

OTHER LOVES

A. The BRIDE of Jesus Christ pursues intimacy, full union in Marriage with Him. Every other relationship and pursuit is secondary. He is her great Love.

B. The HARLOT of Babylon is unfaithful to the Lord Jesus Christ; she has other religious, political and economic “loves” with which she is intimate.

C. GOD’S BLESSINGS in our lives can become a snare, competing exclusively for our time and attention. The King’s work requires haste; the call of God and Kingdom work will break in upon these “legitimate excuses” as revealed in the parable of the Great Supper; Luke 14:16-24:

1. The field - my home, property and physical possessions upon Earth; Matthew 13:38
2. My oxen - my job, career, that which allows me to make a profit; 1 Kings 19:19-21
3. My wife - my spouse, my family members or other personal relationships; see Luke 9:59-60 and Matthew 10:37

If We Want Intimacy With The Lord Jesus Christ We Must CUT OFF:

1. SELF RULE, through the carnal, worldly mind of man (as with Lucifer), who desires to be enthroned. These five “I Will’s” reveal a type of the “man of sin” (antichrist) taking his seat “in the temple” (the New Testament temple is us; 2 Corinthians 6:16).

Isaiah 14:13-14 reveals:

- a. The desire for PRE-EMINENCE, to climb higher in my own strength - “I will ascend into heaven”
- b. The desire for SPIRITUAL COMPETITION - “I will exalt my throne above the stars of God”
- c. The desire for RECOGNITION, ATTENTION - “I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north”
- d. The desire for CONTROL, to be above others - “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds”
- e. The desire to RECEIVE WORSHIP - “I will be like the most High”

2. IDOLATRY

a. It is any thing, anyone, any concept or idea which takes the place of God in my life. These are substitutes and counterfeits, which take the place of, or compete for, the rule of The Lord Jesus Christ in my life. We are told to flee from idolatry; 1 Corinthians 10:7, 14

b. Any belief system or religious institution which tells the people how to worship, and imposes its own doctrines, creeds, rituals, laws, rules and practices over them is a false “god”. If I am in covenant with them (joined to them), then I am committing spiritual adultery; 1 Corinthians 10:19-22

3. The DOCTRINE (and practices) of BALAAM; Revelation 2:14-15

- a. This is the “way” of covetousness, motivated by greed; Nehemiah 13:2
- b. This influence places “stumbling blocks” in the lives of God’s people which leads to immorality; Numbers 31:16. Balaam loves the wages of unrighteousness; 2 Peter 2:15

4. The DOCTRINE (and practices) of THE NICOLAITANS; Revelation 2:15

a. The name means “conquerors of the people”; it is the clergy system or any elitist influence, which elevates itself above the people; Matthew 23:2-10

b. The Babylonian “minister” is a professional who takes on titles for himself, in his personal ambition to build himself a “city, a tower and a name”; Genesis 10:10; 11:4

5. The DOCTRINE (and practices) of JEZEBEL; Revelation 2:20-24

a. It is a type of paganism, which consults the prophets of Baal, offers false teachings, and seduces God’s servants to commit spiritual fornication.

b. It is also a spirit, whose influence in the Old Testament involved the use of soulish powers to control, manipulate and dominate others, which is witchcraft; 1 Kings 21:5-15

6. EGYPT (THE WORLD)

a. Egypt is symbolic of the world and slavery to sin. It includes occultic practices, sensuality, the gratification of sinful desires and lustful indulgence; addictions to: physical appetites, entertainment, sports, hobbies, electronic media; the worship of: ease, comfort, and pleasure; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15

b. The prince of this world (satan) and the powers of darkness rule over this present world order; yielding to their influence leads to bondage and servitude. The prince of this world is already judged; John 16:11; Luke 10:18

