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Jesus, a Bridegroom with a Burning Heart of Love (Part 5)

The Nature of God: Love

How we view God matters. Many see Jesus as if He were a great yet distant king, whose primary interest in us is to save us so that we will praise Him and work for Him.

The gospel flourishes most when we understand the passion in God's personality for partnership with us. It is not enough to know what He has done for us. We need to know why He does what He does.

There is nothing more theologically accurate than Jesus' love. To sing descriptively about Jesus includes the truths about people who are deeply tied to His grand storyline.

Worship songs with "I" and "me" express part of His story and glory, which involves us deeply. It sounds noble to never mention ourselves, but this misses a significant aspect of God's nature and story. Our worship songs will often include the glory of Jesus' love and enjoyment of His Father and His Bride and will express our loyalty to Him and our cry for help to love and magnify Him more.

Jesus said so much in His High Priestly Prayer, asking that the Body of Christ would enter into deep participation with the fellowship of the Trinity as the way to transform the world.

23I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (Jn. 17:23)

Experiencing God's love by receiving and responding to it is the only way to God's fullness. Our eternal participation with the indwelling Christ and being rooted and grounded in God's love that far exceeds human knowledge is the only way to experience the fullness of God's purposes.

17That Christ may dwell in your hearts...that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may be able to comprehend...the width and length and depth and height-- 19to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:17-19)

Prayer:

Father, to experience You because we know You makes so much difference in how we worship and honor You. That You dwell in our hearts through Jesus Christ is the power in us. We receive Your love and respond to it in great wholehearted love too...