

Winter Passed Away, Spring Has Come...

“My lover spoke and said to me, ‘Arise’, my darling, my beautiful one, and come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its’ early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.” (Song of Songs 2:10-13)

The seed lays under the ground waiting for a spell of water to make it grow, and the egg remains in the nest waiting for warmth from its parents bird bodies to make it mature and hatch. The dough is waiting until the yeast will fully worked in it to take its final form and shape. The food is waiting for the salt to take its final palatable taste. And people who are in darkness they are waiting for the light so they can see the right way!

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness was there. The dead earth was waiting for the Spirit of God to work on it and to make it alive and grow in abundant scale.

But what is the beginning of any life and what makes the things grow? What makes the mothers give birth? What makes the rivers flow? And what made Solomon write? Is it the ink? Yes. Is it the warmth? Yes. Is it the yeast? Yes. Is it the salt? Yes. Is it the water? Yes. Is it the man? Yes. Is the Spirit of God? Yes. But the origin of everything if we trace back we only find one, and this is love. For all the signs of new life or new beginning comes out from love.

Everything is set in couple. The key for the lock; two vessels needed for love! One is big to give, and other is smaller to receive. God created the earth, Christ established the Church, man to woman, male to female. The first is the lover, the second is the beloved.

Solomon is the one who wrote the above poem, the passage of this message is taken from the Song of Songs. For sure he wrote in human consciousness, but the Spirit of God acted through the ink of his pen. Almost all agree that Solomon wrote the Song of Songs for one of his beloved and beautiful wife. For him he was the lover, and she was the beloved. The lover is the one who gave and the beloved is the one who received. Many consider this poem in some couple concepts, and many times is used as an allegory for the one with the biggest love, God or Christ to the beloved one, the world or the church.

Whatever the truth, the two opinions are acceptable as well as applicable if we use this poem as the frame of love. And from this frame we can conclude some of the dynamics of love:

1) The initiative belongs to the lover: (My lover spoke...) The one who has the love and is willing to give is the lover, whether the man or the woman, the wife or the husband, male or female, the situation is the same that the lover is the initiator. God spoke and the earth was created. Jesus preached and did miracles, He died on the cross, then His church was formed.

2) The target is specific: (My lover...said to me) With love there is always a specific beginning and a specific end on a certain target. Every matter has been planned for and is chosen. In other words, with love there is predestination. For no love is given haphazardly but specifically.

3) The lover has the attitude for possession: (...my darling...) The lover has the attitude to hold and own.

4) The lover gives the order to grow: (Arise,...) The lover gives the signal to start, the order to grow, to bloom, to blossom, to spring, to shine, etc.

5) Beautiful is the beloved in the eyes of the lover: (my beautiful one,...) the one in love sees everything in his beloved beautiful and that everything in her is perfect. The specks in her eyes are not recognized, and the blemishes in her body are not seen. The love of God in Christ Jesus is the same, whatever our conditions we are beautiful in His eyes.

6) The lover has the attitude of acceptance: (...and come with me.) He is welcoming his beloved one, inviting her to be with him. He reconciles with her, embraces her and gives the promise not to separate from her. He is willing to protect her, casts her fears away, and gives her the feeling of security.

7) The lover gives the evidence of how worthy his love is: (See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.) The season of cold and loneliness has passed away, and the long waiting nights has gone.

8) The lover causes changes in the heart of the beloved: The past season of winter is changing to spring. The beloved will start to see everything around her beautiful. Flowers will start to open in front of her eyes, she will start to sing out her joy, and she will hear every sound as the cooing of doves.

9) The love of the lover causes the beloved to bear and give the fruit: (The fig-tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.) The beloved one starts to be more active and enthusiastic to work. She will reproduce and will give the fruit. And this is especially when the love of the lover has reached the optimum state in the heart of her beloved one.

These are some of the dynamics of love that flow from the vessel of the lover to the vessel of the beloved. There may be many other steps, but I just put up some details to cover many questions in your heart about yourself, your lover or your beloved one.

My Dear and Beloved: So, whether you are a lover or a beloved, the best way to understand the above steps about the dynamics of love is to compare it with the love of God towards the world or the love of Jesus towards the church. Apply them to yourself and check if you are a good lover or you are the beloved who is receiving the perfect love. And tell me, ‘are you the one who says, or are you the one who hears’-*“Arise, come my darling, my beautiful one, come with me.”*

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for this love that I received from you. Lord helps me to cultivate this love and pass it to others and love them as you love me. This is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*