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The Bridegroom and the Sun

Psalm 19

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In the heavens God has placed a tent for the sun,
which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber.

Psalm 19:4b-5a

Abraham's son, Isaac, entered his mother's tent to consummate his marriage with Rebekah.
(Genesis 24:67)

Just like the sun rising on the earth, Isaac emerged bold, strong and accomplished - lighting up the world. He arose from his first act of great courage – taking faithful ownership and responsibility for the life of his precious female counterpart.

The initiation and sealing of his commitment to her brought him to the pinnacle of strength – to love, honor and nourish her for the rest of his life. His glory would be strengthened by her love and contribution! His rising and subsequent journey across the sky would bring light to the world!

Our Bridegroom, Yeshua haMashiach, initiated His commitment to us, His bride, when He came to earth to woo us to Himself. He sealed His commitment to us with His own blood, shed for the remission of our sin, presenting us as a pure bride. He has promised to love, protect and nourish us forever. He delights in our love and contribution. He is the Risen Lord and the Light of the World! And we will sit at His marriage supper, the marriage supper of the Lamb! (Revelation 19:7-9)

O Lord, how perfect is Your Word! It is perfect, restoring the soul; sure, making us wise; right, bringing joy; pure, enlightening our eyes; clean, everlasting and true!

