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September 7, 2023 – The Cry of the Bride: Maranatha – Erlinda Cruz

Abba God Wants You! Yes, You!

“Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love. For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]– [So that we might be] to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.”

Ephesians 1:4-6 AMPC

We see here the heart’s desire of God which He planned even before the beginning of time.

Paul is explaining to us the mystery of God’s mercy and strategy as to Father God’s plan for His family. He planned this in the eternity past, desiring to have a people “near and precious to His heart.”

The amazing thought is so awe inspiring in that the God who created everything, a powerful creator, He who has everything, will desire me/you and yes, all of us.

His desire for you is so powerful that His heart is continually in pursuit of you! His desire for you is what makes you precious and desirable.

This desire for you gives Him the ache. There seems to be an enormous pain in Him for Him to willingly send His Son to bring us back into a nearness to Him as He has planned it even before the beginning of time! We hear His heart in the prayer of Jesus in John 17:

“Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me [as Your gift to Me] may be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory, which You have given Me [Your love gift to Me]; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O just and righteous Father, although the world has not known You and has failed to recognize You and has never acknowledged You, I have known You [continually]; and these men understand and know that You have sent Me. I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them.”

John 17:24-26 AMPC

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God wants you. Can you hear that desire? Will you align and respond to that desire?

“Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne and I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God. [Ezek. 37:27.]”

Revelation 21:3 AMPC

That cry is so intense and powerful that it penetrates one’s heart.

He aches for you.