

Proclaiming the Gospel

Message
of
Jesus Christ

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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In Love? Then Worship!

Part II

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I *[am]* sick of love" (S of S 5.8 – This is the Bride of Christ seeking Jesus, more of Jesus).

How long since you were "sick of love"? How long since you were asked, "What *[is]* thy beloved more than *[another]* beloved, O thou fairest among women? what *[is]* thy beloved more than *[another]* beloved, that thou dost so charge us?" (Verse 9)

How long since you "fell in love," since you were asked, What is your beloved more than another beloved? Did you, like the one "sick of love" in Song of Solomon, give forth a most profound description with great efficacy that evoked desire in another to be with your Beloved, to come to know the Beloved? To know the love that He has for you, a love that is beyond knowing, a love that carries strength and yet gentleness, a love that is willing to lay down His life for you - knowing the sinner that you are, a love that forgives?

How long since you heard Him say to you, Come, walk in my holiness, my righteousness? Come, stand at the Mercyseat, the Cross of Calvary, and know my love for you. How long since your heart overflowed with the love of the Beloved that gave forth a sweet savor that caused others to desire to "taste and see that the LORD *[is]* good..." (Ps 34.8)? How long since you with a heart "sick of love" cried out, "...yea, **he *[is]* altogether lovely.** This *[is]* my beloved, and this *[is]* my friend..." (S of S 5.16)?

How long since you stood in the presence of the King of kings, the Lord of lords? Since you knew the beauty of His holiness? His majesty? His glory? How long since you could say, "One *[thing]* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple" (Ps 27.4)?

Oh! Beloved, to look at the Cross of Christ and sing, "To be like Jesus" is to meld with Him, to become one with Him on the Cross for we are

"The Love of God" draws me and causes me to love Him and worship Him, the King of kings and Lord of lords – the Lord Jesus Christ. Love is worship. Love and worship are inseparable and to love is to worship; worship is to love. Love is to lose yourself in the one you love; love is to lose yourself in the one you worship for love is worship and worship is love. The glory of the Lord Jesus Christ comes down in the midst of our worship. Our lives are filled with His glorious presence when we love Him Who first loved us, when we worship the One Who calls us to abide in Him preparing us for the glorious time with Him for evermore in Heaven (Rev. 7.9-17).

"I will come and bow down at your feet, Lord Jesus.
In your presence there's fullness of joy.
There is nothing, there is no one who compares with you.
I take pleasure in worshipping you, Lord."

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Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ

Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

called to take up our cross and follow Him. “The Love of God” in Christ Jesus is freely given, but, oh, so costly. Love knows no sacrifice for love is giving all that one has – to include one’s life. Love is abiding in Him and He in you (Jn 15.1-11). It is becoming one with Him in all of life, all through life’s journey – come what may.

Can you imagine walking with the Lord in the Garden and hear Him say to you, “You are my own; I bought you with a price. I gave my life for you because – I love you”? Can you imagine the agony the Lord experienced in the Garden when He asked you to pray – and you failed to pray – as did His disciples? Can you imagine the Roman Soldiers coming for Him in the Garden as you stand helpless on His behalf? And scared on your behalf? Can you imagine experiencing Him so profoundly as did Isaiah at the Mercyseat (Isa 6.1-8) that your life is transformed by His presence? Can you imagine being in His presence and not wanting to leave, standing with Joshua in the Tabernacle (Ex 33.9-11)? Can you imagine standing with Mary at the foot of the Cross? Can you imagine what it is like for your Friend who has touched your life so profoundly to die on the Cross – for you, your sins? You go to the tomb in your grief; you are devastated as were the women when they did not find His body?

Then – you realize - - He died – all because He loves you so very much. You reflect on your times you did not trust His love, did not trust Him with your life; you reflect on your times of not loving Him with your whole heart – when you realize He gave His life for you. You reflect on His blood flowing from Calvary and your life saved for all eternity. You reflect on what it will be like without Him Who loved you so much that He died on the Cross for you (Jn 3.16). You reflect on those times when you denied Him, when you did not stand for Him, with Him (Peter). You reflect on the times that you were bleeding and dying on the Jericho Road and He came near and poured in the oil and the wine; your life was preserved.

It is then that in your unworthiness you experience an overpowering presence of His great love for you; His Holy Spirit comes upon you and you bow down and can do nothing but bow down and worship the Lord Jesus Christ as did Jehoshaphat so full of the Love of God (II Chr 20), as did Ezekiel, full of the Word, the Living Word, by the River of Chebar (Eze 3), as did Job also full of the Love of God – in Chapter 1.20-21, It is then you realize that “The Love of God” brings you to worship Him and Him alone, that He is all you need, He is all you desire, He is your all in all, and you proclaim, Oh! He is all together lovely – as you bow down and worship at His feet and love Him – and love Him and bow down at His feet and worship Him.

Let me clarify this a little more. Our strength comes from loving the Lord Jesus and worshiping the Lord as those two words are inseparable. But, know that when Jehoshaphat and the people of the Lord God in Christ Jesus experienced the powerful presence of the Lord, they bowed down and worshiped. This was a mighty outpouring of the powerful presence of the Lord that would bring fear upon anyone in His presence. There was nothing to do but to bow down and worship the One they loved.

Stand with Moses as he sees the mountain aflame and is drawn to go to the mountain of the Lord. There, fear shall draw him to the top into the presence of the Lord – Who loved him so much that he called Moses to a daring life for Him – after having called him to the desert for forty years to refine him and prepare him for a walk with the God Who draws him always onward and upward to new heights – until he walks into the land of the living, heaven. It is love that drew Moses to worship as love and worship were inseparable in the life of Moses.

Remember Joshua (Ex 33) who, in the presence of the Living God that was to be feared by all high priests, would not leave that presence because he was satiated with the love of the God Who created him, as well as redeemed him, as well as was the lover of his soul. He could not leave that love at that time of worship that drew him to become one with the One that was feared by all – the One Who loved him and drew him to Himself – until he was one with him in worship, in that love-worship experience.

Oh there are those who have gone before us, that great cloud of witnesses: who feared the God they loved so much, who loved the God they feared, who worshipped the God they loved as they melded with Him, became one with Him, made their abode in Him and invited Him to abide in them. The great cloud of witnesses knew no other way than the love that brought forth profound joy and peace and – led them to worship the One they feared, to worship the One they loved, to worship the One in Whom they made their abode. They worshiped the One with Whom they were united in the present moment and through all eternity, the One Whom they chose over all others in their lives; they were willing to walk with Moses to that mountain aflame and live in His presence – at all costs.

Love draws one into worship and draws one to become one with the King of kings and Lord of lords. One loses his own identity when melding with Him in His glory as His glory comes down and fills your soul, your life, and becomes your all in all. When His glory comes down and fills you, His love so fills you that you bow down and worship the King of kings, the lover of your soul, the One Who is all together lovely, your Redeemer, your all in all.