

Five Crowns Of Victorious Living

HONORABLE CROWN OF GLORY

The Apostolic Jesus Name Church is to receive New Testament Crowns.

There are 5 crowns offered to the church of the living God;

- (1) Crown of Life James 1:12, Rev. 2:10
- (2) Crown of Glory I Peter 5:24
- (3) Crown of Rejoicing I Thes 2:19-20, Phil 4:1
- (4) Crown of Righteousness II Tim 4:8
- (5) Incorruptible Crown I Cor 9:25-27

There is a crown of Glory in the present life to unfold, before our very eyes. So precious, so beautiful, so lovely and so mystified. The realization in this divine mystery is the Crown of Glory. Tangible, majestic, beyond the money value system, beyond crystal diamonds, beyond the glare of radiant rubies and gold, splendid crown of dignity and glory is placed in the atmosphere of Holy Matrimony. Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled, (Heb. 13:4): but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. God will judge every transgressor, from the promoter of sin to the unfaithful who violates this matter of holy ordinance.

I have to confess, no marriage is perfect. Adam and Eve's marriage wasn't perfect all the way. Most of the time romance could be an illusion, but when it's woven into holy marriage vows, eyes are opened up to the truth of both individuals. The chamber of human feelings and secrets are released and disclosed to each other. (Gen. 2:18)

And the Lord said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him. Adam needed a partner, lover and friend to share together God's paradise. The origin of marriage took place in the garden of Eden. (a place of happiness). The officiating minister, God Himself the creator, Adam the bridegroom, Eve the bride, the cloud of witnesses, the whole angelic host of God and creation. There is a true

fact or saying, "Love is Blind." Bridegroom and bride don't see each other's faults and imperfections, until after they're married. Until then, when the husband awakes from the sleep of paradise, he's got to realize the seriousness and the total moral obligations in relating to his wife in every dimension of personality: emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual; in all these fulfilling and securing his wife's love and needs. (Gen. 2:23)

And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man. How beautifully is the divine headship of authority revealed (I Cor. 11:7-9). God, man, and woman. Woman was created for man and not man for woman. Just like Jesus Christ wasn't born out of His church, but the church came out of His redemptive blood and sacrificial death. Becoming "one flesh" includes the all of a man and a woman. It is the sharing of heart, mind, body and soul. Adam clave unto his wife Gen. (2:24). What is love? Two souls and one flesh; Friendship? Two bodies and one soul. The definition of the word cleave is to stick to and cling to.

Again in Matt. 19:56 man leaving home and his parents and cleaving to his wife and becoming one flesh. One writer said it like this; "not out of his head to rule over him, nor out of the fist to abuse her, nor out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved. What makes a married couple cleave unto each other for a life time? Ephesians 5:20-23 gives the answer. Devoted and unconditional love renders total submission and brings forth fidelity and total commitment one to another.

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10-31 describes and illustrates the qualities of a virtuous woman, (wife). The source of being virtuous is the fear of the Lord. Proverbs 12:4; "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but she that maketh ashamed is a rottenness in his bones, and flesh of his flesh. Refuse to be a decayed, lifeless and dead body in him. Be his glory, what God intended you to be. (I Cor 11:7) But the woman is the glory of the man, likewise as the church is to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, (Eph 5:27). That He might present it to Himself, a glorious church, not

having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. When true love is embraced, it will enhance. (Solomon's Song 6:3). "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine."

In Solomon 7:10-13, we read "I am my beloved's and his desire is toward me. Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages. Let us get up early to the vineyard; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: There will I give thee my loves. The mandrakes give smell, and at our gate are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, oh my beloved. Notice the tender bowels of expressions within, O my beloved. Love is the root and bond of holy matrimony."

I Cor. 13:48:

"Love is patient and kind;
Love is not jealous or boastful;
Love is not arrogant or rude;
Love does not insist on its own way;
It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

Conclusion: I, _____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, to love and to cherish until death do us part.

LOVE NEVER ENDS Heb 13:4 Honorable Proverbs 12:4 Crown

I Cor. 11:7 of Glory