**Encountering Bridal Intimacy**

***Poem 4- Transforming Love Part 3: His Workmanship In You***

 ***Songs 7:1-9a***

1. **Prelude**

***The secret (or counsel or intimacy) of the Lord is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant. Ps. 25:14***

There is a secret hidden within, because as much as I would like to describe what intimacy looks like, our experiences are so very different that I could never capture the magnificence and beauty of how and what God will unveil if you take this journey.

What is the fear of the Lord?

***7The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Prov 1:7)***

***10The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Prov 9:10)***

The Hebrew word for fear is found in Proverbs 14 times, 14 means Spiritual Perfection! It is also mentioned twice in Jesus’ genealogy (in Mt. CH 1) and it is the day of the Passover.

The word “fear” means more than the English concept we have formed. It also implies submission, awe, worship, and reverence.

The Fear of the Lord begins with the foundation that it is the smartest thing you can do. Proverbs calls the one who doesn’t Fear the Lord a person who hates true wisdom and correction with no desire to acquire revelation knowledge. So let’s begin with the foundation that it is in the Lover of Christ’s best interest to Fear God.

To Fear God is to Respect Him and His Word. *Ps. 138:2*, it is to be incomplete submissionto Him which requires Trust and Obedience. *Jn 14:15.* It is to hold Him in with reverence (a sentiment of veneration, a feeling of high regard and admiration) *DT. 10:20-21.* Which leads to awe and wonder. You cannot attain awe and wonder by manufacturing it, it is produced only in a place of realization, in the realm of transformation. *Ps.33:8*

I feel this is necessary, because as we continue with the transforming power of Love, I do not want disillusion to set in because this looks like a place that is unattainable.

When the truth is it is, but it requires a key element, your hearts affection to the One, and off of you.

1. **Your Preparation to do His work**

***1 How beautiful on the mountains***

***are the sandaled feet of this one bringing such good news.***

***You are truly royalty!***

***The way you walk so gracefully in my ways***

***displays such dignity.***

***You are truly the poetry of God—his very handiwork.***

***2-3 Out of your innermost being***

***is flowing the fullness of my Spirit—***

***never failing to satisfy.***

***Within your womb there is a birthing of harvest wheat;***

***they are the sons and daughters***

***nurtured by the purity you impart.***

***How gracious you have become!***

***4 Your life stands tall as a tower, like a shining light on a hill.***

***Your revelation eyes are pure, like pools of refreshing —***

***sparkling light for a multitude.***

***Such discernment surrounds you,***

***protecting you from the enemy’s advance.***

***5 Redeeming love crowns you as royalty.***

***Your thoughts are full of life, wisdom, and virtue.***

***Even a king is held captive by your beauty. (7:1-5) TPT***

This is the undergarments of the Armor of God. This is the core of a Fullness to being like Jesus.

1. ***How beautiful on the mountains are the sandaled feet of this one bringing such good news. You are truly royalty! The way you walk so gracefully in my ways displays such dignity. You are truly the poetry of God—his very handiwork. (v1)***

In the Previous Verse in Ch 6. We saw the people asking for the Bride to Return because they saw something in her they wanted. Here as she comes back into view, this new description of her.

Picture this with me, as the bride (you) walks out into view, there is a literal transformation happening right before the eyes of all the believers that are not here yet.

* ***How beautiful on the mountains are the sandaled feet of this one bringing such good news.*** This is a direct reference to the” Gospel of Peace” in Eph 6:15. It not only shows her readiness to wear His shame but it is an indication of the Brides heart, and how she has taken and is kept it deep in her heart.
* ***You are truly royalty!*** is a recognition of your nobility and of your royal birth right. Adoption into sonship!
* ***The way you walk so gracefully in my ways displays such dignity.*** walking symbolizes the strength of her witness for Jesus and to do His work. This gift comes from years of discipline, training, and transformation.
* ***You are truly the poetry of God—his very handiwork –*** In Gen 32. as Jacob was wrestling God, he was struck on the thigh causing it to disjoint. That was meant to teach him and us that the strength of spiritual performance must forever be obtained, not from flesh but from God alone.

Your ability as a skilled bride, is not from you’re doing, remember you are poetry of God, His Handiwork.

This is the very place that Satan went off the tracks. No Fear of Him

1. ***2-3 Out of your innermost being is flowing the fullness of my Spirit—***

***never failing to satisfy. Within your womb there is a birthing of harvest wheat;***

***they are the sons and daughters nurtured by the purity you impart. How gracious you have become!***

* ***Out of your innermost being is flowing the fullness of my Spirit—never failing to satisfy. Within your womb there is a birthing of harvest wheat***

The father here recognizes that you have been filled by His Spirit. With His heart you yearn to feed the hungry, with an abundance that is received from the Father.

* ***they are the sons and daughters nurtured by the purity you impart. How gracious you have become!*** As a transformed bride, we all become like mothers nurturing and feeding the lost with the Love of Jesus.
1. ***4 Your life stands tall as a tower, like a shining light on a hill. Your revelation eyes are pure, like pools of refreshing —sparkling light for a multitude. Such discernment surrounds you, protecting you from the enemy’s advance.***
* ***Your life stands tall as a tower, like a shining light on a hill. –*** Unlike the neck we saw in Ch 4:4 where her neck was like a “tower of David” almost like an armory of weapons, here this is a different tower. This newer material (tower of Ivory) shows that the bride has changed as she has had dealing with The King.

Ivory indicates of a suffering process. Like the process of suffering we go through when we commit to a journey of intimacy. The overcoming picture here that makes her stand tall like a shining light on the hill is the heart posture of being prepared at any cost, even to suffer death, in order to that the Lord’s purpose be realized in her life.

