

Is The Bride's Ashamed of the Groom!

Imagine a marriage where the bride would never acknowledge, talk to, or show affection to the groom outside the walls of their own home. She never spoke to him in public, never acknowledged him or even looked in his direction, despite his avid attempts to catch her eye. As soon as the couple were in private, she would be kissing him and loving him like she loved him with all her heart.

I would imagine that this groom would start to wonder if his bride was ashamed of him or embarrassed of him. He may feel that she is trying to keep her options open by looking single and available in the public eye. He would most likely feel hurt every time he was near her in public.

I would also imagine that people would be surprised to find out that they were married. Though they both wore wedding rings, people would never have seen the couple together and wouldn't have guessed they were together.

In Ephesians 5, Paul likens the relationship between Jesus and the church to that of a groom and a bride. Is it possible that the church is ashamed of her groom?

Often Churches and individual Christians, behave just like the bride in the first paragraph. When we are inside our homes and church buildings we can sing about how great God is and pray to him and get excited about who God is and what he has done for us, but when we're out in public, we behave as though we never knew him.

We don't speak to him in public, never acknowledge him or even look in his direction despite His avid attempts to catch our eye.

"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38.)

So the question remains, is the bride ashamed of the groom?

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