

## THE BRIDE AND THE MESSIAH



*Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and  
His Bride has prepared herself.”*

(Revelation 19:7)

“The Messiah also loved the Ekklesia (*the corporate Body of Believers*) and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of water with the Word, and **that He might present the Ekklesia to Himself, a glorious Bride**, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing - but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

(Ephesians 5:25-27)

“You have made My heart beat faster, My Bride; You have made My heart beat faster with a single glance of your eyes, with a single strand of your necklace. How beautiful is your love, My sister, My Bride ! How much better is your love, than wine.” (Song of Songs 4:7-10)

MY FRIEND, we are treading on sacred ground in considering this most vital of all relationships. We are dealing with something most precious, both to the Bridegroom, Y’shua, and to the believer who is in love with Him.

I say, this is the most vital of all relationships. Your relationship to your mother, to your father, your husband or your wife, and to your children is very important. Your relationship to your close friends, to your employer, and to business associates is also very important, but your relationship to your Heavenly Master, the Lord Jesus, is far more important than all these others, for the simple reason that He is your very life; and your total well-being depends upon Him.

The Messiah is the Source of your fullness. He is the Source of your love, joy, peace, satisfaction, health, effectiveness, blessing and wholeness. He is the Author of your faith, and also the Perfecter of that faith. Without Him you would be like any hell-deserving sinner, without hope, condemned under sin, and a slave to evil vices.

Without the Saviour, dear believer, you would be lost - you would be empty, vain and destitute.

But with Y'shua the Messiah in you, the **Hope of Glory**, you are complete (Colossians 1:27, 2: 3,9,10). You are complete in Him, for in Him dwells all the fullness of the Eternal One; and in Him are all the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God. Oh can't you see that your relationship to the Lord Jesus is the most vital relationship of all?

If anything happens to this relationship, your life will wither. If anything causes this relationship to deteriorate, your life will become barren, you will be of little use to your Master, to your family, your friends, or to the world. It is essential that our relationship to Y'shua, Jesus, be cultivated, and that it should deepen into fullness.

### **A LOVE RELATIONSHIP**

Every one of us who have trusted the Lord Jesus as Saviour, have a relationship to Him. This relationship can be viewed in various ways.

We have a relationship to Him as **Creator to creature**. We have a relationship as **Saviour-saved**; we have a relationship as **King-ambassador**; as **High Priest-priest**, as **Brother-brother**; as **Redeemer-kinsman**; as **Potter-clay**; as **Master-disciple**; as **Friend to friend**. And yet, encompassing every aspect of our relationship to the Saviour, is this great, mysterious **relationship of love**.

The Father initiated a relationship to us because of love - because of His eternal, compelling, insuperable love. Look how John expresses it in his first epistle:

“God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:8-10)

Love pursued us, and love won us! Yes, God's pure, unselfish love! And yet, love cannot remain all alone. Love expects a response. Love seeks love; and love begets love. And the Father expects the loving response of His sons and daughters. Love. HalleluYah!

But there is a deeper reason why our relationship to the Lord Jesus is essentially a love relationship. It's because the Father planned that the corporate Body of all believers of this present age (from Pentecost to the Rapture), should become the Bride of His Son.

“This is a profound mystery - but I am speaking with reference to the Messiah and the Ekklesia (the corporate Body).” (Ephesians 5:32)

*Ekklesia* is the Greek word Paul uses to express this truth of the corporate Body of believers. We use the word “church,” and that's all right as long as we understand by that term, the **corporate body of believers**. (The English word “church” however, is such a confused term today. It is generally used for everything except the true meaning of *Ekklesia*.)

My friend, I want this thrilling truth to grip you. I pray it will so possess you, that it will awaken you to the reality of who you are, and what you mean to the Lord Jesus. If it does, it can change your thinking, and change your life. It can powerfully motivate your life, and make you a vital instrument in the building and edifying of the Ekklesia - the Body of the Messiah.

