

A Baptism of Love: The Fragrance of Love



Scriptures

Song of Songs 1:4

“...The King has brought me into his chambers.”

Song of Songs 1:7-10,12

“Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, Where do you pasture your flock,
Where do you make it lie down at noon? For why should I be like one who veils herself
beside the flocks of your companions?”

“If you yourself do not know, most beautiful among women...”

“Go forth on the trail of the flock and pasture your young goats by the tents of the
shepherds. Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your neck with strings of beads.”

“While the king was at his table, my perfume gave forth its fragrance.”

Other Scriptures

- Hebrews 11:6
- John 20:29
- Mark 10:25

Main Points

- She had a chamber experience.
- Unless we believe that God is, we will have no motivation to seek Him.
- True disciples of Jesus have been marked.
- Emotional experience begins to lose its freshness over time.
- God wants you to be moved emotionally by His Spirit.
- God created us to experience Him, and part of this experience is emotional
- God wants us to always pursue Him
- Faith is a raw confidence in the Word of God.
- He tells her to do three things
 - Fellowship with His people
 - Serve
 - Do it under church government
- God doesn't call us only as individuals; He calls us as a people.
- God loves us even through our imperfections.

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- The fear of God will take you so far, but love will bring you all the way in.

Discussion Questions

1. As you listened to the Rabbi today, did you sense permission to experience emotion with God? What is the problem with emotional experience? (See bullet point 4)

2. What is the answer to this problem? What does it mean to pursue God?

3. As the New Year begins what plan of action will you take to make Him the object of your pursuit? Do you have the courage to stay His Word, fellowship with his flock and serve in a local church? If you have limitations that prohibit you from going out to a local assembly, how can you make up for this? Write down your plan for the coming months here.