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Through a promise of a place

Through a promise of preparation

Through a promise to take us to the Father's house

- *Question: In your own words, how do react to Jesus' promise of an eternal loving relationship.*

Wedding Imagery in the New Testament

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Through causing us to trust

Through allowing us to know our future

Through motivation us to live in purity

- *Question: How can you keep the expectation of the "Father's House" alive and fresh in your daily life?*

The Ancient Jewish Wedding

The father chose a bride for his son.

The bride's consent.

The price negotiated for the bride.

The marriage contract.

A glass of wine to seal the contract.

The betrothal.

Presents for the bride.

An immersing cleansing bath.

Preparation of the wedding chamber.

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