You, believer, are not merely a saved sinner! (Praise Yahweh that you are indeed that!). But you are a member of **the Bride of Christ**. You are a greatly privileged saint who has been chosen to share the most intimate fellowship with God's Anointed Son throughout eternity.

This is the greatest privilege any person could possibly have! Can you think of any other privilege at all, that can compare with this?

You might have the privilege of belonging to a wealthy family. You might rise to become a great ruler in your country. You might have the privilege of being born into a noble royal family, and being an heir to the throne of a great kingdom. Would any of this compare with the privilege of belonging to the Bride who will reign with the Messiah throughout eternity?

Think, however you will! You might have the blessing of having a most beautiful, handsome, intelligent, qualified, successful, compatible partner in life. That would be wonderful, but your partner would pale in comparison to the King of glory!

Can you name anything on earth, dear believer, that compares to the privilege of belonging to the Bride of Christ?

I think of certain Bible characters. There was Abraham - the Friend of God. What a privilege he had! Before God destroyed Sodom, He said, "I must tell My friend, Abraham." Then Abraham had his faith tested by the LORD. And he was privileged, by grace, to come through triumphantly, and to become "the father of the faithful." But you and I, dear believer, have a greater privilege, being included in the Bride of God's Son.

Then there was Job. He had the great privilege of being tested and tried so that his faith might be found unshakeable. He was permitted to be tried to the utmost. Many of us may never have such a deep experience, but we have the experience of belonging to the Bride of the Messiah.

Jacob was chosen to become the father of the chosen nation, Israel. God's love for Jacob was so great, that His love for Esau looked like hatred. Jacob was privileged, but not so greatly as are believers of the Bride!

David was greatly privileged. God loved him, chose him to be the king of the chosen people. David was God's anointed. What a privilege. And yet, this privilege is not as wonderful as that which you and I have, who are the Bride of THE Anointed.

Daniel was privileged. God sent His personal messengers to close the mouths of the lions.

The Three who were cast into the fiery furnace were privileged to have the Son of God join them there.

John the Baptist is called "the Friend of the Bridegroom," but he did not have the privilege of becoming a member of the Bridegroom's precious Bride.

Oh, none of these dear saints had the privilege that we believers have. We are the Bridegroom's Beloved. And our relationship to Y'shua, Jesus, is a love relationship - the deep love relationship of Bride and Bridegroom.

Can you see then how vital our relationship is? If God intended that all earthly marriage relationships should be based on love, how much more should this heavenly-ordained, eternal marriage of Christ and the Church be a love relationship!

**THE MILLENNIAL PRIVILEGE**

Consider further, the privileged place of the Bride, in the coming Kingdom of Christ. Some people imagine that the members of the church will be the subjects on earth in the Millennial kingdom. This is not so.

Believers in the Bride may visit the earth on assignment during the 1000 years, but they will not be earth-bound. The home of the Bride is the New Jerusalem - the heavenly city that the Master has prepared for His Bride. (Rev. 21)

The subjects on earth will be the believers who have come through the Great Tribulation. They are the “sheep” whom the Lord places on His right hand and says to them, “Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Matt. 25:34). These subjects **will** be earth-bound, for they will not have been raised from the dead, nor raptured to heaven.

The officials in the kingdom will be made up of those who are slain for their testimony to the Messiah during the Tribulation, and who are raised to life after the completion of the seven years. We are told that they will reign with Christ for a thousand years. (Rev. 20: 4). I see them as the administrators in the reign of the Anointed.

That will be a great privilege for the martyred Tribulation believers. But what of the Bride? What is her position during the Millennium? She will be the **wife** of the King standing at His side! She will reign with the King of Glory as His glorious Queen. What a privilege! HalleluYah!

The Bride, like her Bridegroom, will have taken part in resurrection and rapture (ascension), and her members, having their new, transformed, immortal bodies, will not be earth-bound, but will reign with Christ from the Heavenly Jerusalem. What a special privilege, we have, believer!

### **THE BRIDEGROOM DESIRES A DEEP LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH BELIEVER!**

The Lord Jesus is not satisfied with merely saving sinners from Hell, and getting them to Heaven. He is concerned with the fulfillment of the Father’s purpose - the perfecting of the Bride who is to share the rest of eternity with Him.

