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The Bride Will Learn to View Her Life from a New Core of Understanding

First, it's from eternity past; secondly, the material and the spiritual created order is for the bride. We're right here in 1 Corinthians 3. Paul the apostle is touching this theme. He's touching the theme of the uniqueness of the people of God.

Paul says, "For you are still carnal" (1 Cor. 3:3). He acknowledges their sin; he acknowledges the brokenness of their life. He says, "There's envy, strife, relational division. There's disaster everywhere in the church here."

He says, "Are you not . . . behaving like mere men" (1 Cor. 3:3b)? His point is that they still had an identity. They still had an image of themselves as mere people, as mere fallen people. They were so accustomed to feeling common, to feeling insignificant, that as Paul was exhorting them through 1 Corinthians, his most difficult challenge was to get them to view their life from a totally different core of understanding.

He says, "Granted, you're carnal, but that doesn't change the fact that you're no longer mere people as you've understood the human race. You've been crowned with glory by the Son of God Himself." Of course, Paul had in person discussed the mystery of God to the Corinthians. So they understood even before his writings here.

Song 1:4, the Bride describes her spiritual goals and life vision. "Draw me away! We will run after you. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in you. We will remember your love more than wine" (Song 1:4).

Prayer:

ABBA in Yeshua's Name take me away. Draw me away to you, alone, to hear what you have to say. To be closer to you, near you.