

A Baptism of Love: Mountain of Spices



Scriptures

- **Songs of Songs 6:5, 9-12**

⁵“Turn your eyes away from me, for they have confused me.

⁹”But my dove, my perfect one, is unique: She is her mother’s only daughter.”

“Who is this that grows like the dawn, as beautiful as the full moon, as pure as the sun? I went down to the orchard of nut trees to see the blossoms of the valley, to see whether the vine had budded or the pomegranates had bloomed.” Before I was aware, my soul set me over the chariots of my noble people.”

- **Song of Songs 7:9-10**

And your mouth, like the best wine! It goes down smoothly for my beloved. I am my beloveds, and his desire is for me.”

- **Song of Songs 8:5-6, 11-12. 14**

Beneath the apple tree I awakened you; there your mother was in labor with you. There she was in labor and gave you birth. Put me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death. Jealousy is as severe as Sheol; its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord.

¹¹”Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; He entrusted the vineyard to caretakers. Each one was to bring a thousand shekels of silver for its fruit.”

“My very own vineyard is at my disposal; the thousand shekels are for you, Solomon, and two hundred are for those who take care of its fruit.”

¹⁴” Hurry, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of spices.”

- **John 3:27-29**

John answered, I am not the Christ, but, I have been sent ahead of Him.” He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice.”

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Other Scriptures

- **Revelation 19:7-9**
- **II Cor. 3:18**
- **Gen. 5:24**
- **John 21:15**

Main Points

- Your love can deeply move Him even as our heart can grieve Him.
- You have the ability to move God!
- You are the bride of Christ.
- Each one of us is unique in God's favor.
- Jesus desires you!
- God has been with you your whole life.
- Will you receive a baptism of love?
- Jesus is coming back for me.

Discussion Questions

1. How does the idea that God has voluntarily made Himself vulnerable to our wounding and blessing strike your heart? Evaluate some of thoughts and behaviors in light of this and write about it. Are there thoughts, actions and reactions that wound God? Are there thoughts, actions, and reactions that bless God? Don't rely on your thoughts only—consider things you know from God Himself through His Word. Pair your thoughts with God's.
2. How are we transformed to Christ's likeness? Someone once said that what we continually concentrate on is what we will eventually become like. Jesus is the Word—may your eyes gaze upon Him and your love for Him seek to emulate Him. From the Rabbi: Your will, word, and wine go down smoothly!
3. Jesus desires you! Think long on this. Write a response of the love that is sealed in your heart by our Bridegroom. Let your love letter be the start of an even deeper relationship with Him that will find its fulfillment at the Marriage Feast.

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