



*“Come Away with Me, My Beloved . . . ”*

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*Song of Solomon 2:10 KJV “My beloved spoke, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.”*

This is what I believe God is saying to the church right now. This is what the Lord Jesus has been saying to me personally. Many times before things happen corporately, they happen personally. For example, before David ever killed Goliath publicly, he killed a lion and a bear privately while he was tending his Father's sheep. David was faithful when no one was watching. Therefore he could be faithful when people were watching. After David came home from war, Israel sang “Saul has killed his thousands, and David has killed his ten thousands.” Before the people ever publically sang David a song, David privately sang God his song. Jesus said, *“What is done in secret will be rewarded openly.”* Jesus said it and I believe it. The Father desires that we spend time with him. Jesus understood this better than anyone. Jesus said, *“the Father seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”* The Father sees what others cannot see.

The Father sees past the outward actions, he sees the inward ambitions and rewards us accordingly. For us who desire the secrets and mysteries of the Kingdom, we must spend time in the secret place with the Father or we will live bankrupt of what we truly desire. Living without the plans God has for us will lead us into a place of great disappointment. Disappointment leads to frustration, which leads to the condition King Solomon called “hope deferred.” This causes the heart to grow cold and sick. We must guard ourselves from this. We must guard our heart

above all things, for out of it flow the issues of life. Here's my New Jersey translation, "if we have issues in our life, they came from our heart." The antidote for having a cold heart is standing as a friend of the bridegroom and hearing his Word. If we hear his Word our hearts will surely burn. Jesus was walking with his disciples after his resurrection in Luke 24, they didn't know it was Jesus until after he broke bread and gave it to them, then their eyes were opened and he disappeared. Here is what they mention about their experience, "*did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*" Bridal love is a burning heart. The Father desires that our hearts burn for his Son alone. Our affections must be set on him if we are going to be without spot or wrinkle at his appearing. When the scriptures are open, the revelation of Christ Jesus comes forth. All of the problems in my life and in yours and in our churches are because we don't fully know Jesus. As we come to know him, we become like him. If we don't spend time with him personally, we will not get to know him as he desires.

That is why in the Song of Solomon it's the Bridegroom King who is initiating intimacy. He's the one who says, "*Come away with me.*" We love him because he first loved us; we must respond to him in this season. We must hear his voice in this wilderness of time. If we don't hear his voice we cannot follow him. If we don't follow him then we are lost. Many Christians are just as lost as Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden hiding from God. Instead of hiding in the trees, we hide in the pews. In this hour God is saying to us "*Come away with me, my beloved.*" Our intimate times with God are his preparations for us for the perilous times to come. I do believe in the Greater Glory of the Latter house, but I also believe they will

happen in the midst of the most perilous times this planet has ever seen. The best and the worst are still yet to come. I can tell you it's time to respond to God. It's not time to play games. It's time to stand and hear the voice of the Bridegroom so that our hearts burn for Jesus alone.

As we return to the scripture we started with there is a timeless lesson to be learned. *Song of Solomon 2:10 KJV* "My beloved spoke, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." The verse starts with the Bride recognizing her beloved's voice. Our journey begins when we hear his voice. We can't go anywhere if we don't first hear Jesus. What's interesting is Jesus doesn't initially tell us where we are going, he just affirms us by calling us his. The truth of us being his should deeply awaken love in us, and cause us to follow him no matter where he's leading. Jesus doesn't have to tell you where you are going; you should not have to understand to obey. Those who have to understand to obey really are fearful or insecure in God's voice and that could be one of the causes for us to want to have to understand everything before we obey God.

If you continue to read Song of Solomon, the King speaks of a time of natural fruitfulness in the earth then he repeats himself to the one his heart loves. *Song of Solomon 2:13 b* "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." He repeats himself because of his desire to be with the one he loves. He goes on to tell his bride who she is to him and he affirms her beauty. The bridegroom shares with her his desire to hear her voice. This is similar to the Lord telling us "the prayer of the upright is his delight." He is expressing to her who she is and what his desires are for her. He then

warns her of something that has the potential to harm something they have worked together for.

*Song of Solomon 2:15-16 KJV "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes. My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies."* The bridegroom has a deep affection for the bride, and so he warns her of something that could hurt what they have co-labored for. A little leaven leavens the whole lump, the same way it's the little foxes that spoil the vines. The bridegroom in his kindness invites her to come anyway with him, so he can lavish her with love, show her who she is, speak his desires to her and warn her about potential threats to what their relationship and work together has produced. It's God's kindness or goodness that leads us to repentance. In her intimate time with the one her heart loves she can think deeply about these foxes that are coming to plunder their tender grapes.

Jesus searches us out to love on us and warn us from anything that has the potential to harm us, or the work we labored for with him. When he mentioned that the vines and the grapes were hers also, she then had a revelation that "he is hers" also. She said this "My beloved is mine, and I am his." This is the first time in the Song of Solomon that the Bride specifically realize that he is hers and she is his. When he warned her of the potential harm, maturity came upon her, and her revelation of him increased. When God is truly speaking to us, our revelation of him must increase. God initiates this in the secret place. Not only does he warn her and mature her, he sustains her in the secret place. She said this "*he feedeth me among lilies*". The word "feedeth" is a second tense of the word, it means a continual

feeding. Jesus sustains us in the secret place. His word is the sustenance of the secret place. This encounter with Jesus began by her recognizing his voice. Jesus calls the bride to himself, so she stops living for self. As he speaks to her she realizes who she is. She begins to understand the desires of his heart. She cannot live for God and not know the desires of his heart. Here the King shares his heart and his view of her and his desire for her to communicate with her. If she had not heard him in the first place, she never would have learned his desire for her to speak to him. He would not have been able to warn her, and she would not have had the experience of his Word protecting, defining and sustaining her.

Jesus personally desires to sustain us, but if we don't come away with him we will never know that experientially. The bride may not have known that the vines and the grapes were hers if she didn't obey him and come away to the secret place. If the secret place isn't our first priority, everything in our life will be out of whack. Our life will then be like a train headed to tracks that are broken and we will surely wind up going off course and hurting a lot of innocent people along the way. If we don't keep the first commandment, we certainly won't keep the second commandment. Remember Jesus desires to spend time with us; the question is do we have time for him?

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