

A Baptism of Love: Out of the Wilderness



Scripture

- **Song of Songs 3:6**

What is this coming up from the wilderness like columns of smoke? Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all scented powders of the merchant? Behold, it is the traveling couch of Solomon.

- **Song of Songs 4:1-5, 7-8-10**

How beautiful you are, my darling, how beautiful you are!” “Your hair is like a flock of goats that have descended from Mount Gilead. Your teeth are like a flock of newly shorn ewes. Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely. Your neck is like a tower of David, built with rows of stones. Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle...

⁷You are altogether beautiful, my darling, and there is no blemish in you. Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, may you come with me from Lebanon. “You have made my heart beat faster, my sister, my bride; You have made my heart beat faster with a single glance of your eyes”

¹⁰”How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride!”

- **Song of Songs 5:6**

Turn your eyes away from me, for your love has overwhelmed me

- **Song of Songs 4:12**

“A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a rock garden locked, a spring sealed up.”

- **Song of Songs 4:16**

“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!”

Other Scriptures

- Revelation 19:7-9
- John 14:21-23

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Main Points

- We must completely say yes to Jesus.
- When you give your hearts to Jesus with no reservation something supernatural happens.
- When we say yes to Jesus we experience His love.
- Opening your heart in obedient vulnerability to God's love, He will progressively release His love in your life a way you have never experienced.
- When we respond to God, God does something more. When you respond to God, God responds to you. It is a marriage relationship.
- We have the ability to move the heart of God.
- God looks at us as someone who can give Him enjoyment.
- You can move the heart of God.
- God is looking for a marriage partner that will love Him back.
- Will you be a locked garden? God wants us to cut off the entrance of sin.

Discussion Questions

1. Consider the point Rabbi made about giving your heart with no reservations to King Jesus. If you do something supernatural happens as He begins to show you His love. If you have been deeply hurt or damaged in life, this might be a very challenging thing to do: to open yourself up to Him. You may not even totally understand how you resist His love—a depth that you are not accustomed too. Start with surrender—open up your emotions, your pain, and your heart. Begin to keep account of the kisses that come to you from God the Father.
2. Imagine Jesus Himself coming to put you on His traveling couch and taking you to His chamber. Describe what this might look like, and the emotions you might feel. Is it difficult to accept—write down everything God brings to your mind.
3. As you respond to this love and begin to sense His love for you, and His desire for you as a marriage partner, does it seem natural to lock yourself to all other things that would attempt to take His place in the garden of your life? Write to Him now, expressing this to Him.