

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

March 27, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 27 – God's Loving Discipline (Song 3:1-5)

“By night on my bed I sought the one I love; I sought him, but I did not find him. “I will rise now,” I said, “And go about the city; In the streets and in the squares I will seek the one I love.” I sought him, but I did not find him. The watchmen who go about the city found me; I said, “Have you seen the one I love?” Scarcely had I passed by them, When I found the one I love. I held him and would not let him go, Until I had brought him to the house of my mother, And into the chamber of her who conceived me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.”

Song of Solomon 3:1-5

The Lord's response to the Bride's refusal to obey, is to lovingly discipline her by causing His manifest presence to be lifted off her heart. The goal isn't to punish her but it's actually for her growth and spiritual well-being. He loves us far too much to allow us to come up short of being the glorious and mature Bride of Christ. The Lord pries our fingers off the things that hold us in bondage.

The cost of obedience is high but the cost of disobedience is even higher.

The Lord lifts His presence from the hearts of His people for several reasons:

1. To alert us to the seriousness of our compromise.
2. To humble us to cause us to be aware of our need for Him.
3. To awaken deep hunger in us for Jesus.

The Lord is willing to do whatever it takes to remove that which hinders love.

(To be continued.)