

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Season 2 Part 15 Song of Songs 4: 15-16



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 4:15-16:**
15 “*You are a garden spring,
A well of fresh water,
And streams flowing from Lebanon.*”

16 “*Awake, O north wind,
And come, wind of the south;
Make my garden breathe out fragrance,
Let its spices be wafted abroad.
May my beloved come into his garden
And eat its choice fruits!*”
- **Ephesians 5:25-31:** *The mystery of Jesus’ relationship to the church being a marital one.*
- **Revelation 21:9:** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”
- **Isaiah 62:5:**
For *as* a young man marries a virgin,
So your sons will marry you;
And *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
So your God will rejoice over you.
- **Revelation 4 and Isaiah 6:** *The angels singing/saying “Holy, Holy, Holy!”*
- **2 Timothy 4:3:** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires
- **Job 42:5:**
“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear;
But now my eye sees You;
- **James 1:2-3:** “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance”.
- **2 Corinthians 12:7-9:** Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me--to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
- **John 14:21, 23:**
He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”
Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

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Main Points

- The sound of God's voice is rich, full, and abundant.
- God is a God of increase! One characteristic of abundant life is that it is always growing. It is for this reason that our love will grow, mature, and deepen over time as we experience Jesus and His life!
- The Bride, in verse 16, cries out with a “whatever-it-takes” heart for the King to do everything necessary for Him to receive glory and pleasure from her life.
 - North winds are winds of adversity. They are cold and do not feel good to the flesh. The Bride is not inviting the devil to attack or wishing hard times on herself, but she is ready to go through whatever is necessary for her full purpose to be realized.
 - Some things in life can only be gained by going through hard times.
 - Paul had the north wind blow on his life in the form of a “messenger of Satan,” so that he would not exalt himself as a result of the great revelation he received, and ultimately fulfill his life's purpose.
 - South winds are refreshing times in life. They feel good. The Lord also causes our heart to open to Him through these times as well.
- Hard times often help God protect HIS strength in us, because we can no longer depend on ourselves.
- The Bride asked that her life would touch those around her. We, in the same way, want Jesus' fragrance and presence to touch the lives of those around us.
- As we mature in Jesus, we come to understand that He does not exist to give us what we want, but we exist to give Him what He wants! We need the revelation that we do not belong to ourselves, but to Jesus. We are His garden!

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Discussion Questions

1. One aspect of God's nature is that of abundance and increase. What does this mean for you? How does this truth impact on your relationship with Him over time?
2. Discuss your experience with Jesus during the time you have known Him in light of the first question.
3. Now discuss what you can expect in the future in light of question number one.
4. What do the north and south wind speak of, respectively?
5. Given the nature of the north wind, what does the Bride's statement in the opening line of verse 16 reveal about her heart? Why was she speaking this way?
6. What do we learn is a sign of Christian maturity (i.e., maturity in relationship with Jesus) from verse 16?