Just as believers are ultimately to reach perfection in **holiness**, so they will also come to perfection in **love**.

In Ephesians 5: 25 we read,

“Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her.”

Now think friend! After manifesting His love by giving Himself on the cross for the Bride; after saving and winning her to Himself at such a cost, how greatly He must desire the believer’s responsive love. We sing the chorus,

*How greatly Jesus must have loved me,  
to bear my sins, in His body, on the tree.*

Yes, He loved us greatly; not just because we were perishing souls, but because we were His chosen Bride. And He loves each one of us equally, for we are all part of the complete Bride. We have varying ministries and gifts, no doubt, but there is no indication that the Master loves one member less than the others.

John is called the Beloved Apostle. He seemed to be the Master’s favourite, but Y’shua was open to all His disciples. He was longing for the love of each of them as much as He was from John. Was it that John wanted to be loved more than the

others? Was it that he was the most responsive, the most loving of them all, and so Y'shua could express more love to him?

Well, the Master wanted the love and companionship of every one of them. If we go back to the beginning, when He chose the apostles, we see that He wanted them **to be with Him**. He wanted their fellowship and affection.

“And He went up to the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve, **that they might be with Him**, and that He might send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons.” (Mark 3: 13-15)

We usually think the Lord wanted the disciples to be, first and foremost, witnesses unto Him. But no! First, He wanted them **to be with Him**. They would witness later. They would cast out demons later. They would evangelise the world later. But first, He wanted their company and love.

Here is a marvellous thing! The eternal Son of God, the Beloved of the Father, the Source of love itself, was seeking the love and companionship of mere men. HalleluYah!

### **BE "WITH HIM" IN THE WORD!**

Love is a two-way expression. Don't think that you have to do all the talking. Listen to what the Master is saying! But don't expect to hear a voice in your head! Take the Bible, study and meditate on its truths, and then "talk over" the Scriptures with your Master.

“Let the Word of the Messiah (Christ) dwell within you richly.”

“So then faith *comes* from hearing, and the hearing *and understanding comes* through the Word of God.” (Colossians 3:16. Romans 10:17)

We can say that true love also comes by the Word of Christ, for true love cannot be separated from truth. And "Your Word is truth!" (Psalm 119:160). So be with the Master in His Word, and your love relationship will deepen day by day as He desires.

The **Song of Songs** is a deep passage on which we may meditate. It gives us a glimpse of the love of the Heavenly Bridegroom for His Beloved. It gives us some idea of how much the Bride means to Him.

“How beautiful you are, my darling. How beautiful you are !

Your eyes are like doves behind your veil;

You are altogether beautiful, my darling,

*And there is no blemish in you ...*

You have made my heart beat faster, my bride;

You have made my heart beat faster  
with a single glance of your eyes ...

How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride !

How much better is your love, than wine.

And the fragrance of your oils than all kinds of spices!”

(Song of Songs 4:1:7-10)

Here is the praise of the Bridegroom for the Bride. Here the *Lover of our souls* is speaking about us, dear believer. He is speaking about you and me. How wonderful!

He calls me His beloved, His darling. He says I am beautiful. Oh how can it be that I should be beautiful in His eyes?

It's because I am clothed in His righteousness. Yes, I have been cleansed by His blood, and He has made me spotless; He has made me beautiful.

But look at the effect **I** have upon **Him**. I make His heart beat faster and faster. Oh He loves me. He loves the thought of me. He loves the upward glance of my eyes. Oh I never realized that I meant so much to Him.

He calls me His sister, His Bride. Yes, I am His sister, for His Father is my Father. I am His Bride, for the Father has so chosen me before the world began, to be part of His Bride. What a privilege! Yes, I **must** respond to this amazing love. Yes, I **must** love Him **with all my heart**. He loved me; He bought me; He won me; He draws me to Him; He captivates me with His love.

