

ASKING FOR THE KISSES OF GOD'S WORD

SESSION 1 OF JESUS' AFFECTIONS TOWARDS US IN OUR WEAKNESS

I. WHY IS SONG OF SOLOMON SIGNIFICANT?

- A. It's a concentrated portion of scripture that reveals God's emotions towards us.
- B. It gives us Bridegroom/Bride Language - the language of the book is meant to shift our language to God in our prayer times. God wants us to view and communicate the truths of Romans and Ephesians with the Song of Songs' language.
- C. It reveals Jesus' extravagant affections and joy over His bride in the midst of her weakness (sin, fear, and lack of devotion). ***The #1 Truth for your entire Christian life is to experience God's enjoyment and affection over you in the midst of your weaknesses, which is the grace message of the cross.***
- D. The end-time Church will feast on the truths of this book and thrive during the Great Tribulation. The "Spirit and the Bride" will cry out "come, Lord Jesus" because of the lovesick cry the Spirit's going to produce in the Church.

II. OVERVIEW OF THE SONG

- A. The Song details Solomon's love story with a young bride, but most Jewish and Christian commentaries have viewed it as God's marital love for His people. It's the "Holy of Holies" of songs.
- B. The book uses a lot of agricultural symbolism because that was the language of the day.
- C. The book details the up and down journey of the bride as she pursues Jesus and as He pursues her. In it, we see the way Jesus speaks to her to bring her forth in love. In the end, she is fully matured in love and partnering with Jesus in ministry.

III. THE KISSES OF GOD'S MOUTH

- A. **Bridegroom Paradigm** - Individually and corporately, we are to view ourselves as Jesus' bride and view Him as our bridegroom. The gospel is a romance story that is meant to win our hearts to God in abandoned, extravagant love.
- B. Kisses release experiences of intimacy. They release affections and love in the physical realm. God's kisses are experiential moments that communicate God's affections towards us, which happens as the Holy Spirit makes the Bible alive to our hearts.

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. (Deut. 8:3)

- C. The Jews call this "The kiss of the Torah" because Deut. 8 connects God's mouth to His words.
- D. **Human Design** - We are designed by Jesus to require the kisses of intimacy from His heart. We will not work right if we do not experience His affections consistently (John 15:9). She cries out for kisses because it's her life vision. The more she tasted His love, the more she's convinced it's the greatest pleasure and that she needs it above all else.
- E. Jesus is a bridegroom filled with extravagant affections and emotions and love, and He wants to give kisses in His Word. Right now, Jesus is burning with desire for you, and He wants you to lavish you with experiences of His heart.

And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them. (John 17:26)

- F. When Jesus reveals God's heart and personality to us through His Word, it reveals God's love and awakens greater love in us for God. Jesus wants to declare His nature to us through these holy kisses.
- G. **Practical Response** - Sing this verse to God 1,000 in the next week and watch it awaken a great cry for experiential intimacy.