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Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

Song of Solomon 1:4

Introduction

The Song of Solomon is not just metaphor and poetry, but it is divine truth. It is a divine revelation from the heart of God to those that love Him. It is not to the "run of the mill," but it's to those that love Him.

I. The Bride's Request and Promise

The Bride's cry is "Draw me, we will run after thee." This is something that the Bridegroom is going to do. The Bride recognizes **her** inability to run after Him unless He draws her.

None of us would be here tonight if He hadn't have drawn you.

The drawing has to come before the running.

A. It Reveals a Deep Hunger

The Bride wants to run because she is dissatisfied with the way things are. We are satisfied with Jesus and what he has done for us, yet there is something inside that is crying out for more.

Psalm 42:2

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

When does God answer your prayer? When you get real serious about it.

"...we will run after thee."

We need to be running in these days. It's going to take a quick work. There's a long ways to go.

B. It Reveals Divine Truth

He is going to have to draw us if we're going to run.

John 6:44

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

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You won't come unless He draws you, but you also won't come unless you yield. He will never force you. You have to be willing, and it's going to take more than willingness. God has to draw you.

Job 41:1

Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

He'll never force you to be something that you don't want to be, but if there is a deep cry in your heart tonight for Him to draw you, He'll aid you.

When you come to end of your strength, God can still help you to go on.

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

I Kings 18:41-46 (verse 46)

And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

If God can help a man to run in the natural, He sure can help him run in the spiritual.

C. It Reveals a Healthy Experience

There's something wrong with a man that doesn't want to eat. It's a good thing to be hungry.

The Word of God is where the meat is.

Psalm 138:2

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

If you get something going apart from the Word, you got it going, God never did.

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they **shall be filled**.

The hunger comes from the Spirit. It's not something you work up or work down.

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D. It Reveals a Determined Mind

It's going to be a settled thing. You have to determine in your mind by the Grace of God, "come hell or high water, I'm going to go on for God. No matter who opposes or who stands against me, I'm going to run for God."

It makes no difference what things, or events, or happenings, or circumstances, or how you feel, or how you don't feel, it depends only on what God has said in His Word.

Hebrews 12:11

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

II. The King's Chambers

"...the king hath brought me into his chambers..."

A. The Chamber of Salvation

We didn't save ourselves. Jesus saved us. The King brought me into the chamber.

B. The Chamber of the Baptism

As we cry "draw me, and we will run," He will draw us, and bring us into another experience.

C. The Chamber of Sanctification

When He takes us into Salvation, He means for us to go on, and He takes us into the Baptism because He means for us to go on. The basic fundamental purpose of receiving the Baptism is to take us on into the other chambers.

Holiness is that which is in the Bible.

Sanctification- separated from, dedicated to; taking the old nature to the cross, so the new nature can be dedicated to God.

Matthew 7:14

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

John 3:30

He must increase, but I must decrease.

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Numbers 32:11-13

Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:

Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.

And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

There is going to be a spirit of humility with strength. A spirit that looks at self as nothing, and looks at Christ as everything.

I Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Romans 8:29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

II Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from **glory to glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord

The Lord wants to get rid of the flesh, and let the spiritual man grow.

Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

D. The Chamber of Perfection

There is a place in the Spirit that the King is going to take a people that are willing and that are wanting to go into-- a place in the Spirit, not beyond this world, but in this world.

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Hebrews 6:1

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto **perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Matthew 5:48

Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Jude 1:23

And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

He offered to a people a position of authority and rule with Himself, and He offered that to a last day church.

Laodecian- Lukewarm; a government by the people

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:21

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Righteousness- to act, to think, to be like God

It is going to take all that you got, and all that God can give you to get you to the throne. It is going to take the determination on your part and the grace of God on His.

III. The Bride's Delight

"...we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee."

A. The Person of the Bridegroom

She is not rejoicing in what He is doing, but she is rejoicing in what He is.

We need a new appreciation for Him.

We should realize and appreciate His presence and His person.

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He is after us, and we should be after Him.

I Samuel 22:36

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Psalm 18:35

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and **thy gentleness hath made me great**.

We need to appreciate the Giver more than the gift.

Psalm 68:19

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

Appreciate the benefit, but rejoice in Him.

B. The Love of the Bridegroom

It is not all His benefits, but Him and His love that delights the Bride.

"...we will remember thy love more than wine:..."

Wine here speaks of all pleasant things here in the natural. These natural pleasant things will leave you empty.

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Nothing should stand between you and Him.

We need to remember His love.

We need to talk about Him, and His great love.

1John 4:19

We love him, because he first loved us.

He loved us while we were yet sinners

Romans 5:8

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But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us.

He loved us while we were in the world and lingering.

Ephesians 2:2-4

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.

Ephesians 2:12,13

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

He loved us while we were unbelieving and disobedient.

Titus 1:15,16

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Titus 3:3-8

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. It is not her love for Him, but His love for her that is better than any earthly good or pleasure.

"...the upright love thee."

Not everybody really loves Him.

Those that walk with Him and those that really know Him and have been touched by Him they love Him.

There is nothing so satisfying than to be in His presence. Nothing in the world can take His place.

A Revelation of His presence and person produces the truth in our spirit that we should love him the way He loves us.

Those obedient to the Spirit are made upright