

Session 7: The Perfume of God in the Song of Solomon

Well tonight, we are beginning session seven in our studies in the Song of Solomon. We are covering this book verse by verse, covering twenty-four different classes, and we are on class seven, or session seven tonight. We are going to talk about the fragrance of Jesus in Song of Songs 1:3. Now we have taken a little bit of time to lay a foundation, and now we are going to begin to get through the book verse by verse this most glorious eight-chapter love song. Just a moment of review for those who are with us for the first time in this class:

REVIEW OF SONG 1:2: KISS ME WITH THE KISSES OF YOUR WORD

In Song of Solomon 1:2, which we looked at the last two sessions, the Bride cried out and she was speaking to the Father. This is a very relevant and important prayer for us. She said, “Father let Him, let Your Son kiss me with the kisses of His Word” (Song 1:2). Then she gives a statement of explanation, and she speaks this directly to Jesus. She says because (or for) “Jesus, Your love is better than the wine of this world” (Song 1:2, paraphrased). The reason I want the kisses of Your Word is because when the Word of God touches me related to Your affection and related to Your beauty, it is better than anything that I could experience in life.

So, she is asking God to change the deepest places of her spirit. She is asking for encounters with the Word of God that are particularly focused upon revealing the heart of Jesus, the loveliness of Jesus, the affection of Jesus. So it will awaken what I call the three-fold love of God in our heart.

It is love from God. The reality of knowing He loves us. When we know that He loves us that is part one, it always awakens love in our heart back to Him. Then, there is an overflow of love. Thirdly, the love is to other people. So when she experiences the kisses of God’s love, it is what I call the “superior pleasures” of the gospel or the “superior pleasures” of the Word of God. She finds that His love is better than; or as the NIV says, “His love is more delightful than the good and the bad wine of this fallen world”—even the privileges. Even the blessings of God that we rightfully celebrate because they are good, we receive them, but there is actually something better than the blessing of God on our circumstances.

GOD REVEALS GOD TO THE HUMAN HEART THROUGH THE WORD

It is when the Word of God touches the human heart, and then unveils the heart of God to our heart. There is nothing more exhilarating to the human spirit than when God reveals God to the human spirit. I say that a lot, and some around here could get used to that phrase. It is a neat phrase, but I am not saying it as a cliché. I am saying it as a man who is on a journey, a difficult journey in a fallen world (when I draw back and think about life). In all the weariness, temptations, and this way versus that way, I profoundly believe that the most exhilarating thing that I can experience is when God reveals God to my spirit.

It is a theological point, but it is a very practical real point. When that touches our spirit, then when we have the ache of our emptiness or the ache of loneliness, despair, or discouragement, we go to the Word of God instead of to the wine of this world. I mean we really do go there. I was talking to one of our leaders just the other day. I was saying I am not trying to be, give you a pad answer or a trite answer, but what you need is to feel the power of the Word touching your spirit. This leader came back to me today and said you know what it is true. I gave myself in a focused way to this issue of the affections of God's heart. It did, it touched me.

It is not that it will every time we come before the Lord. I have had plenty of dull times in prayer and in the Word. I know that the well to draw from is the kisses of His Word because there is nothing more exhilarating than the love of God touching the human spirit. That is a very practical point as we work through the difficulty in the journey of loneliness, emptiness, frustrations, pain, disappointments and setbacks. This is a very profound theological point to believe at the heart level. God's love is better than—you could put anything good or bad.

AFFECTION-BASED OBEDIENCE

He is better than the good things. The experience of it in our spirit is obviously better than the bad things. In the last session, I talked about various types of obedience. Three different types, and all three of them are biblical. All three of them are actually necessary. I talked about the most powerful kind of obedience. I call it affection-based obedience. It is obedience to Jesus that flows from experiencing His affection for us by just understanding it. When we understand His affection for us it really does something in our spirit.

I mean it is not like everything changes in one moment, but over time it really touches us in terms of our motivation for obedience. Then to feel affection, to feel

tender affection back for Him, beloved, this is the strongest kind of obedience that exists in the grace of God.

A lovesick person will endure anything for love.

DUTY-BASED OBEDIENCE

The second kind of obedience that we looked at in the last session (we are still in review) was what I called duty-based obedience. It is when obey just by faith. I mean, we do not feel any inspiration. We do not feel His presence. Beloved, let me tell you it is wise to obey when you feel nothing. We are under a divine duty to obey God. He is the King. I know what it means to obey out of the duty that I am a creature and He is the King. He owns me, and He is the leader of the universe. I feel nothing. It is wise to obey even with a right sense of duty, without feeling any sense of inspiration. I have done it many times, and there are times I did not do it.

