



Engaging the Heartbeat of Heaven

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- Open heaven well known and used term
- Heaven invading earth
- One way traffic
- God does send His presence, the angelic, cloud of witnesses surround us
- He has opened heaven so we can enter beyond the veil and engage Him there

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- Heb 12:18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,
- Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the **heavenly Jerusalem**, and to **myriads of angels**,

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- Heb 12:23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,

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- Evangelicalism has a 500 year old history of making Christianity mainly a rational and theological understanding about God, rather than an actual ongoing personal , experiential encounter with Him.
- A living encounter with the living God beats a theology about Him any day

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- Mystic or mystical
- Ecstatic, ecstasy – negative - why?
- Euphoric, blissful, joyous, elated
- Trances, visions , out of body experiences – suspicion
- We must not try to induce trances etc. by using techniques
- We can be open to biblical experiences by seeking God

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- Mystic Mystical is difficult for many.
- Webster defines it as “the belief that direct knowledge of God, spiritual truth, or ultimate reality can be attained through subjective experience (as intuition or insight)”
- You can trust My voice in your heart more than you can trust the reasoned theology of your mind. – Mark Virkler

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- A person who tries to gain religious or spiritual knowledge through prayer and deep thought
- A person who claims to attain, or believes in the possibility of attaining, insight into mysteries transcending ordinary human knowledge, as by direct communication with God

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- A mystic is someone who has a direct experience of God.
- Many mystics are broad-thinking, intelligent and have a good grasp of the concepts of infinity and transcendence.
- I include myself in that category

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- Please just let your spirit resonate with what connects with you. You may have no idea of the meaning of some of the things I share, but that is OK.
- Don't operate with an evangelical spirit offended by what it doesn't understand, seeking to disprove
- Allow your spirit to resonate even if you don't understand

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- Psa 42:7 Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls;
- Rev 1:15 His voice was like the sound of many waters.
- The deep things of God are calling to the deep within us
- God has released a sound from heaven like a waterfall
- I have been draw on a journey by that sound

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- Journey of increasing intimacy
- Journey of increasing experiential encounters
- Journey from the left to the right side
- Journey from earth to heaven
- Journey many stepping stones

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- Relationship and intimacy are perfectly expressed in God in eternity between Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Perfect love, joy and peace expressed in that eternal relationship
- God desired to share that relationship and so He spoke the created order into existence

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- He created man in His image and likeness for relationship
- Eccl 3:11 He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart,
- He created man with eternity in his heart – a God shaped hole
- There is a desire for that relationship in the deepest part of all of us

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- We all need to engage that eternal relationship with God
- The desire for love, joy and peace is a driving force in our lives
- We need to experience that relationship with God our Father
- Amazing, wonderful going deeper and deeper beyond our imagination

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- God has always done everything possible to have a people to be in relationship with
- This relationship has been misrepresented by the enemy
- He makes out that God is angry, to be feared, harsh and waiting to punish us
- We need to debunk all the lies

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- Matt 25:24 “And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground.’”

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- Our heart our very core where soul and spirit are joined in the secret place of intimacy
- This is where the essence of who you are personally and redemptively can come into union with your eternal self.
- Restored conformed image the vast sum of His thoughts revealed.

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- 1 Cor 6:16 Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, “The two shall become one flesh.” 17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

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- Psalm 23 was my marriage process.
- To establish a pure love and total trust relationship.
- Prepared as the bride laying in green pastures by quiet waters restoration of my soul, a table before me, my head overflowing with oil establishing the house of the Lord to dwell forever

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- Intimacy of the bride and the groom
- Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come and **His bride has made herself ready.**” 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he *said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’”

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- Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ also loved the church** and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that **He might sanctify her**, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might **present to Himself the church in all her glory**, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

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- Understanding and engaging the process and the principles revealed in the Hebrew marriage helpful for us corporately and individually
- Understanding that the process prepares us for deeper levels of intimacy and our inheritance as sons

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- God desires an intimate relationship with His people
- He has chosen relationship right throughout history
- Adam & Eve, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon, Jesus, disciples

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- God has suffered the heart break of broken relationship
- Mankind has been unfaithful
- God desires restoration and reconciliation of relationship
- God desires relationship with each of us to be intimate and faithful

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- Divorce
- Malachi 2:16 For I hate divorce,” says the Lord, the God of Israel,
- Jer 3:8 And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce
- God has been through divorce and He knows how painful it is

