

ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).” (John 5:39)

January 8 - Preparation

DEAR WOMAN OF ONE:

Today is the first day of a new week. We have begun our 365 days of pursuing a more intimate relationship with Christ and are preparing to embark on the second week of our journey through the pages of God’s most wonderful word. In the days to follow we will read of the “*mother of all nations*” (Genesis 17:16), the destruction of a worldly mother, the beautiful marriage of the one to be the mother of two nations, and of two other marriages that will be the beginning of the nation of Israel. We are in for a woman’s delight as we think of weddings and what they represent: love, unity, new life, bright future, and so much more. But far too often what begins so beautiful, pure and holy ends in quite the opposite and oh what a grief this is to our Lord Jesus Christ! Marriages are pictures of Christ’s relationship with His church as we will see later in our pursuit, but for now let’s prepare ourselves for this new week.

The best start to the week is to be in your local church. This is where you can learn more of God and His desire for you through the preaching of His word, Link groups, or fellowship with other believers. It is a great privilege to worship Him in the sanctuary of His house as we sing songs unto Him from our heart. Worship of God continues as His word is opened and the man of God expounds on the Holy Scripture. Let’s be encouraged to truly apply our self as we go, seeking the face of God and desiring to hear from Him in the services today. When it is over, think about what was read; read the passage(s) again at home and meditate on God’s message to you from His holy Word so that your mind is renewed in Christ and your heart is refreshed in the Spirit by God’s great love for you. Let’s be encouraged to set aside this day to worship the Lord in preparation for another week of pursuing Him who pursued us.