FEAR-BASED OBEDIENCE

Then there is what I call fear-based obedience, or shame-based obedience. This is obedience that flows from the fear of being put to shame, or the fear of negative circumstances. Now Jesus taught about negative circumstances, He taught about hell. That is really negative. He taught about it so people would say I am afraid that I am going to obey You. Now fear-based obedience is not enough to motivate us consistently through the years to obey God. Even duty-based obedience, at the end of the day, it breaks down in terms of the rigors of the years.

Affection-based obedience becomes real when we realize that His love is better than life, and we feel it from You and to You—this is best way to live life in a fallen world.

Song of Solomon 1:3—we are going to look at the remainder of this session on this one verse. She makes this most dramatic or a very important, an all important statement. She is talking to Jesus, and there is a time in our life where we say this to Him. I do not mean once, but many times because the revelation of it touches our spirit. It changes our life when we can say this. She says the fragrance of Your good perfumes. Verse 3: “Because of the fragrance of Your good perfumes”—now the NKJ says “Your good ointments”—but the NIV and other translations uses the word “perfumes.”

THE FRAGRANCE OR PERFUME OF JESUS IN THE SONG

An ointment was a perfume. It is the same word. It touches our spirit that there is a diverse, plural, infinite amount of good perfumes that are in the personality of

Jesus. We are going to look at that phrase for a moment, but I will read the whole verse: “because of the fragrance of Your good perfumes, Your love is poured forth, therefore the virgins, they love You” (Song 1:3, paraphrased).

Now, to get the idea of how Solomon is using the word “perfume” here in this love song.

When you think of the fragrance of a rose, it comes from the internal properties, or the internal qualities of that rose or that flower. In the same way the king’s perfume (of course we are taking about the symbolic interpretation of the Song of Solomon), the king’s perfume speaks of his internal life. The internal life, the personality of Jesus is like good perfume. Beloved, the implications of that statement are very practical in our every day life. The perfumes of Jesus refer to the way that He thinks, and the way that He feels. It is His interior life. It is His emotional make up. It is His thought life. The perfume of Jesus, the good perfume of Jesus that moves us most, and moves us at the deepest level is His affection for His people. It is not only His affection. That is not the only perfume. That is not the only internal quality in His life.

That is the one that moves us most.

Later on in the class we will look at Song 5:10-16 where she gives ten different descriptions of Jesus’ thought life, His emotional life, and His leadership abilities. She gives ten different statements. It is one of the most dynamic statements in the Bible magnifying the beauty of Jesus. Over and over in that passage, she talks about the internal life of Jesus. Do you think much about His internal life, His thought life, and His emotional make up?

Do you only think about what He does for you outwardly? Of course, what He does obviously is a result of how He thinks and feels. Sometimes, we could get confused by what He does, and conclude that the way He thinks, and the way He feels is very different than the truth. So we are meant to study what He does in our life, and to observe it. It is to lead us back to understanding how He thinks, and how He feels, but it does not always lead us back in a direct path. God’s ways are mysterious many times. The devil comes in and lies to us. He takes the very things that are taking place in our life to try to convince us that God’s thinking and feeling is contrary to what the Word of God says about Him.

I have taken time over the years, and I am sure some of you have. I really encourage you is what I am doing. I am encouraging you as a satisfied customer

although I want much more. I want to encourage you to take the subject of His good perfumes. The subject of Jesus' thought life, and Jesus' emotional make up as they are revealed in the scripture, and to make it an area of focus. I do not mean just a kind of in passing you say, "Yeah, yeah I really buy into that." His thought life was really awesome. No, I am talking about making it a subject of which you focus your attention on. Not for a week, not for a month but for years.

A STUDENT OF GOD'S EMOTIONS

It is what King David did when he said the statement we use so often here at the International House of Prayer when King David said, "This one thing I do. I gaze on Your beauty all the days of my life" (Psalm 27:4, paraphrased). David was a student of God's emotions. We are—the wisest among us—are those who are students of God's emotions. She declares because of the fragrance of Your good perfume—because of the fragrance of Your internal qualities—because of the fragrance, it imparts the loveliness of the way You think, and the way You feel. Beloved, the loveliness of the way Jesus thinks. The loveliness of the way He feels. It moves us when it touches us in the way that fragrance moves the heart. Of course, the most rare and beautiful types of fragrances.

