



Abishag – 1 Kings 1

How to Warm the Heart of a King

At the end of King's David's life, the only thing left for him was a beautiful virgin to keep him warm. After all the wars, battles, victories, his ministry of serving God and His people, now someone was needed to warm him. Someone was needed to minister unto him not needing anything in return. A few things to see here, the word "cover" is the same as clothe upon, hide, overwhelm, fill up. Just like we looked at the clouds covering Jesus, being His body, His covering for His Spirit to live and move through, so clothes would not warm or work for this King, He needed a Bride, a woman, a living being to clothe Him, to warm His heart. A bride would warm His heart, not the memories of all his proud years of bringing the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem could warm him now. Not thinking about how he had obeyed God and kicked out all the inhabitants out of the land, not the victories over the enemy, or all the wealth he had acquired, none of this could comfort him now. At the end of his life, none of this mattered to him, it was relationship in the end. He needed the pure love from a virgin with a pure heart. And the same with us, 2 Peter 3:10 all the works in this earth will be burned up with it, the relationship of love is what will last and matter to the heart of Jesus.

I believe Jesus is the same way. There is nothing that can comfort Him except our love! He like David knows that there have been mighty victories, He knows that He has conquered Satan, crucified the old man, and made us completely new, this is not a new revelation for Him! He says of the devil, "*I saw him fall like lightning from heaven....rejoice your names are written in heaven*" *Luke 10:17-20*. And then He rejoiced in the Spirit. This is what brings Him joy when we enter into our heavenly identity as the Bride of Christ, realizing all that He has done and then partaking of it by entering in boldly. That's why He did all that, not for the sake of it, but to make a way for us to have continual unhindered communion with Himself!!! That is what will warm His heart, to partake, to put to work, to live by His life!!!!

He says to the Church in Ephesus in Revelation 2, that he has seen all their works, their labor, patience and having right doctrine, but they were missing their first love and He was warning them to return to Him. In this example, the scripture says that King David did not "know her". This is so pure on the part of the virgin. Her love for Him had no selfish motives, the way that she warmed Him was not with a motive to produce fruit. We can become so focused on being fruitful and seeing Jesus in our own lives that we forget to just love Him with no thought of ourselves, or fruitfulness. When you look at Leah and Rachel seeing who could produce more fruit, you see that their motive was selfish. Leah only felt loved if she was producing and Rachel was jealous. That's not a pure heart of love. Sometimes if we get off the ground of the finished work of the cross, and don't realize that we are New Creations not based on our own works, but by the resurrection and being truly joined as one, then we look to produce fruit in order to prove to ourselves and others that we are spiritual. We are trying to prove that we are joined, and that we do know the Lord instead of apprehending that by faith. Our self life is still based in this kind of relating, fruit may come, but it will not be pure because everything the flesh touches it defiles. Genesis 29:31-35 Even Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon came before him as her King, entering his courts to ask for something, even though she had borne his seed, it was not the same type of intimacy, still something in it for her. 1 Kings 1:13-27. She comes, asks and leaves, but Abishag remains.

How did Abishag warm him?

1 Kings 1:2 “Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.”

She was to “cherish him”. Wow! What a blessing, just to love him and to lie in his bosom, rest in his arms and keep him warm. The word cherish = treasure. When we treasure Jesus, love Him, worship Him, hide in our heart the preciousness of knowing Him in all His fullness, we minister unto Him, we cherish Him! That is the only thing we really can offer, and that’s the only thing that He could possibly need! When we agree that we have this treasure in earthen vessels then we are truly esteeming Him as the true treasure and not ourselves. Then we are warming His heart! *2 Cor. 4:7 “But we have this **treasure** in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”*

The New Testament example that has this same spirit as this, is when Mary anointed Jesus with her precious ointment from her alabaster box. Mark 14:3-9. Jesus says, “She has done what she could”. That was the only thing she had to give, total unselfish love and worship, pouring her love over Him. She covered Him, clothed Him, anointed Him for burial with the only valuable thing she possessed. All the disciples are fighting, wanting to sit at His right hand (like Bathsheba), but she gave what she could, she washed His feet with her hair.

