom.com – Oh, How We Fly!

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Although it was early, I was wide awake. Through the darkness, I quietly made my way downstairs. For two hours, God and I shared intimately... in Scriptures and prayer, silently conversing at a heart level. Afterwards, satisfied in my spirit and seeing the first light of day, I returned to the bedroom to see if my wife was awake. To my **delightful** surprise, she was standing just inside the door... desiring marital intimacy, even though we had that very recently. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit said, “**Now you know how I feel.**” He was explicitly referring to **God’s joy** of having *His* bride (of Christ) (*me*) choose to love Him... in an unrequested, first-fruit-of-the-day, heart’s-one-consuming-desire way.

Years ago, my former curiosity over the seeming lack of marriage instruction in the Bible was replaced by the revelation that the intimate relationship with God in Biblical Christianity *is* a robust marriage manual. I also realized *I had learned a lie*: that human romantic relationship was above all others. The truth that replaced my wrong thinking came by *experiencing God supernaturally* instead of merely intellectually. This brought both power for living better plus increasing, eye-opening truths that continue to this day.

To see this recorded in the Bible, study the lives of those in it, both married and single. Isaiah (Old Testament), Paul (New Testament) and others compare relationship with God to human marriage ⇒ Isaiah 62:1-5; Ephesians 5:31-32. God patterned marriage from intimacy with Him, making mankind in His image ⇒ Genesis 1:26-27. It is *impossible* to foreknow or pre-calculate its content or magnitude, which God reserves for *responders*.

**Flying**: although no eye has seen, or ear has heard, what God has prepared in eternity for the bride of Christ who loves Him ⇒ Isaiah 64:4; 1 Corinthians 2:9, we do have some preliminary connectivity to the supernatural ⇒ 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; also Amos 3:7; Daniel 2:20-22; Colossians 1:26; Ephesians 3:1-6; etc. Specifically: Isaiah 60 (especially verse 8); 40:28-31; and Deuteronomy 32:13 refer to what is best characterized as **flying**. As this describes a born-again spirit, still in an earthly body, supernaturally tasting the eternal in part... a lesser but similar experience (by God’s design) is when Holy Spirit filled spouses have sexual intimacy *as well as* their own spiritual intimacy with God. Fly!

**Dying**: as seen in the painful lessons of Simon ⇒ Acts 8:6-24 and the sons of Sceva ⇒ Acts 19:11-16, God’s supernatural power cannot be grabbed like a commodity. God made salvation optional. Of all the different kinds of flesh created ⇒ 1 Corinthians 15:39-41, God breathed an eternal spirit into *mankind* ⇒ Genesis 2:7. Many pervert this by humanizing animals or by aborting children, but God remains unconfused: Jesus died to save *people* ⇒ John 3:16 and salvation requires two free will human choices: to **die** to self and to **live** for God ⇒ 2 Corinthians 5:15-17. There is no flying if there is no dying.

**Trying**: many people say they tried God or tried Christianity; this is theological heresy because God and Christianity are about covenant and not mere trying. Trying God does not lead to flying with God, nor does any other partial obedience. The Bible never says to try God, but rather to go fully for Him ⇒ Deuteronomy 6:5. Such is required for flying.

So end your solitaire game, have solitude with God often, and go **flying** with Him!!! ♥