HIS FRAGRANCE IS THE UNVEILING OF KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PERSONALITY

In 2 Corinthians 2:14, Paul the apostle spoke of the fragrance of Jesus. Now, he was speaking of it in a figurative way. It was figurative of the knowledge of God. He talked about God who leads us in triumph in 2 Corinthians 2:14, God "through us diffuses"—or manifests—"the fragrance of His knowledge in every place" that they would go. So the New Testament makes clear that the new subject of His fragrance is the subject of the knowledge of His personality, and who He is and what He is like.

Now, Paul is talking about the fragrance of Jesus in a figurative sense meaning in the way that Song of Solomon is. The fragrance of Jesus is the unveiling of the knowledge of God. It is what He is like on the inside. However I want to just, because it is such a great subject, the fragrance of Jesus is also literal. It is not just figurative.

Around His throne, there are so many dynamic and awesome fragrances that fill heaven forever. So though, we are talking about His internal qualities it is much more than that. His fragrance is a bigger subject than that. Now it is reasonable that

in the Song of Solomon, which is a metaphor of bridal love—it is a love between a Bride and a Bridegroom. It is reasonable that Solomon would choose the symbol of fragrance to talk about love. Fragrance in love in context to marriage is connected. If a scientist was writing his joy and exhilaration in God, he might not say “because your fragrance.” He might say, “because of Your brilliance, Jesus, my heart is stirred deeply toward You.” This is not a picture of God’s brilliance per say though the Word of God obviously from Genesis to Revelation emphasizes the brilliance of God. The Song of Solomon is focusing on, in a really direct way, upon the emotions of God. She is going to make a very important theological point. She says because of the fragrance, because of Jesus’ good fragrances, two very significant things are going to happen.

POURING FORTH JESUS’ NAME ACROSS THE NATIONS

First, God is going to pour forth Jesus’ name across the nations. Secondly, the virgins or the Body of Christ are going to love Jesus because they come into the understanding of His good fragrances, and because God is going to show them forth, and display them across the earth.

She says, “because of the fragrance, because of the attractiveness, because of the loveliness, because of the power of Your good perfumes”—in the place of fragrance you could put attractiveness, loveliness or the power or the winsome power of Your good perfumes—because they are powerful, because they are so real, God has chosen to pour forth Your name across the nations. Now, there is only one name that God has chosen to pour forth across the nations.

THE NAME ABOVE EVERY OTHER NAME

He is going to exalt one name, of course, as we are all familiar with that. It is the name of Jesus. When God pours forth the name of Jesus or exalts it, what this means is it is a prophetic statement, but there is a bit of theology in it as well. God is going to pour it forth or openly reveal it, openly display it to the nations of the world, and that includes to individuals in the Body of Christ. The thing that you and I need more than anything in the spirit is for the name of Jesus to be poured forth in our personal life, for it to be displayed, for the mystery and the reality of it to be, to unfold to our hearts.

Now God does not unfold the qualities of another person to our heart. He is the Holy Spirit is not committed to taking the qualities of Moses, Elijah, or even David, that is not the one but it is because of the unique supremacy of Jesus.

Because of His unique qualities there is none like Him. In Revelation 5, we looked at it at the last session where they are looking throughout heaven. Is there anybody? Is there any man who is worthy to take the scroll and to open it? Jesus possesses the most unique qualities in a way that even a godly man or woman through history— a Moses, David, or Elijah—do not even come close to even through the impartation of the Holy Spirit in the quality of His deity, His humanity, His tenderness, and His commitment to us.

THE FRAGRANCE IS ALSO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF HIS INNER LIFE

The Song of Solomon, the Bride in the Song of Solomon, she declares this as the fragrance of His good perfumes, the power of the attractiveness of His inner life. Of course, that is the whole subject of redemption as believers. I did not mean redemption of our ongoing salvation experience is to be captured by the loveliness, and the beauty of this man who is fully God and fully man. In Habakkuk 2:14, it says, “the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.”

The Father is going to cause the fragrance of Jesus’ good perfumes, He is going to cause the unique qualities of His inner life, His thought life and His emotional make up to be openly seen. It is not just it is going, that the nations are going to see it. It is that God is choosing to bring the human race to a deeper experience with God by unveiling the beauty of Jesus’ heart. The earth is going to be filled with the knowledge; you could say this, of the perfume of Christ Jesus.

FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY IS TO FILL CHURCH WITH KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS

In Ephesians 4, Paul is giving the function of the five-fold ministry. He talks about apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and he gives us the reason God is anointing apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

I am going to just look at one point: Paul makes several points here as he says in Ephesians 4:13 that God is going to anoint them. He is going to use them until the church is filled with the knowledge of Jesus. Now the church is already saved. We are not talking about the knowledge of justification by faith. One of the signs of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher is that they are feeding the people of God on the knowledge of Jesus, the knowledge of God, the knowledge of the Son of God. Now, we are talking about believers needing to be filled up with the knowledge of God. Of course, this is what the Holy Spirit is committed to. This is

what the end-time ministry is about. I hear much today about ministries and about apostles or prophets. Often they do this, or that or the other. Some of it is good, and some of it is not so good of the things you hear.

I want to assure you, one of the primary functions of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher, is to, under the anointing, to reveal the knowledge of Jesus to the Body of Christ. That is why we really want to go after the Song of Solomon in a really direct and powerful way.

This is a theological point. Do not be thrown off by the word theological. It just means that it is a very important biblical principal that has to do with our transformation, is what I am talking about. The church will love Jesus as the Father pours forth the beauty of His name.

So why do you care about that point? Because to grow in love for Jesus, the Bride in Song of Solomon understood the pouring forth of Jesus' name is what makes the virgins love Him. That is the point we are covering throughout this session just saying it over and over. I have said this for some years now but I am still surprised and disappointed how many on-fire believers, how few focus on the subject of the fragrance of His good perfumes. I do not mean you have to use that terminology. That is symbolic terminology.

I do not care about that terminology per say. I am surprised in a negative sense how few fervent believers spend quality time feeding their spirit on the revelation of Jesus' thought life and His emotional make up. I assure you that when the Father pours forth the name of Jesus you will love Him.

GOD POURS FORTH THE FRAGRANCE OF PERFUME AND PEOPLE LOVE HIM

The people you are ministering to, whether it is one on one, one on five, one on ten. Whether it is your children, your neighbors, the market place the people will love Him when the knowledge of His heart is made known in a specific way. I do not just mean the knowledge of His willingness to forgive. He went to the cross and forgave. That is revealing the knowledge of His heart. We esteem that. That is very important.

I am talking about specifically feeding the people on small bites, breaking it down in a clear way as to what His heart is really like. Beloved, you will not be able to

do that even one on one, to your children, in the market place if you do not feed on that in your own personal spirit.

You will not feed on it unless you believe that the Father is going to pour forth the fragrance of His good perfumes because it makes the people love Him. The Father looks at the great problem of the human race, darkness on the planet.

The Father has one premier strategy: He is going to fill the earth with the knowledge of Jesus to correct the problems in the planet. Now if God is going to fill the earth with the knowledge of Jesus, we would understand rightfully if that is the Father's strategy in the age to come, in the millennial kingdom and beyond. Surely, that is a priority to us now, the subject of the knowledge of God. Now when He says your name is ointment poured forth, therefore the virgins love you, in the Song of Solomon the virgins speak of the daughters of Jerusalem.

THE VIRGINS OR DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM ARE SINCERE YET IMMATURE

The virgins, the daughters of Jerusalem, are the sincere, yet they are the immature believers who love the Lord. They seek Jesus throughout the song, but they are immature in their life. Even the immature will be transformed by the revelation of the emotions of God. There is only one name that changes the human heart. The primary strategy that God has to change the human heart is the unveiling of the fragrance of His good perfumes using the language of the Song of Solomon, or unveiling the knowledge of His emotions and His thoughts.

It is not just His power. We would typically think it is His power. Many would. Beloved, we have been looking up at the stars and the sun everyday our whole life. Many believers are not overly moved by His power. I have watched over thirty years of ministry, people get healed dramatically. Even with the person who is healed, three months later, they might be living like they were. They were excited for three months. I believe the revelation of His power is important. The thing that the Word of God makes clear—I have experienced it in my own life to a measure that it is even more than a display of power at a meeting, or even a display of power in creation—is when our heart understands what He feels, it does something to our spirit dramatically. The Bride here is giving insight in how God changes the human heart. That is what is going on. She understands it, and she is giving teaching. She goes because of the fragrance of His good perfumes, because of the kind of man that He is, because of the quality of His thought life, and because of the quality of His emotional life. Therefore, God has chosen Him as the

strategy to transform the earth to pour His name forth, to display His inner life openly to the nations.

