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“Return, faithless people,” declares the Lord, “for I am your husband. I will choose you—one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion. Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. **—Jeremiah 3:14-15**

God intimately understands the human heart, which He formed. He knows perfectly how to motivate His people toward holiness. This very revelation is the highest and most effective motivator for calling people to abandon all else for Him. Great desire for human beings is the secret weapon in God’s arsenal. The power of this revelation when we grab on to it is simply unmatched by any other revelation in the universe. It is not built on shame or fear but on strong desire. He says in essence, “Turn to Me because I am married to you and because I desire you.” He is not negating all of the other types of biblical motivation, but He is making it clear what the superior motivation is. This will become the single most important impulse toward holiness in the final hour of natural history as the Lord raises up a bride with a heart after God’s.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Lord, You are my Bridegroom, my husband, my eternal Lord and master. Let Your holiness flood over my soul so that I am prepared to be a holy, consecrated bride to You forever.

**The highest and best way of motivating the human
heart to righteousness is through fascination
and exhilaration in love.**