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- 5 aspects of marriage
- Lakah – Garden
- Segullah – Dance Floor
- Micvah – Soaking Room
- Ketubah terms of relationship
- Huppah – Bridal Chamber

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- Note the first time any thing occurs in the word of God it sets a precedent
- Look at what happened in the first proposal
- Canopy, house of God, glory cloud covering
- Huppah or Chuppah – Ketubah marriage contract

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- Ex 19:16 So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.
17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

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- Ex 19:18 Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently. 19 When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder. 20 The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain

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- Ex 20:1 Then God spoke all these words, saying, 2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.
- We call this the 10 commandments but in essence this is God’s part of the Ketubah the marriage contract

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- Ex 20:18 All the people saw the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance.
- They look up, and they 'see thunder' and they 'see lightning'. How do you see thunder?

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- Thunder is Hebrew 'Kole. In every other place in the Bible, it's translated 'voices' or 'languages'.
- It's the same word when Moses heard the voice out of the burning bush – Kole.
- So they look up, and they see 'voices', or 'languages'.
- The word lightning is the word "glorified fire".
- It's the same word for fire out of the burning bush.

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- The Ketubah has just been handed down; they're standing there, and the whole mountain covers them in a huppah; and they look up, and they see languages inside fire.
- What would the languages have been saying?
- Will you marry me?

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- Marriage process was initiated by God
- Israel came out of slavery in Egypt
- Under a covering of cloud, fire, thunder
God's voice in the wilderness
- He issues an invitation will you marry
Me?
- They sent Moses and rejected the
invitation but God married them anyway

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- They said: Moses, don't have God speak to us any more, unless we die.
- You go figure out what God wants, and then you tell us what God wants; but don't have God speak to us any more, lest we die.
- God says: they didn't want to accept, because they felt unworthy.

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- Day of Pentecost we have the same fire and voice of God
- Church begins with a mighty rushing wind, tongues of fire and God's voice
- Will you marry me
- Tongues their spirits said yes
- What can we learn from marriage process?

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- Look at the 5 stages of marriage
- So we can see and engage the process for ourselves
- We will also clear up the misunderstandings about the 10 commandments and put them in context

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- Lakah I want to make you my own
- Ex 6:7 Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
- Intense emotional experience

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- Segullah means 'treasured possession'.
- It takes Lakah one step further,
- I don't just want to make you mine, I want to make you the most important person in my whole life, My treasured possession.

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- Ex 19:5 Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be **My own possession** among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6 and you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests** and a holy nation.'

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- Mikveh meant: go wash; consecrate yourself
- Prepare and get ready for the betrothal agreement
- It was a three-day warning before the Ketubah was going to take place

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- Ex 19:10 The Lord also said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; 11 and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people

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- Esther 4:14 who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?” or come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”
- Esther had to undergo a preparation experience before she could come before the king

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- Esther 2:12 Now when the turn of each young lady came to go in to King Ahasuerus, after the end of her twelve months under the regulations for the women—for the days of their beautification were completed as follows: six months with oil of myrrh and six months with spices and the cosmetics for women

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- Exodus 20 we see what is called the 10 commandments this is the Ketubah.
- A Ketubah is a marriage contract made under a huppah or covering cloud
- It is vital for our relationship that we know what God's expectations of us are
- It is equally vital to know what our expectations of God are

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- Normally it would be: bride, and her father; groom, and his father - and they would make an agreement, a list that defined the basic boundaries of the marriage.
- The bride could put anything in the Ketubah she wanted; as could the groom as long as they both agreed

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- Then once that was agreed on, that became the rules of the marriage
- If anyone broke the terms, it was called: 'marital unfaithfulness'.
- After it was agreed upon, they would: sign it; then stand and face each other
- Groom would say to her: "I go to prepare a place for you; that where I am, there you may be also".

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- Bride would say: “when will you come back, to receive me unto yourself?”
- Response “I do not know the day or the hour, but when my father approves the wedding chamber, he'll send me back, to receive you unto myself.”
- Familiar words that help us put Jesus death on the cross in context of marriage

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- John 14:2 In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
- New covenant preparing us to be the place of intimacy - marriage

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- Jesus taught John 14 they all understood the significance God still wants to marry us?
- Think about the Ten Commandments in terms of a marriage contract.
- Ketubah God's desires and expectations of His people for His part of the contract
- What our expectations of God as our part of the contract?



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