*Oh love that will not let me go, I cannot close my heart to Thee,*

*I give Thee back the life I owe,*

*That in Thine ocean depths its flow, may richer, fuller be.*

This is the love experience that could be the sublime joy of all believers if they but yielded their all to the Lord Jesus, and dwelt in His presence and became enamoured by His love. Alas, so often it seems the Beloved must wait silently, disappointedly, for believers to respond to His call of love. He calls, but there is little response of hearts beating faster at His initiatives.

It may be that many believers have not realized their privileged Bride-Bridegroom relationship. It may be that many do not realize they may experience such an intimate relationship with their Heavenly Bridegroom.

Some of us believers, maybe, have not learned to love! Some of us feel shy at expressing love, having been conditioned by a non-emotional environment. Some of us feel that emotion in worship is not appropriate. Maybe we have become so bound by our church tradition and practices, that we rarely communicate with the Lord Jesus. We may feel that speaking to the Lord should be so formal that it allows no place for intimacy. And some of us just cannot understand how we human beings can have such a love relationship with the Lord in glory.

“YOU SHALL LOVE *YAHWEH* THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.” (Luke 10:27)

This is a **spiritual** experience, but it is real, and it involves our soul (emotions), the mind, and the spirit. “With all our strength” means enthusiastically, or wholeheartedly.

Let us not think that the soul is irrelevant, or evil. The soul is simply a vessel or instrument, to express the desires of the spirit, and the mind. If the spirit communes with the Lord, it will do so through the medium of the mind and soul. Let us not be afraid of emotions. The Lord Jesus was an emotional man. (He would not be truly man if He were not). Look at the times the Master wept. Look at the times when His heart leapt for souls ... the rich young ruler, for instance.

“A man came running, and knelt before Him, and asked Him, ‘Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ ... Then Y’shua, looking at him, **loved him**, and said to him, ‘One thing you lack; go and sell all you possess, and give *it* to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me, taking up the cross.’ But at these words *his face fell* and he *became* gloomy, and **he went away** grieved, for he had

many possessions. Then Y'shua, looking around, said to His disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!'" (Mark 10:17, 21-23)

Another reason why we do not experience a deeper love relationship, is because we fail to take time to cultivate it. We fail to give time to the Presence of the Bridegroom.

"Give me your heart, my son." (Proverbs 23:26)

Whatever the reasons, our failure to respond to the persistent love of Jesus, brings disappointment to Him, as we see in Malachi 1:2: "I have loved you," says YHWH. But you said, 'How have you loved us?'"

### **LOVE MUST BE CULTIVATED**

If you have a garden, you must cultivate it. Failure to cultivate will mean it is soon overrun by weeds. The ground will become hard, and the plants dwarfed or stilted.

So it is with love. Love between man and wife must be cultivated. If it isn't, the relationship becomes stale, and withers. A wife expects some signs of endearment, and so does the husband. These signs may be small intimacies, but they assure, and keep love growing.

So with our love for the Heavenly Bridegroom. We must cultivate that love. Our hearts need to be taken up with the Person of the Lord ... His glory, His worth, His work, His words, His Person, His greatness, His mightiness, His eternity.

Our hearts need to develop the capacity to adore Him. And as our hearts adore Him, they will express love to Him ... with or without words.

Sometimes love cannot be expressed in words. It is very possible to dwell in the Presence of the Bridegroom, loving and adoring Him, without expressing words. Words though, usually help to express love. Praise is an expression of our love, and it is hard to praise the Lord without words. Love tells Him how wonderful He is, and how much He means to us. Love is expressed in worship, and in a yielding of oneself to the Master and His will.

Yes, words **do** help! The Bridegroom longs to hear words from a truly adoring heart:

"Lord Jesus, I love You." - *"Adonai Y'shua, ani ohev otcha!"*

### **SPEAKING TO OUR BRIDEGROOM**

Some believers are reluctant to speak directly to the Lord Jesus.

Yes, I know that we "come to the Father through the Son." But that doesn't say, "But don't talk to the Son!"

