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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Is he / she your blessing? (Pt. 1)

Genesis 2:21-25 NKJV – (21)And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. (22)Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. (23)And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called <u>Woman</u>, because she was taken out of <u>Man</u>." (24)Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (25)And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

It was God who put these two together. God knew exactly what Adam needed. God blessed Adam with someone who would help him. My single brothers and sisters, only God can bless us with that perfect mate. But, now, we live in sin and who else but the Almighty from Heaven above could bless us with one who is truly after His heart despite their sinful state? This would be known as the next best thing! Only God can do this. However, since the beginning of time, God's children have been known for making ungodly choices just as Adam and Eve did by eating the fruit that God prohibited (Genesis 3:6)! Adam attempts to hide from God because of his bad choice and goes as far as blaming God for blessing him with Eve (Genesis 3:12). Did God make a mistake or did Adam make a bad choice? My single brothers and sisters, are you dating someone that you are sure God has blessed you to be with forever? Are you dating or interviewing your mate (to interview means to cohabitate and/or fornicate to find out if this is the one I want to be with or not)? In other words, I want what I want only on my time table. Does the person you are dating help you to grow spiritually or is he or she a compromiser of His word? My brothers, is she emotionally stable? My sisters is he a responsible, committed man? Before you evaluate your mate, have you evaluated yourself? Or after saying I do, do you blame your wrong choices on God just as Adam did in Genesis 3:12? Don't say I didn't know he or she was like that; God sends His children warning flags and signs! Unfortunately, we ignore them because we want to make that choice instead of trusting God for what we need. My brothers, are you dating her to buy time because she is well figured and you just want everyone to know she is yours, yet her heart is not right and obviously yours isn't as well? Sisters are you claiming him because he has a good job and makes you happy with the attention he gives you, but the true happiness needed from Christ you truly don't have, so you find yourself dependant on him? Is God her priority? Sisters, I would ask the same question. Sisters will he submit to God fully and will you submit to your significant other or will your mate submit to Christ at all? The answer should never be sometimes! So many questions can be asked and addressed, but the question of all questions my brothers and sisters is this, "Is he/she your blessing?"

Remember these words, "For better and for worse." "Till death do us part" and "What God has joined together, let no man take apart."

For the next two to three weeks, we shall look at the blessings of a mate that only God will bless you with and many of the wrong choices Christians have made putting together relationships outside the parameters of God's teachings. I challenge you to meditate on the words written in this meditation this morning and then ask yourself (only if it applies), "Is he/she my blessing?"

SCRIPTURE READING MICAH 7:7

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK With Christ in our hearts we are never alone.