

## **Marriage What God Had In Mind**

Customs that deviated from the core intent of the message of marriage: In understanding the original we see the proper perspective and Gods expression.

### **Brides Maids**

Purpose was to confuse evil spirits on who was the bride.

### **Bridal Shower**

The Father was to pay a dowry as gift from his arranged marriage. A poor Dutchman was unable so friends got together and put gifts in an umbrella or carousal and when she opened it gifts fell out.

### **Veil**

The brides face was not only hid during the marriage but in many cases due to arranged marriages (Rebecca) you didn't see her face till the day of the marriage ever. Pop had made the deal and had to ensure the groom this was the one.

### **Bouquet**

Strong herbs , garlic and ect to ward away evil spirits. Caring The Bride over the Threshold came from a time when grooms would steal brides from other tribes and she would be kicking and screaming all the way home. He couldn't put her down till she got inside.

### **Garter**

14th century women would often be accosted by drunken men during this portion of the ceremony. Garter throwing replaced hitting the Bride or the Bridegroom in the head with their stockings. This was achieved by following the bride and groom to their place of confirmation and stealing the stocking when they discarded them and then try to hit them in the head.

### **Money dance**

When after the consummation Of the marriage the groom then would receive the dowry and begin to dance.

### **Ring Finger**

Prior to the 5th century the index finger was the ring finger till physicians believed the current ring finger had a vein that went directly to the heart.

### **The Tossing of Rice**

Originally it was grain and nuts till there was a time of famine and then it changed to rice.

### **Tying the Knot**

Came from the Bride wearing a girdle that was tied in knots. Only the groom could untie just before consummation.

### **The Wedding Cake**

Originally of Barley and wheat and it was broken over the head of the Bride by the groom as a symbol of her fertility. Guest would scramble for a piece and take home for good luck.

### **The Wedding Toast**

The bride and The groom would drink out of oblong glasses with a piece of toast at the bottom of the glass. The first to get to the toast and eat it would rule.

1) CONTRACT 2) CONSUMATION 3) CELEBRATION

All three are present today. There was no officiator and exchange of vows - you know the deal.

### **The Ketubbah**

The father signs a legal contract with the groom. COMMITMENT! consummation and celebration can never be on the intended level of fulfillment without contract.

Genesis 24:58 (daughter doesn't sign- she can refuse: Rebecca)  
"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son" Mathew 22 - you ought to shout  
Once signed your married legally. Groom goes away for one year to seven years till he has the agreed price. (remember Jacob had to work seven years - max sentenced). During this period that Joseph had tried to put Mary away - can you imagine? It was common for children to be contracted for marriage

### **The Chuppah**

The consummation by sexual relations.

After the groom gets the money he notifies the Father, and they set a date! ( Jesus of Glory) The Father then gives the son permission to come for his bride.

The Bride waits with her maidens. (5 wise 5 foolish)

The groom comes with his companions (Mark 13:27 KJV), *and then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.*)

The couple enters the Chuppah Room while the companions wait outside or in the next room. The groom hands the "proof of her virginity" to the witnesses chosen by the Brides parents who then give to the Bride for safe keeping.

The blood of Christ is now your proof- Stoned the next morning - raptured into heavenly places. Its the blood that justifies the Bride!

### **Celebration**

The wedding feast: Mathew 22

After the consummation the entire wedding party walks to the house of the groom in procession for a feast. The groom provided garments for everyone (either you refused it or you weren't invited) How is it you don't have one on?

Once there the door was shut and no one was allowed to enter in ( Mathew 25:12).

When the feast is over the marriage ritual is done.

There was no biblical instruction for these things yet God ordained it so that they would speak to us of our relationship with him now and future.