

THE MANTLE OF THE GROOM

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He:

- **FINDS**
 - “He who finds a wife, finds a good thing.” – Proverbs 18:22
 - “Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.” – Proverbs 31:10
- **DELIGHTS IN/REJOICES OVER**
 - “And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.” – Isaiah 61:5b
 - “May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.” – Proverbs 5:18
- **CLEAVES**
 - “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” – Genesis 2:24 KJV
 - “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” – Ephesians 5:31
- **TAKES**
 - And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.” – Genesis 24:67
- **LOVES**
 - “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her...” – Ephesians 5:25
 - “So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.” – Ephesians 5:28
 - “Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.” – Ephesians 5:33
 - “Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.” – Colossians 3:19
- **WASHES/PURIFIES/SANCTIFIES**
 - “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might ^[g]sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish” – Ephesians 5:25-27
- **LEADS**
 - “Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.” – 1 Timothy 3:12

- **PROTECTS**
 - “The man who hates and divorces his wife,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “does violence to the one he should **protect**,” says the LORD Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful. – Malachi 2:16
- **PROVIDES**
 - “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” – 1 Timothy 5:8
- **PRAISES / AFFIRMS**
 - “Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:” – Proverbs 31-28

He is:

- **THE HEAD**
 - “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.” – Ephesians 5:23
 - “Your desire *shall be* for your **husband**, And he shall rule over you.” – Genesis 3:16
- **RIGHTEOUS**
 - “I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;” – Hosea 2:19
- **FAITHFUL**
 - “I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the LORD.” – Hosea 2:20
 - “I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman.” – Job 31:1
 - “But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” – Matthew 5:28
- **ADORNED**
 - “As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments...” – Isaiah 60:10a
- **SATISFIED**
 - “As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be ^[a]enraptured with her love.” – Proverbs 5:19
- **RESPECTED**
 - “Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.” – Proverbs 31:23

He does not:

- **HARM HER**
 - “Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.” – Colossians 3:19
 - “Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.” – Malachi 2:15b
- **TREAT HER WITH DISRESPECT**
 - “Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.” – 1 Peter 3:7