**Wedding and Thanksgiving Gift for Aaron and Alicia Tan**

**On the Occasion of their Marriage**

**On 31st July, 2019**

Dearly Beloved Father, and **C**reator God of Heaven and Earth (Gen. 1:1),

Thou, Who first **C**reated Man (Adam) out of the dust from the ground of the earth (Gen. 2:7)

To Rule over and maintain Thy whole **C**reation and living **C**reatures (Gen. 2:15)

Yet found **A**dam not **C**omplete, being **A**ll **A**lone (Gen. 2:18)

Was Ever so **L**oving and gracious

To **C**reate a **L**ife-**L**ong **C**omplement **C**ompanion for him (Gen. 2:18)

From out of his own personal **C**onstitution – his own rib **C**losest to his heart (Gen. 2:21, 22)

*And the LORD God* ***C****aused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept;*

*and He took one of his ribs, and* ***C****losed up the flesh in its place.*

*Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman*

And to bring her **P**ersonally to **P**resent her to him

*and He brought her to the man*

Oh, what Love! Oh, What **C**ompassion! Oh what **C**ondescension!

And Oh, what a beautiful Picture of the **C**oming of Thine **C**hrist

In His **I**nfinite and **I**ncomparable Love for His Church (Eph. 5:25-31)

Thus, Lord we **C**ommit Aaron who vows before Thee this day and before all others to be Alicia’s **C**ompanion and to **C**are for and **C**herish her for life into your loving hands

that he may fulfill his role as a loving husband to his wife, Alicia, this day as…

*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church,*

*and gave Himself for it;*

*That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

*That He might present it to Himself a glorious church,*

*not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;*

*but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

*So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.*

*He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*

*For no man ever yet hated his own flesh;*

*but nourisheth and cherisheth it,*

*even as the Lord the church:*

For which he now may have to leave his loving parents who have lovingly **C**ared for him all his growing years, thus,

*…For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother,*

*and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*

Lord, we also **C**ommit Alicia to Thee who also has promised in loving reciprocity and in response to her husband’s avowed love for her before Thee, and before all witnesses present as a loving Wife to obey Thee as her Lord, and hence to submit to her husband as in Thine injunction (Eph. 5:22-24 **) –**

*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church:*

*and He is the saviour of the body.
Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ,*

*so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

It is therefore our sincere prayer that from this day forth, that Thou, O God,

Whose Name is Love (I Jn. 4:8) will bless Aaron and Alicia, as man and wife (Gen. 2:23-24)

even as Aaron takes Alicia to be one with his own flesh as Adam did eons ago:

*And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh:*

*she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother,*

*and shall* ***C****leave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

Therefore Sovereign God and Creator, Loving Lord and Master

Bless this loving Couple and even as they come together in one **F**lesh,

they may be **F**ruitful in the days that lie ahead in all their undertakings.

That they, **A**aron and **A**licia, may **A**lways **A**bide in Christ to be **F**ruitful,

and bear Fruit, Much Fruit and More Fruit

in the days that the Lord leads them on from day to day.

**(Jn. 15:2, 4, 5)**

*Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it,*

*that it may* ***bring forth******more fruit****.*

***Abide in Me, and I in you****.*

*As the branch cannot* ***bear fruit*** *of itself, except it abide in the vine;*

*no more can ye, except ye* ***abide in Me.*** *I am the Vine, ye are the branches:*

*He that* ***abideth in Me,******and I in him,***

 *the same bringeth forth* ***much fruit****:*

*for without Me ye can do nothing.*

And now, Our Loving Prayer Gift to you, Aaron and Alicia is:

**Numbers 6:24-26**

*The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:*

*The LORD make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:*

*The LORD lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

Yours Lovingly,

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