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Come away with Me...

I will meet with you there...in the secret place...



My beloved spoke, and said to me; "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away!

Song of Songs 2:10-13

The King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ will be coming for His bride... **a bride who is totally and completely in love with Him.**

With great expectation she waits for Him. He knows by the "light in her window" that she is still committed to Him.

Everything she does is preparing her for her wedding. Daily she is working on her dress...waiting for her bridegroom.

Her dress.

Revelations 19:6-9 And I heard as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and **His wife has made herself ready.**" And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for **the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.** Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" and he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The glory of God.

In **Revelations 21:9** we see that the angel says to John "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

V10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and he showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, **having the glory of God.** Her light was like a precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

V23 The city had no need of the sun or the moon to shine in it, for **the glory of God** illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

We see two things that define what the bride looks like...

1. She is wearing a dress of fine linen which is made up of her righteous acts – Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them.
2. She is illuminated by the glory of God – 2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Holy Spirit.**

This then is the journey that we have been on for the last 10 years...the preparation of the bride.

We have had the Deeper Light Bible College revealing to us how to grow from glory to glory through the teaching and the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

We have had the Emmanuel Project providing us with opportunities to be busy with the good works that God prepared beforehand.

I have been very immersed in the work of the Emmanuel Project for the last 4 years and it's been really good. I am very grateful for what God has done and what He has planned for the future.

Still, in the midst of the activity I have heard the still voice of God calling me. "Sylvia, Come away with Me..." calling me to the secret place...

I spend time with Him, praying, studying the Word but this different...and then He showed me...

Revelations 2:1-7 To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, "These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands. **I know your works, your labour, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil.**

And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; **and you have persevered and have patience, and have laboured for My name's sake and have not become weary.**

Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

The Kingdom Dynamics in my NKJV Bible has this to say about that:

1. The spiritual vitality springing up from love for the Lord had degenerated into orthodox routine.
2. Zeal for the Lord is not optional for His disciples. Give your love for Jesus first place!

We know that it is all about relationship but if our relationship with the Lord is based only on you and I coming in to get Him to come on board with our plans, prayers and needs or by getting revelation from His Holy Spirit then **where is the love, where is the adoration, the wonder and the gratefulness? Where is the awe, the reverence and holy fear?**

We must be careful that He does not just become the resource centre we run too...some abstract form of help in the distance.

He is Almighty God, the great "I AM", the beginning and the end, everything exists because He willed it, He created it, He upholds it. You and I are alive because of Him, we have a hope and a future because of Him, every breath we take is a breath He has given. He is the greatest, Most powerful, Immeasurable, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient God...and yet...He is calling you and I to the secret place...Sylvia, where are you? Where are you? Where are you?

I hear Him calling and have entered His presence on my knees... you'll find me there in the secret place...

Will I stop doing the rest? No...but every morning I will give Him first place...



The Secret Place.

You are my God and my King
My relationship with You supersedes everything
It is and will always be the only foundation for my "Zoe" life.

I know this, but am I longing for You, my King?
Do my feet carry me swiftly to our secret place?

My Lord forgive me – Your death on the cross
has become familiar
The intensity of Your love, although known,
no longer brings me to my knees.

Distractions creep in to rob me of the most
Intense relationship there is
Forgive me my Lord. Change my heart my Lord!

Please open the eyes of my heart once again
To see the majesty, the wonder of a God who waits for me...
In the secret place.

The door is open and You are here
There will never be a time that I have to wait for You...
to have time for me.
Oh my God...

Your love astounds me and Your grace draws me back
into our secret place
As I step through the door, once more, the wonder of
Your love and mercy
Resounds loudly in my spirit and I fall down to worship You.