Yes, the Saviour taught us to pray, "Our Father." And so we bring our requests to the Father at the Throne of Grace. But did Y'shua mean, "I will be your ever-present Companion, but don't you talk to me." ?

No! How can you love a person if you do not speak to him ?

There is no reason at all, for a believer not to talk to the Lord Jesus. Ananias spoke directly to Y'shua who appeared to him in a vision. (Acts 9:10-16). Worship is directed to the Lamb in Revelation 5:9. And the last prayer in the Bible is to the Lord Jesus. (Rev. 22:20)

There are numerous hymns which are written as prayers addressed to the Lord Jesus, which we sing without any hesitation.

The Lord Jesus promised that He will always be with us ... so how can we ignore our ever-present Companion ?

Do not be afraid, dear believer - do not be hesitant to commune with Jesus. He is your Beloved. Speaking reverently, I say, express your love to Him. Let His love overwhelm you. And don't be embarrassed if you find yourself telling Him a thousand times, that you love Him. Revel in His love, and let your heart and emotions overflow with love to Him.

Use the words of hymns and choruses, if they will help you express your love.

*My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou !  
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now !  
I love Thee because Thou first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree:  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now !  
I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath,  
And say, when the deathdew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now !*

Yes, sing unto the Lord. Sing love to your Beloved. This is between you and Him. You have this wonderful privilege to be a personal darling of our wonderful Jesus.

*Y'shua, Lord Jesus, what a wonder you are !  
You are brighter than the morning star,  
You are fairer than the lilies  
Your worth has never been told,  
You are precious, more precious than gold.  
You are like the Rose of Sharon,  
You're the fairest of the fair,  
You are all my longing heart desires,  
Lord Jesus, Y'shua,  
Your worth has never been told.  
You are precious, more precious than gold.*

Jesus the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy Presence rest.  
Nor voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find,  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name, O Saviour of mankind.  
Wonderful, wonderful Jesus, who can compare with Thee?  
Wonderful, wonderful Jesus, fairer than all art Thou to me.  
Wonderful, wonderful Jesus, O how my soul loves Thee.  
Fairer than all the fairest, Jesus, art Thou to me !

Go through your hymn book. Sing or speak those stanzas that increase your thoughts of Jesus. Oh cultivate this love relationship with your heavenly Bridegroom?

Do you know that lovely hymn in Alexander's book (# 432)? It expresses something of this sweet communion with Jesus.

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share, as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.  
He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me, within my heart is ringing.  
I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Though the night around me be falling; but He bids me go.  
Through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

Yes, it can be so uplifting to go out into your own garden, or under the trees, early in the morning, or in the cool of the evening, to spend time with the Bridegroom, and to share your love with Him. You may have your own personal meeting place with Him.

Cultivate your love relationship, and you'll find a new fragrance in your life. Spend time with Jesus, and His glory will radiate from your life. Learn to love your Beloved, and a new love will emanate from your personality - your Christ-filled personality.

### **THE MASTER'S COMMANDS**

We all know that love requires obedience. And these are some of the Master's commands.

- 1 **Love one another**, as I have loved you.
- 2 **Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.**
- 3 Lay not up treasure on earth, but **lay up treasure in heaven.**
- 4 **Love your enemies.** Pray for them that despitefully use you.

Sometimes, the commands of the Master seem so difficult, don't they? We feel we come so short of what He expects of us, and we ask, 'How can I be faithful?' Friend, love is the answer. Love Jesus, Y'shua, and you will not find it tedious, or difficult to keep His commands !

The Master says, *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."* A person in love will do anything for his beloved. Yes, so much rests upon our love relationship to the Master.

Do you find yourself reluctant, or heavy-footed in obeying the Lord? Then look to your love relationship to Him !

### **LOVE IN DECLINE**

I have said that our love relationship to the Lord must be cultivated. It must grow, for there are such depths and heights to this relationship which have hardly entered into our minds as possible.

But it's quite possible that love may **decline**. Love for the Lord may easily decline. All you have to do for love to decline, is **nothing!** Just ignore the *need* to spend time with the Lord and to cultivate your relationship, and you will find it declining.

