



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

THE ONE YEAR HONEYMOON! PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE PART IV !

Only God knows why I am writing or beginning to write this seemingly strange edition, and how it can connect to the future for us as believers, I do not yet know. I have just begun and am trusting God to show me. As we begin, you may think this message is only for married people, but in fact it isn't only, as you will see as we go along, by faith!

I first came across this verse a couple of years ago:
Deuteronomy 24:5

When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go out in the host, neither shall he be charged with any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he hath taken.

Well, it seems that in ancient Israel, they had some terrific common sense.

The Israelites of old had an agricultural society as well as trading with other nations, as Jewish people love so much to

do. But here is a 'law' handed down with great wisdom. Let's see what we can learn from it.



People were far more community-minded back then, small villages, small towns, people often helped each other out in many ways. It's still like that today in some places, as we are all made in the Image of God to help and be kind and considerate to others.

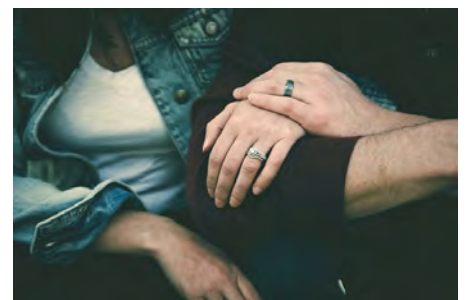
At this time, this verse was established among the people; any man who was recently married, could spend a whole year entirely with his new wife, specifically for the purpose of 'cheering her up'! I notice the Bible has not gone into great specifics in this verse. As the husband did this, the rest of society understood that the man had this time period where he was not required to go to

war, or do any business, he was virtually free from all societal obligations for a full year! Awesome stuff.

This scenario made a lot of things possible. This verse indicates that the Jews understood that it was not a false economy** to encourage this situation, It was rather a wise investment!

What could or would a man do with his wife whom we presume he was genuinely physically and probably mentally attracted to and loved? How could a wife be 'cheered up' for a whole year? Mmmm.

God made men and women to need and desire a great deal of sex. There may be slightly different reasons for that, but the main one is unity and stability.
Both husband and wife benefit



enormously from having a great deal of intimate times; times talking, times getting to know the mind of the other and seeing their spirit and attitudes. All this takes a great deal of time to accomplish. Here God gave them opportunity to have a whole year of intimacy like this, because it would also

During this one year period, it



is very likely, given the original purpose of creation by God, and His plans for people, and their happiness, that 'the wife' would become pregnant! In those days like today, people knew a great deal about child bearing. Sure, they didn't have the technology, but they knew a great amount of things and even as far back as 5 to 6,000

years ago they had midwives.
Exodus 1:15-21

Women knew about these things and they passed on a huge amount of details and stories and information, some perhaps false, but a lot must have been very useful. Today we rely on the C SECTION or other technologies IF ALL GOES WRONG, BUT BACK IN antiquity, the knowledge of the ancients prevailed!

The man also had no distractions, no extra stress and worries and obligations which was supremely important, he had 'nothing better to do' than procreate with his wife, contemplate his plans for the future and that of his family and pray to God and counsel with elders and other respected elder family members. (These traditions are amazingly similar to China in its history, up until extremely recently).

This pregnancy was also a great impetus for the husband, as he then (duuh) realised that all of a sudden he was going to have a son or daughter. I am sure, in that positive and non-discriminatory environment he would be thrilled. This news would be a great help to him, as he knew he was part of the Great Plan of God.

Who paid the bills for this one year honeymoon? I don't know but today we have 'the bank of mum and dad', here in the West, and other relatives, and I presume at that time, in an even greater and much more powerful extended family structure, that this was well taken care of.

As the wife usually would become pregnant, this created an even greater blessing! The wife would be immensely happy. She was not a feminist remember. She only wanted to bear fruit and offer her children to God. She didn't want to dominate her husband, as is often the case today in 'modern'(think backward) countries. She knew her very important place in the great order of things which the Lord created, in fact, godly women rejoiced in this. Praise the Lord.

Well, what does this mean to us today, and why is this preparing for the future?

Some of you more astute readers may be thinking; 'wait a minute this edition is about preparing for the future. How is this going to do that? What to do if you are not married or not young? Some of you may not be married, you may not have a wife nor husband. I know some of the readers are widowers or widows or have broken marriages, and I know some have been divorced, while others of you are older and surely never had a One year honeymoon! Certainly here in the West, a week's honeymoon is considered the average. So some of you cannot turn the clock back and apply to God for the One Year Honeymoon. (OYH) Or can you?

The principle, I am sure, of the OYH was stability and building love and a spiritual and physical 'nest' for the future. It's my strong feeling as we face these end time storms that we must reach out to those of like-mind and try to work or be spiritually together with them. We can connect with them by phone/video, online (at the moment!) or in person and/or in our churches if we go to one.

This network may be the closest we can get, given our circumstances, to be in a

stable situation. I have found, that even if I am close in the Lord to just one person, I am fulfilling scriptures: 'Two are better than one for they have a good reward for their labour' and 'where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 Matthew 18:19-20

This is one way we can prepare



for the future, by building a team or friendships or brotherhood and sisterhood with those who also love Jesus and also love you and have your best godly interests at heart.

Another thing I would like to close with, and I hope I can do this myself at the start of the new month in a couple of days, is to have my own renewed Honeymoon with Jesus Christ.



Jesus is the Bridegroom and we are His Bride.
If you find yourself without the One Year Honeymoon,

then start this week and have a one year honeymoon with Him. He will be glad to be your Bridegroom, whether you are male or female.

Make some plans, determine how you would like to grow your life with Him during the next year and count this as your own OYH. I am sure the Lord will more than honour this as He has so many promises about being close to Him and seeking Him and Loving Him.

Let us see what happens as we do that. I am sure the Lord will draw nearer to us in amazing ways! Praise the Lord.

Until next week, God willing
Jerry for the WCF Team

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