She says it is the unveiling of His inner life that is going to mature even the immature virgins, (they do not have the maturity of the Bride through the book of Song of Solomon). They are always pictured as inquiring. They are sincere, but they do not have the same maturity level. When God shines forth and unveils the inner life, the quality of Jesus' thought life and His emotional makeup, even the young and the immature ones in the spirit have that has no relationship to age in the physical because you could be young in the spirit and old in this age, or the other way around. She understands how God changes the human heart. That is the point. That is why I love this verse so much. She understands it. There is only One perfumed name that transforms human history, and that transforms individual hearts. There is only one. I want to ask you: Do you see the name of Jesus as a perfumed name? I am talking to believers.

So often, He is the one who saves us, heals us, helps us get more money and more friends, and makes our ministry a little more lively. Beloved, He does. He heals us. He forgives us. He helps us with money and with friends. He really does those things. He makes our ministry a little livelier when He blesses it with His favor. He is more than that. When we experience encounters with this Man by the Holy Spirit at the heart level, we know that He is the only one with a perfumed name.

THE EXCELLENCES OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS (PHIL. 3:8)

He can take the most dull, spiritually dull person, and He can transform them into extravagant lovers of God. It is more than healing their body and forgiving them. Paul, the apostle, touched this and he understood. He describes "the Excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:8). He said in that verse "the Excellencies of Christ Jesus." When we understand that His name has this kind of power. I do not mean just to drive a devil out. In the name of Jesus, devils will flee. Yes, that is true. I am talking about by the name of Jesus unveiled to the human heart. When God pours forth His name to our heart, the name of Jesus drives out spiritual boredom in the human heart. It does not just drive sickness away. The name of Jesus does not just drive demons away.

The name of Jesus—as God unfolds it, or pours it out on the human spirit— causes us to love Him at the heart level. It drives boredom and spiritual boredom out of

our lives. When God reveals God to the human spirit it absolutely exhilarates us. Our zeal for Jesus is strengthened by the knowledge of His inner life, His thought life, His emotional makeup. Paul said this in Philippians 3:8: “I count everything loss for this reason because of the Excellency”— or the perfume—“ of the knowledge of God” if I was using the language of the Song of Solomon.

Beloved this man who is fully man and fully God, He has a name that is so exhilarating to the human spirit that when it is unpacked—only when it is unveiled to us by us feeding our spirit on the Word. You would think that this would be the most sought after thing in the kingdom of God for us to eagerly, aggressively feed our spirits on. We would focus on the Excellency of this name, the name being the quality of His personhood. Yet I have to say, it is going to turn around though, so I am encouraged. In the kingdom of God, the most neglected subject in the kingdom of God is God. It is not just how to get things, how to make ministry work, how to get a healing, how to make money work, how to grow our ministry or how to have good relationships. All of those are biblical and are absolutely essential subjects, but the most neglected subject in the kingdom of God is the subject of God.

He is the one who is the fragrance of His good perfumes. He will excite our heart and exhilarate our spirits. Paul, got a hold of it. He said because of “the Excellency” (Phil. 3:8). He did not say the Excellency of just being forgiven, although he certainly would have said that I am sure.

Being forgiven is massive; I mean the forgiveness of Jesus is massive subject. Forever, a billion years from now, we will still be worshipping and thanking Him for it. Beloved, I am talking about the unpacking of His heart. I am talking about the unveiling of His inner life. Jesus declares the Father’s name for the purpose of awakening love in our spirit. This is my and has been my favorite verse. You know you get a hundred favorite verses, but this is actually the real one. This is the real favorite of my hundred favorites.

FATHER: I HAVE DECLARED TO THEM YOUR NAME (JOHN 17:26)

If you have to have a life verse, you do not need one but if you want one, I recommend this John 17:26. Jesus said, “I have declared,”—He is talking to the Father— “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.” Now whether it is Jesus declaring the name of the Father, or the Father declaring the name of Jesus, it has the same power and impact. So at this point, I am not differentiating between the

difference of impact of the Father's heart or the Son's heart because their heart is the same.

Jesus understands the power of the knowledge of God touching the human spirit. He said in John 17:26: "I declared to them Your name," and that is how He summed His three and a half years of ministry. He is talking about from the resurrected place at the right hand of the Father.

