

I. Living Refreshed in the Love of God

Song of Solomon 2:5 Sustain me ... Refresh me ... For I am lovesick.

A. We all need to be sustained and refreshed regularly in the revelation of the love of God.

B. God is after a bride who is lovesick for Him.

1. She has a heart that wants Him more than anything.
2. She doesn't settle for counterfeit affections.

C. We need a fresh encounter in the love of God if:

1. We believe God's love is based on our good works (i.e. we think He loves us more when we do well and that He loves us less when we do poorly) Gods love is based on God, not on us or our works (John 3:16, Romans 5:8

- a. Sin doesn't make God love us less
- b. Poor performance doesn't make God love us less

2. We believe God loves others more than us

3. We believe God loves us in order to get something from us. If love is not free, it isn't love

4. Our heart is dull toward the Lord. Other things are more enjoyable to us than God

II. Prayers of adoration to come alive in the Love of God

Song of Solomon 1:2-5 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—For your love is better than wine. 3 Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you. 4 Draw me away! We will run after you. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in you. We will remember your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you. 5 I am dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like the curtains of Solomon.

A. Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His word (vs. 2)

1. Release the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You

2. Open my eyes to see wonderful things from Your law
- B. Your love is better than wine (vs. 3)
1. Your love is the greatest treasure
 2. There is nothing this world can offer that compares to your love
- C. Your name is like purified oil, oil poured forth (vs. 3)
1. Your name is your nature, You are pure and rare
 2. Your attributes are beautiful and pleasing
 3. Your presence fills a room like perfume
- D. Draw me away, let us run together (vs. 4)
1. Draw my heart to you. Pull me into your love.
 2. I want to do what you do and say what you say
 3. All my days I want to live in your love and follow your will.
- E. I am dark but lovely (vs. 5)
1. I am weak and riddled with imperfection
 2. In my weakness you call me beautiful
 3. My flaws don't offend you
 4. You see me as beautiful even though I am imperfect
 5. I cannot work to make you love me; You love me as I am
 6. Though I am broken and needy, You love me ever still
 7. Though I am poor and wretched, You love me ever still
 8. I am unworthy, yet You still adore me.

III. Critical truths about the love of God

- A. God loves us in our weakness and brokenness
- B. God sees our love as sincere even though its immature
- C. Success is knowing the love of God; I am loved and I am a lover therefore I am successful