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March 6, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey of Awakening Mature Love – Rendu Paras

Day 6 – Longing for Intimacy

*“Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth (Word) -- for Your love is better than wine.”
(Song 1:2)*

As a man, when I first read this verse, it was a struggle, especially imagining myself as the Shulamite woman. But when I understood the context, it began to stir something in my heart.

This isn't about a physical kiss. It's not that kind of desire.

There are different types of kisses in the scripture. A kiss of the mouth speaks of holy married love or intimacy. For 3,000 years, rabbis have referred to the “kisses of the mouth” in this verse as the “kiss of the Torah” because what proceeds out of God’s mouth, is His Word.

From the context of John 1:1, we know that Jesus Himself is the Word.

When the Shulamite woman asks for a “kiss”, she's seeking a deeper connection with Jesus, asking for His words to touch her heart intimately, expanding her ability to not just feel His love but to give it back to Him in return.

So, what does this mean? It means that the Shulamite woman wants the deepest things about Him (Jesus) to touch the deepest things about her.

I want us to see that the beginning of this journey into mature love starts with longing. It starts with a desire to know Him in a deep and personal way.

But again, longing is just the beginning. There is a process of refinement, testing and proving that must come to bring that longing into maturity.

This beginning season can be seen as the “first love” season. Remember the time when you first gave your life to the Lord and all you wanted was to know more of Him. This is that time for the Shulamite Woman.

Does your heart still burn with a longing to know and love Jesus in the deepest way? If not, now is the time to ask God to reignite first love fire in your heart once again.