

John # 48 “The Best Man’s Relationship with the Groom” *John 3:22-30*

It takes an attitude of humility to function as the best man at a wedding.

The best man must never steal the spotlight from the couple on their special day.

Although as we’ve seen, the best man has an intense workload to consider before, after and certainly on the wedding day when he’ll be the go-to guy for many including the groomsmen and practically all people attending who’ll be looking to him from time to time but that doesn’t mean the day is all about him.

He must resist the temptation to arrogantly talk about himself or anyone else other than the bride and groom.

The Lord Jesus Christ answered religion when:

- 1. He turned water into wine**
- 2. He threw the moneychangers out of the temple**
- 3. He dealt with the Pharisees as a group**
- 4. He dealt with their leader, Nicodemus**

John the Baptist answers religion by: 1. His life 2. His words

Throughout church history, the teaching of biblical truth has been replaced by legalistic, religious. money making rituals.

The soul is made up of 6 compartments:

- 1. Self-consciousness**
- 2. Mentality**
- 3. Free-will**
- 4. Emotion**
- 5. Conscience**
- 6. Sin nature.**

Unless God promotes you, you will not be promoted.

Joshua 3:7-“And the Lord said to Joshua (after 40 years in training), “Today I will begin to exalt (promote) you in the eyes of all Israel, so (introduces a purpose clause for God’s purpose) so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.”

1st Peter 5:5,6-“In the same way, you who are younger (in the Lord), submit yourselves to your elders (pastor-teachers). All of you, clothe yourselves with humility (authority-orientation) toward one another (of a different kind i.e. the pastor-teacher) because “God opposes (makes war with) the proud (the arrogant believer) but shows favor to the humble (authority-orientated believer). Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand (learn and apply God’s truth), that he may lift (promote) you up in due time.”

If the ministry of Jesus is increasing and John’s is decreasing, that's God's business!

John's responsibility, as is ours, is to remain faithful in adversity as well as prosperity.

The successful believer listens to the Lord Jesus Christ for his cues in spite of circumstances.

Q: What is the result of listening to the bridegroom (the Lord Jesus Christ)?

Inner peace from the principles and promises of God in your soul, means stability in all types of circumstances.

The Apostle John indicates that the Lord Jesus Christ's best man John the Baptist said very clearly that the Bridegroom Jesus Christ reigns supreme in the universe as not only the focal point of the future wedding at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb but also as the main character of all human history.

And because the best man came on the scene before the Bridegroom, some of the other groomsmen thought that John the Baptist was a greater prophet than the Lord Jesus, thinking of Him only as John's competition.

The mental attitude sin of jealousy leads to rivalry and naturally, John the Baptist's loyal disciples were taken with this new guy Jesus, whom they saw approach their teacher to be introduced by him.

John the Baptist, Jesus Christ the Bridegroom's best man, knew that all positions of authority come from the sovereignty of God, so he graciously received the role of best man with its tremendous responsibilities but he always knew that he must remain in the shadows of the Groom, a role in which he discovered great joy as he glorified God, always remembering his place that he was not the Messiah; a title and role belonged to the Bridegroom alone as the focus of all human history, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself in all His glory!