All or our hearts here want to minister to Jesus like Abishag to David, and Mary to Jesus but what keeps us from it? Our own lack, seeing our frailties? WE MUST NOT LIVE BY WHAT WE SEE BUT BY FAITH IN WHAT HE’S DONE!!!

We do not come unto God based on our own works, or righteousness. He calls us to “come near” unto Him, based on righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. We can draw near, we can lay upon His bosom and warm Him, not when we feel that everything’s straightened up, but right now by faith in what He’s said about us! Before His resurrection, Mary was not allowed to touch him in that state. John 20:17. This proves that His resurrection has happened if we are now called to draw near to Him, and be an Abishag that “treasures” Him, and “cherishes” Him in our heart above our own needs, with a pure heart. Hebrews 10:19-22 Draw Near – to approach, worship, ascent to Hebrews 4:16; 7:25; 11:6; 12:22

We can come boldly because “ye are come” That is where we are now, seated together in heavenly places in Christ. We are not coming in on shaky ground, we are coming in on what is true in Christ, what is concrete, solid and accomplished by Himself for us!!! We can come and minister to Him, not because we are super-spiritual and perfect, but because we are identifying in the New Creation, which He is the life of, bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. Not what we see in ourselves apart from Him, but believing by faith in the finished work that brought forth the Bride of His heart!

Song of Solomon 4:8 Come with me from Lebanon, [my] spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards. He is telling her the same thing, the winter is past, spring has come! There has been a resurrection, there’s no need for us to be separated ever again, come away with me! I’ve brought you forth as bone of my bone, look with me from the cross, from above, from what I see and have done.

First of all He calls her His spouse. We are married, though we may not fully realize it, or know it, or live like it, it is already true. Eph. 5 And then these are all looking from places of victory
Lebanon = whiteness – His righteousness, the fine linen of the Saints
Amana = support – also a river that flows into the plain of Damascus – the river of life that flows out from the throne giving us “life support” provision
Shenir = Snow Mountain – deut 3:9 this is where they had victory over the giants!

Hermon = sanctuary = a mountain, from the top of – looking down from His heavenly sanctuary, the heart of His Bride!

Lions Den = He is asking her to look with him from a place of victory – the Lion of the tribe of Judah, that is His victorious side that went into Hell and took the keys of Death, Hell, Sin and the Grave! He wants her to look from there in order to not be afraid to come unto Him. He's showing her His power

Mountains of the Leopards= this also signifies victory over the old man, over the flesh, a leopard can't change his spots, but He put that leopard to death, we can live by the new life, because we have been born again with a new nature a new head!

Jer. 13:23 "Can an Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."

Revelation 13:2

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Ephesians 1:21 "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come."

Jesus wants us to identify with Him, His identity and all that He has eternally completed for us, and He's willing to take us above by His Holy Spirit to see, that we can relate from there and truly live by faith and not by sight!

What makes you spiritual? Really take a minute to ponder that in your heart.

The Word says in Romans 8:9-10

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." You are in the Spirit if the Spirit of God dwells in you and Christ dwells in your heart by faith. Eph, 3:16-18 Christ in you the hope of glory, that is what makes you spiritual, oneness with this spiritual man, being found hid in Him, not having mine own righteousness, but the righteousness by faith. We are one with the one who is spiritual, that life in us is what had brought us from death to life, from carnality to spirituality, not how many times a day we pray or get in the Word! Now that is a done deal. We can choose to live in that reality, or not, that is where the flip-flop comes, But that should not be where we identify, we must relate to the Father, to the Son, to the Holy Spirit by what Christ has done, or we will never be able to draw near! 1 Cor. 15:44-46, the first Adam was flesh, was soul, the last Adam that we are now joined to is spiritual, being grafted into that humanity is what made us spiritual!

To be "spiritually minded" is life and peace. It does not mean that if you are being "carnally minded" that you fell out of being in the Spirit! It is a done deal, it is where we focus our mind that brings death, or life and peace. It never changes where we are or who we are in Christ, it changes what our mental reality is and how we relate to the Lord.