Certainly the failure is never on the Saviour's part. His love is constant, and He waits always to manifest His love.

The Ephesian church was a live, evangelistic, active, zealous church. They had known great love for Christ, but when the Master sent a message to them by John, He rebuked them because they had left their first love.

“He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, *and* who walks among the seven golden lampstands, declares these matters: ‘I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate those who are evil. And you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them *to be* false; and you have been bearing up *and* have endurance, and because of My Name you have laboured and have not grown weary.

‘But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. Remember then from where you have fallen, and repent and do the works *you did* at first; or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand out of its place - unless you repent’.” (Revelation 2: 1-5)

The love these believers left was their love for their Master - their Beloved. Their love had declined, and their relationship was declining. O how disappointed the Lord was. And yet, more than disappointment; He regarded it as a grievous sin - something that needed to be repented of.

Before their service, the Lord wanted their love. Before their exploits, before their exercise of spiritual gifts, before their miracles, and casting out of demons, He wanted their love.

They had known deep love; it was their FIRST love; and now the Lord calls them to remember - to remember their former love for Him. Remember the earlier times when you longed for the Presence of the Lord and to linger in the garden with Him. Remember the former fragrance you emanated, and the radiance of the Lord you possessed. Remember how your love overflowed, and expressed itself in zeal for winning souls to the Lord. You longed to tell everyone of your wonderful Lord. You were willing to go anywhere for Him. You were willing to die for your Lord. You would gladly embrace the fiery faggots if it would bring honour and souls to Him!

But now? O look from where you have fallen. No longer is there the same zeal. Prayer has become tiresome. Bible study tedious. Soul winning, a thing of the past. O yes, you are still active, but the fragrance is no longer there. You have become indifferent to the plight of perishing souls, and to the Lord’s passion to save them ! Other things have crept in. Other loves have successfully bidden for your time and attention.

O Ephesians ! **Why have you left your First Love?** Has He been a disappointment to you ? Has He ever been unfaithful ? Has one word of His good promise ever failed ? How have you tired of His love so soon ?

O how you have drifted! Your love has declined. You have failed to cultivate this most vital of all relationships. Repent! Confess your sin, your failure to Him. Turn again to your Beloved. Come to the garden alone. Gaze again into the eyes of your Saviour. Remember His sufferings on your behalf. Listen to His sweet, loving voice, speaking to you. Let Him overwhelm you once more with His love.

### **SATAN WILL ATTEMPT TO HINDER**

Be sure of one thing:- Satan will do whatever He can to prevent the believer from enjoying, and cultivating his love relationship to the Lord. He will fill you with all types of feelings to make you think that you don't have enough time to spend in

loving your Lord. He will do everything to disrupt the time you have set aside for the Lord. He will bring up all types of arguments to get you to say, "It is impossible !" "It doesn't last"; "I am not the type of person to experience this type of relationship"; "I'm not good enough," and so on.

If Satan can prevent the development of our love relationship, he will succeed in hindering our spiritual progress, and in making our lives ineffective.

Even as I have been writing this message, the deceiver has been at work, whispering his arguments in my ears. But I have resisted him in the mighty Name of the mighty Y'shua.

Now, my reader, you do the same! Let Satan not rob you of the blessed, thrilling love relationship which you may have with our Heavenly Bridegroom. Yield to your Beloved. Learn of Him. Let your love reach into the depths and heights of the Son of God. If your love has declined, let Him revive it this very day. He is longing to do so.

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me,  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
Oh, knit my thankful heart to Thee,  
And reign without a rival there;  
Thine wholly thine alone I am;  
Lord, with Thy love my heart inflame.

*Oh, grant that nothing in my soul  
May dwell but Thy pure love alone;  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,  
My joy, my treasure, and my crown:  
Strange flames far from my heart remove;  
My every act, word, thought, be love.*

Oh Love, how cheering is Thy ray,  
All pain before Thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away,  
Whate'er Thy healing beams arise;  
Oh Jesus, nothing may I see,  
Nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

Amen !