

# The Garden of Desire

Close your eyes for a moment and let's take a ride on the wings of our imagination. If you are married, think about the most wonderful, romantic, enjoyable, heart throbbing date you have ever had with your spouse. Allow yourself to remember each detail and moment as if it were happening all over again at this very moment. If you are unmarried, think about the most romantic, wonderful, enjoyable, heart throbbing date that you might have with your future spouse. Think of where it would be, what time of year, the sights, sounds, smells, etc...Do you have that picture in your mind's eye?

It is amazing what those romantic moments can do to a human being. They can turn you into melted butter in a heartbeat, and you'll never be the same again. We being human have an innate desire to know love and intimacy. It was birthed in us from the beginning of time. It is a gift from God, though we rarely see it that way. As such, the gift will truly be revealed when it is used for its primary purpose, intimacy with the Most High God, the Lover of Your Soul.

*Song of Solomon 1:4* says, "Draw me after you and let us run together!...We will rejoice in you and be glad; We will extol your love more than wine..." Our heart and soul were made to desire and run after a lover...the right one. However, to pursue our heart's love, we must prepare ourselves in every way. Remember how Esther prepared to enter the chamber of Ahashverosh? We also must be ready in every way when we receive the call to enter His love.

*"Awake, O north wind, and come, wind of the south, make my garden breathe out fragrance, let its spices be wafted abroad. May my beloved come into his garden and eat its choice fruit."* *Song of Solomon 4:16*...Solomon's lover knew that she has prepared herself so well. Her desire was for the winds to carry the fragrance of her "garden" to his nostrils, which would draw him into her "garden", and there he would feast on the choicest of fruits.

This verse is a metaphor of our relationship with the Lord. It is great to sing the songs, talk the talk, and look the part. We can talk about loving God and being loved by Him, but are we pursuing intimacy with Him at all costs? Does your relationship with the Lord stir you? Do you wake up in the morning and race to be in His presence, to talk to Him and share with Him? Or, is your relationship with the Lord like many American marriages, just enough to get by each day, maybe, or is it a heaven ordained romance that burns inside of your heart and soul? Many times throughout scripture we are likened to soil and the Lord is likened to the planter of the seed. Y'shua talked about the types of ground that His seed falls on. Which type of ground are you? The previous verse from *Song of Solomon 4* gives us the description of what our lives are supposed to be before the Lord. We need to tend our gardens so that thorns, weeds, pests, etc...do not creep in and choke out the choice fruit that we MUST bear. We need to cultivate our gardens in such a way that our desire is for the winds to carry the fragrance of our garden to His nostrils and draw Him in to eat of its choicest fruit.

Are you wooing His heart on a daily basis the way that you would woo your spouse or earthly lover? If we are to love our spouses the way He loves us, then it is impossible to fulfill unless we are experiencing His love and intimacy daily. To give true love and intimacy, we must first experience true love and intimacy. *“The winter has passed and the rain has gone...the springtime has come.” Song of Solomon 2:11.* He is calling you out of the cold, cruel world, and into His bedchamber of Agape love and intimacy.

In this week’s Parsha, Pinchas was so moved by his passionate love for the Lord, that he put a spear through two people and stopped the plague on the children of Israel. His garden was ready and the fruit he bore was pleasing to the lover of His soul. Are you ready to commit to a zeal, passion, love, and desire for your God, the lover of your soul, that you can be a modern day Pinchas? Are you ready to stand for HIS desires and loving boundaries in such a way that HE makes a covenant of everlasting peace and priesthood with your generations? Is your garden cultivated and ready for the lover of your soul to enter?

May you be His Garden of Desire...