This is a beautiful picture of what Paul and Jesus talks about. This blows my mind.

This is a heart that believes in the promises of God, that they do not love their lives unto death, so therefore they have become a tower of Ivory, a shining light, that can withstand any pressure, even those of the end.

* ***Your revelation eyes are pure, like pools of refreshing —sparkling light for a multitude. -*** Here we go with eye again. This is deep.

Key words:

Revelation Eyes, Pools of refreshing (pools of Heshbon, which means fertile thoughts)

Take a deep breath, because this is Huge. This means:

*A mature and pure Bride will have eyes that see what the Holy Spirit is revealing, because of the grace the Father has put on their hearts to hear. And what they see and say will be a light in the darkness.*

Beloved just as Rev. 1:1 says

***1 The Hisgalus [Revelation, Appearance, Exposure of what is Nistar (Hidden), Sod (Secret), Raz (Mystery)] of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua which Hashem gave to him to show to his mesharetim (servants, klei kodesh, ministers) MAH DI LEHEVE (“what will happen,”***[***Dan 2:28f***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan.2.28-Dan.2.49&version=OJB)***), the things which are destined to take place, and speedily; Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach made it known by sending his malach (angel) to his mesharet (servant, keli kodesh, minister), Yochanan. [***[***AMOS 3:7***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Amos.3.7&version=OJB)***]***

Jesus offended the minds of people in His first coming, don’t you think that will happen again.

There is no excuse not to be humble, we have the Pharisees as an example not to be!

* ***Such discernment surrounds you, protecting you from the enemy’s advance.***

Here this talks about the nose and the sense of smell. Not a description talked about in Ch 4, during the vows the Kings speaks over His Bride.

That is because Kingdom Discernment comes with maturity. Just like Knowledge comes before Wisdom. There is a sense of time associated with this, so discernment comes with time and as our hearts become more like His.

1. ***5 Redeeming love crowns you as royalty. Your thoughts are full of life, wisdom, and virtue. Even a king is held captive by your beauty.***
* ***Redeeming love crowns you as royalty,*** in other translations id says ***“Your head is like Mt. Caramel”***  Mt Caramel is the place Elijah challenged the priests of Baal and demonstrated a Victory of the Lord over all things false and Evil.

A mature Bride has victory over darkness.

Transformation to Christlikeness not only allows you to Love like Jesus loves allowing you to perform Signs and Wonders, but also it allows you to cast out Demons.

The things we see in Acts. The Apostles were First and Foremost a perfect picture of a Mature Bride.

* ***Your thoughts are full of life, wisdom, and virtue. Even a king is held captive by your beauty.***

Speaks for itself.

1. **The Lord Sings over His Bride**

***6 How delicious is your fair beauty; it cannot be described as I count the delights you bring to me. Love has become the greatest. 7 You stand in victory above the rest,***

***stately and secure as you share with me your vineyard of love. 8 Now I decree, I will ascend my palm tree. I will take hold of you with my power, possessing every part of my fruitful bride. Your love I will drink as wine, and your words will be mine. 9 For your kisses of love are exhilarating, more than any delight I’ve known before.*** ***Your kisses of love awaken even the lips of sleeping ones.***

Beloved, this song sung over us, show me the very picture I believe is what God is asking us for, and preparing us for.

He delights in the beauty of a maturing Bride, and calls her Love the GREATEST.

He proclaims that because of this Love that “YOU” stand in Victory above all, and not in shambles but stately and securely. You do this not alone but with HIM.

In Verse 6,7 He sings a song of readiness, of preparedness and of promise in how we will fare.

The rest of the songs HE points out a mature life:

Earlier in Ch 2:3, We see that we “sit down under His Shadow, and taste of His fruit”, here we see that He takes us up into that tree, we have been consumed by the very thing we sought refuge from. Then He point out three beautiful aspects.

***Your kisses of love awaken even the lips of sleeping ones.,*** talking about our capacity to feed others. Other translations this verse mentions breasts, but what the spiritual deeper implications are blessings and an expressed hope of increase in the capacity to Love.

***your kisses of love are exhilarating, more than any delight I’ve known before,*** this speaks to the smell of apple citrons. In Scripture citron a fruit speaks to Jesus, and speaks to our ability to become like Him, the Father has bot created anything in His Image. And thru fire and a conscious choice to Love Him, we become like nothing ever before.

Lastly, ***Your love I will drink as wine, and your words will be mine.*** speaks to tasting both now and it has a future aspect. This is meant to have a taste for the world to come. ***5and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,( Heb 6:5),***

The best wine is kept for Jesus’ Millennial reign, In John 2, at the wedding, the good wine was always served first, and people got drunk the cheap wine. But when Jesus made water out of wine, they said **You have kept the good wine until now!”** This is a picture of what Jesus will bring in His return, a wine better than what has been though of a the best already. Jesus says it again in Mt. 26:29, ***29But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”***

This whole song The King sings over His maturing Bride is full of present and future implications.

You are His Workmanship: This is what He sees when we surrender and allow Him to transform us…

-Her readiness to wear His shame/sandles an indication of the Brides heart

-Adoption into sonship

-Walking in dignity, the strength of your own witness

-You are Poetry, the very handiwork of God

-Full of His Spirit

-Renewed Love to Love others as He loved us first

-You are an Ivory Tower that can withstand any force, and stands tall for all to see

*-A mature and pure Bride will have eyes that see what the Holy Spirit is revealing, because of the grace the Father has put on their hearts to hear. And what they see and say will be a light in the darkness.*

-Discernment to see the enemies activities

-A crown of Love that enables you not only to heal but to cast out demons

-Walking with Life, Wisdom and Virtue