

The Wife of Yahweh: Thematic Ignition of Spiritual Passion

Too many of us, for too long, have viewed the Bible as a manual for effective living, a source for theological reflection, or a supplement for spiritual health. In this session, we will engage with God's greatest illustration throughout the Bible and consider how feeling God's story from His perspective can stir heartfelt application, worship-stirring theological reflection, and overflowing spiritual health.

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- I. Is there something more than instruction for living in the Bible?
 - A. If we are struggling to live the Christian life, then this will be the fruit of a more foundational issue – how we view God, and how we view God's people
 - B. Slaves, soldiers, subjects, etc.
 - C. What about the big illustration?

- II. What is the Big Idea of the Bible? (Lev.26:11-12)
 - A. Notice the elements
 1. Dwelling
 2. Not abhor
 3. Yours
 4. Mine

 - B. God's presence
 1. Garden
 2. Encounter / Angel
 3. Pillar

Suggested Readings:

Jeremiah Burroughs, *An Exposition of the Prophecy of Hosea* (RHB, 2006)

Peter Mead, *Lost in Wonder: A Biblical Introduction to God's Great Marriage* (CFP, 2016)

Ray Ortlund, *God's Unfaithful Wife* (IVP, 2003)

Michael Reeves, *Christ Our Life* (Paternoster, 2014)

Rankin Wilbourne, *Union with Christ* (David C Cook, 2016)