Through church history, God is essentially saying that "the primary thing I am going to do the people who, who are understanding My heart. I am going to tell them about Your heart and about Your thoughts. I am going to tell them about Your name Father. Look what happens.

When I do that, I am going to do it so that the love which with, the love with which You loved Me, it would be imparted to them.

Beloved, when the knowledge of God touches our heart, when the knowledge of God's heart and God's thought life touches our spirit by the anointing of the Holy Spirit it causes an impartation of the love that the Father has for Jesus. A supernatural quality of love is imparted to our spirit. I cannot think of anything more glorious than loving Jesus in the power of the Father's love for Jesus. Loving Jesus with the power of God—can you think of anything more exhilarating in life than loving God under the power of God?

I mean our spirit is just alive with joy, fullness and excitement. That is what Jesus is talking about. He is using in this grand passage, John 17:26, He is using the theology of the Song of Solomon 1:3. It is because of the good perfumes of God that when the name of God is unveiled it awakens love. The virgins will love You. It awakens love in our spirit when we understand the knowledge of God.

HOW DO YOU GROW IN PASSION FOR JESUS?

I wrote a book called, "Passion for Jesus" some years ago. Therefore, because of it, I get asked all the time, "How do you grow in passion for Jesus?" I thought, "Well, that is a fair that is a good question. I like that question. The answer is really simple and it is really straight forward."

The way we grow in passion for Jesus is by growing in the revelation of Jesus' passion for us. Beloved, let there be no mistake. Let the mystery be solved. That is how it happens. You want to love God more? Then study the love of God for you. I am not talking about just casually. I am talking about making it the premier

occupation of your life before God. I tell you, it will make you a better servant. It will make you a better evangelist, a better prophetic person. It will make you a better everything person, a better husband, better wife, better father, mother, child, brother, sister. When our hearts are touched by this power, by this influence we will be better at everything that we do. Just the amount of anxiety, of fear, the weight of darkness that comes because of such spiritual boredom in the lives of so many believers, they are so filled with spiritual boredom. It just opens so much darkness, anxiety, fear, so much managing ego and rejection. If we could bring that down a couple of notches by the knowledge of God touching our spirits we would be better at everything just because even mentally speaking, our hard drive clears up. Emotionally speaking, so much is cleared up. So much of the fog lifts in that revelation. Now, it is not enough to intellectually get a hold of this concept. I am only giving you a concept.

GOD THE FATHER WILL REVEAL THE NAME OF JESUS TO THE NATIONS

The concept is because of the fragrance, the loveliness of this man's inner life; because of it, God the Father has chosen to reveal it to the nations. God the Father, secondly, chosen to transform the individuals of the earth through the encounter of the knowledge of this man's inner life—that is a grand idea. Many believers do not understand that simple point. They are looking for transformation in so many other ways without encountering the knowledge of God. I believe that God has other dimensions that lead to our transformation. The missing factor is the knowledge of God Himself, not just the introductory knowledge of being forgiven. I am talking about the emotions of God touching our spirit creates so much, so many dynamics in our inner man, positive ones.

GOING FORWARD DELIBERATELY IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

So we have to decide it is true that we are going to go after the knowledge of God. Deliberately, strategically, in a focused way, not accidentally, or on the run, I want to know what He thinks, and how He feels more than anything else in life. I need to know it more. I need to be hungry for it more. It is not enough to even have that piece of information. Okay, I am going for it. It is only a starting point even to get the information in our head. We need to feed our spirit on this reality.

You know some people approach the Word of God like a person going to a restaurant, and they are not going to eat, they are just going to study the menu. I

know people that just read the Word of God. It is to bring us into encounter with a man's heart.

I do not want to be a connoisseur of the Song of Solomon. I want to experience the fragrance, the power of His good perfumes. It will make even the young ones love Him, let alone the mature ones. We have got to! I would like you just to end by having you look at that part of the notes here just on your own. It is really simple, but we need to do it. I have a passion to see people actually do this. I am not just interested in giving a sermon. I want to see people become disciples and students of the emotions of Jesus.

MINISTRY TIME

Amen. Let's stand. Father, we come before You even now. Lord we ask You, we ask You to pour forth by the spirit of revelation. We ask You to pour forth the fragrance, the uniqueness, the winsomeness and the beauty of His good perfumes upon our spirit in these next weeks and months as we lock in to go after this in our personal life with you. In Jesus name, amen.