

## WAR OF PASSIONS

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Songs. 8:6a y 7a

**"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm... 7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.."**

### I. WE WERE MADE TO BE FASCINATED

- A. **We are living in a time where too many things are competing to captivate our hearts; there is a war of passions in the heart of every human being: from fear for the things that are happening and those that may happen to the struggles for social causes that flood the hearts of many young people; on the other hand personal passions; struggles with temptation and offenses are waging a battle within each of us. • Whoever wins this war defines the destiny of a generation.**
- B. **There is a war for our devotion, something as simple as our phones consumes our eyes and our minds to the point that our lives are empty, spiritually speaking, without *rehma* words; full of doubts and indecision and therefore we look for entertainment and emotions that fill our emptiness. We need Jesus to speak to us tenderly to turn to Him with sincere devotion.**
- C. **Our heart was made to be fascinated and when we do not find that satisfaction in the Only One who can really satisfy us totally, other things can captivate us.**
- D. On the other hand, **the human heart can only worship one God**; It cannot love two gods at the same time, for that reason we have to see who or what is fascinating our heart because otherwise without realizing it we will be disloyal to Him.

**Lk. 16:13 "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."**

### II. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS IS ENOUGH

**Rev. 1:13-16 "...in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength."**

- A. When we see Jesus glorified, we notice that **His virtues are like a menu highlighting what the Holy Spirit will feed the Church with to prepare her**

**to overcome indulgence, endure persecution, and partner with Him in His end-time plan.** In His letters to the churches of Asia (**Rev. 2-3**), Jesus spoke of His qualities because they are the answer to the challenge that they were experiencing and that we are experiencing at this time.

- B. There is enough passion in the heart of Christ to fill us all eternally who have called us to Him. More than ever in this time of uncertainty we need to be kissed by the sayings of the Lord's mouth daily otherwise we can live, afraid, confused or disconnected from the Lord and none of us can afford to live like this.**

**Songs. 1:2 "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! [Word]!..."**

- C. In times of temptation, we speak this truth before the Lord.** We say, "I will not give in to sin. Father kiss me with Your Word. My life consists of receiving the kisses of Your Word. This is who I am. **When people mistreat us, we declare,** "My life is not about being popular; I am perfectly loved; I live by the kisses of the Word of God ". **In times of pandemic we say:** 'my life does not consist of living in fear, I am secure In His perfect love for me.'
- D. The divine kiss is a metaphor for intimacy with God. We think of God's hand touching our hearts with the Holy Spirit to expand our ability to receive His love and to give ourselves to Him in love.** Talk about God's invitation to go deeper into Jesus.
- 1. There is a great prophetic cry that expresses where the Spirit is leading the Church in the nations. He will restore the First Commandment to the first place before Jesus returns (Mt. 22: 37-38).** God promised Moses that He would circumcise the hearts of His people so that they would love God with all their hearts (**Deut. 30: 6**).
  - 2. There is also a great emotional cry that answers how our heart works.** It answers the mystery of how our heart experiences true happiness and satisfaction. **God designed us so that the most pleasant reality available to man is to experience His love. When we don't love God with a passionate heart, then our emotional life is out of balance.** We were created in such a way that we cannot live complete if we do not seek to love God completely.

### **III. OUR PROTECTION: DRAW ME, AFTER YOU WE WILL RUN**

**Songs. 1:4 "Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers. Others We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you;"**

- A. The Bride of Songs expresses her life vision in the form of a prayer to God.** She asks her beloved to continue to draw her to Him with the revelation of His knowledge and His affection because she longs to be brought closer and closer to the heart of God in deep intimacy as an extravagant worshiper who loves the Lord with all her heart.

- B. Jesus responded by taking her to his chambers (v.1:4) **"The king has brought me into his chambers"** The king's chamber is the bridal room and He will take the initiative to help her. **This refers to the times when the bride (church) develops her secret life in God.** We all have a secret story in God where Jesus draws us to Him in His word and by His Spirit.
- C. **The times in the chamber shape and shape our inner being. These are the times when the Lord conquers us, warns, promises and confronts us so that we grow in the Spirit.** The King's chambers are also **times of preparation, in which we must love and obey Jesus with all our hearts as he prepares us for future tasks.**
1. **Passion for Jesus breaks boredom:** Many in the Body of Christ are suffering from spiritual boredom because they are not passionate in seeking to love the Lord. They are bored not only in their Christian life but in their life in general and this leads them to seek fun or entertainment to mitigate their strong sense of monotony. If we have nothing to die for then we have nothing to live for.  
**Songs. 8:6a** *"[The Lord says to His beloved] Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,"*  
**Jn. 17:26** *"I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."*
  2. **Passion for Jesus breaks passivity:** We live in a generation in which there is more and more passivity; many of us have become observers without initiative of thousands of events; We are content to observe one after another video or news without responding actively to what happens, **but the passion is for Christ will make us leave the place of stagnation and inaction to the ranks of action in the kingdom.**  
**Jn. 2:17** *"His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."*
  3. **Passion for Jesus protects us from idolatry and addictions:** Our heart was created to worship but when the fire does not burn in the heart we look for other satisfaction instead. Once we taste this beauty and this communion what happened to us happens to us to the Shulamite.  
**Songs. 1:2** *"For your love is better than wine."*
  4. **Passion for Jesus protects us from sin:** If I do not become radical, I let myself be carried away by the lowest passions.  
**Jn. 6:35** *"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*
  5. **Passion for Jesus protects us from spiritual coldness:** If I am not burning, it is because I am drying up. In spiritual life there is no neutral term or you are burning or you are going out.

**Jer. 20:9 "there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."**

6. **Passion for Jesus fills us with love for others:** When I burn for Jesus I stay in love with my wife, loving my friends and even my enemies.

**1 Jn. 4:7 " Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."**

7. **Passion for Jesus protects us from spiritual exhaustion. There is a rest that is experienced as we seek intimacy with God.** Human beings have true rest until they conclude that the highest purpose of their life is intimacy with God. **We only find our total purpose in life by being unconditional in our love for God.** Many believers who are assured of being forgiven are struggling for purpose and happiness. **Without resting in this area of our lives, we become more vulnerable to sexual ties, vices and bitterness, etc..**

**Mat. 11:28-29 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 ...learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls"**

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

- A. This passion for Jesus is what can make us not only survive in the end times but also make us faithful witnesses and devoted to our relationship with Him and to our task in the kingdom despite difficulties, pandemic, crisis, persecution.

**Is. 33:6 "and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure."**

- B. **This passion is maintained by being connected to Jesus all the time.** The same way Jesus was connected with the Father. As we do all the things every day, we must stay connected to Him. As we open the Scriptures, we remain in love with Jesus and His story.

**Jn. 4:14 " but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life"**