

A Baptism of Love: Up the Mountain



Scripture

- Song of Songs 2:1,3,8,10-13, 17

“I am the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valleys.” “...In his shade I took great delight and sat down, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.”

“Listen! My beloved! Behold, he is coming, climbing on the mountains, leaping on the hills!”

“For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.” “The flowers have already appeared in the land; the time has arrived for pruning the vines.” My beloved responded and said to me, ‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, and come along.’”

¹⁷“Until the cool of the day when the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of Bether.”

- Song of Songs 3:1-2, 4

“On my bed night after night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him but did not find him.” “I must arise...”

“Scarcely had I left them when I found him whom my soul loves I held on to him and would not let him go until I had brought him to my mother’s house until I had brought him to my mother’s house, and into the room of her who had conceived me.”

Other Scriptures

- Ephesians 1:4
- Song of Songs 2:4

Main Points

- You are holy and blameless before God.
- You are beautiful.
 - God is beautiful. He sees you as beautiful;
 - God’s beauty is in you.
 - Jesus removed your sin.
 - The presence of God is on and in your life.
- Will you break shame off your life?
- When God puts His finger on something and we do not respond, fellowship is broken.
- Is God calling you to respond to something He has put His finger on in your life?

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Discussion Questions

1. Take a moment to evaluate the deepest places of your thinking about yourself before God. Is shame a stronghold the enemy literally has you tied up and captive? The feelings you have about yourself are often projected into others and how you feel they feel about you, including God Himself. He is gently but firmly **today** breaking this from your life. He wants you to agree with Him in this area so that you can experience His love in a deeper and greater way. Take a minute to pray and write about this deeply personal God who desires you today.
2. How does ignoring what the Spirit is saying to you going to affect your relationship with Him? Are you willing to then live without His intimacy in your life? Evaluate what this means in your life.
3. When you are ready to respond to His leading to conquer areas on which He is putting His finger in your life, He will be there to re-present Himself to you by His grace; baptized and coming forth in the experience of relationship with God. Spend some time in real conversation with Him on this subject.