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March 29, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 29 – From Longing to Obedience

"By night on my bed I sought the one I love; I sought him, but I did not find him."

Song 3:1

The Bride sought the Lord but did not find Him. This was a new experience for her. All throughout Song 1-2 when she sought Him, she found Him in great sweetness. Now He is nowhere to be found.

It says that she sought for Him while in her bed. She was not supposed to be on her bed but on the mountains with the Lord. It says she was on "her bed" instead of "their bed" (Song 1:16). Their partnership is disrupted.

She continues to seek God through the familiar spiritual disciplines of prayer and meditation on the Word as she did in the past (Song 2:3-5). Now she does not feel His presence because He requires a new measure of obedience. Prayer and fasting is no substitute for obedience.

"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."

Song 3:2

She finally gives up and decides she can't continue to live like this. She can't continue without His presence in her life so she goes "Ok. You win. I will arise. I will go." The maiden now arises as she was commanded to do in Song 2:10. By doing this God is not punishing her but disciplining her.

Jesus withholds His presence to cause us to diligently seek His face and to draw us out of fear, unbelief and compromise. He holds out until we rise up and come to Him in new areas of obedience.

The pain of losing His presence motivates her to arise off her bed and leave the comfort zone. Our soul becomes desperate for more of God as we remember former seasons of sweetness.

She adds obedience to her prayer. She understands that prayer alone will not solve her problem. It requires active obedience.

The Bride arises but it says she goes into the city. The Lord told her to the mountains. She's taken steps but she still hasn't fully committed to going all the way yet. Even though all she's taken were baby steps, we will see tomorrow how the Lord responds to her.