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Dream Word – SMELL

Song of Solomon 7:6-9

How fair and how pleasant you are, O love, with your delights! This stature of yours is like a palm tree, And your breasts like its clusters. I said, "I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of its branches." Let now your breasts be like clusters of the vine, The fragrance of your breath like apples, And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. NKJV

What's Needed to Sniff Out The Things of God.

In the South of France, it is the city of Grasse that claims to be the perfume capital of the world. It is the industrial professionals of this ancient industry that at the time of my writing tonight, claims that although there may be 1,000 professional Perfumers in the world, there are only 50 Noses and each of them have originated or be trained in the city of Grasse!

A 'Nose' is a unique technical artiste, an inventor of perfumes with the ability to recognise up to 3,000 different smells. Working for months at a time, their task and calling is the ability to mix such an harmony of fragrances that the tone of their invention will set all other noses to dancing!

Of course perfume has been used for thousands of years in commemoration, medication, sanitation, seduction and sacrifice. Useful stuff! Knowledge of perfumery came to Europe from the East early on the 14th Century, but it was Queen Elizabeth of Hungary who ordered the making of the modern perfume of today, made from scented oils blended in an alcohol solution. Indeed, this first European perfume became so popular that it was known throughout the Western World as 'Hungarian Water.'

I would like to suggest tonight, that the church has much more than 50 Noses! Indeed, I wonder just how many folk have the capacity of leadership to orchestrate such a harmony of fragrances, fragrances of commemoration, healing, health, spiritual seduction and sacrifice, that when steeped in the preservative and powerful alcohol of the Holy Spirit, they will set the church to dancing! I suspect there are many and should such a ballad of fragrant forcefulness be let loose in the church and subsequently upon the world, that the top note of 'Wowness' would turn their necks in wonder, the middle note of 'Wooing' would win their hearts to Christ and the base note of warmth and tenacity, would both bind them in the loving arms of the Father and keep them firmly and happily in His strong eternal grip.

I reckon we need to picking a few noses this Christmas time and then imploring them to make us some Hungry Water to be sprinkled on a tired old church and a stinky old world! The big question then is 'do we the church have any noses left to pick, any noses left to do us such a fragrant service, to help us both smell the love, and smell the hidden danger? In the olden days, we used to call them prophets and I tell you, it's been a long long time since we've seen any sitting on our grass.

Listen: - The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away! Song of Solomon 2:13 NKJV

Pray:- Lord, lead us to the Noses and help us to honour them and release them, for Lord, how can Your church begin to smell without a proper nose? So send us some today, in Jesus name we pray, amen.

Re: What's Needed to Sniff Out The Things of God - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2008/12/20 7:24

Ridicule, irreverence, perversion and racism are of the earthy man and Christians can not spew this retch.

Eddie

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 14:57

eh? Eddie, did you forget to take your medication again?

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/12/20 15:06

Quote:

whispering wrote:

eh? Eddie, did you forget to take your medication again?

No matter if your devotional thought was right or wrong so to say, do you see the christlikeness in your response?

even if Eddies reply was wrong or right, evil or good, was your reply filled with Christ, or was it just you who got offended ?

speaking from own sins and stupid posting and replying, please consider prayerfully what Jesus would have done in your situation.

Grace and peace to you

Christian

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 15:11

no I wasn't offended. I was very confused and very concerned for Eddie? Weird.

Blessings

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/12/20 15:26

well knowing these post can sometimes "dim" what we trying to say and what with attitude we say it, your post does imply you think the poster is on "medication", and the word *again* seem also very unnecessary.

anyway,

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

I was taught the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, in such an extraordinary way as manifested I was not out of my childish state", I thought, or reasoned, as a child; but, when I became a man, I put away childish things. Such is the difference between earth and heaven. What narrow views, what confused and indistinct notions of things, have children, in comparison of grown men! And how naturally do men, when reason is ripened and matured, despise and relinquish their infant thoughts, put them away, reject them, esteem as nothing! Thus shall we think of our most valued gifts and acquisitions in this world, when we come to heaven. We shall despise our childish folly, in priding ourselves in such things when we are grown up to men in Christ MH

Also a fearful verse that i think 95% of christians dont believe is

Jas 1:26 *If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.*

Imagine that.... all prayers all study all knowledge all meetings all preaching worth one big fat zero.

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 15:54

Oh lighten up a little will you! Your girdles too tight bro.

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 15:57

There are far too many 'holier than thou' thought Police around this place. Scares me to death!

Re: also, on: 2008/12/20 15:59

I might be wrong, but I am pretty sure Jesus said unless we become like little children we cannot see the Kingdom of God. Touche!

Re: As to medication , on: 2008/12/20 16:02

"Ridicule, irreverence, perversion and racism are of the earthy man and Christians can not spew this retch"

If that's the honest response to the post - then maybe brother Eddie needs some medication!

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/12/20 16:11

Pro 14:9 Fools mock at sin...

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 16:14

and penguins cannot fly

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 16:15

now put that sword down young man before you hurt yourself...

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/12/20 16:16

Quote:

whispering wrote:

There are far too many 'holier than thou' thought Police around this place. Scares me to death!

You een here a couple of days, and you pass such judgment on people you know nothing about, but at the same time you poor out what is inside you.

Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

but seeing this thread is of little good to you or me, i will leave you with this.

Judge not, that you be not judged —Matthew 7:1

Jesus' instructions with regard to judging others is very simply put; He says, "Don't." The average Christian is the most piercingly critical individual known. Criticism is one of the ordinary activities of people, but in the spiritual realm nothing is accomplished by it. The effect of criticism is the dividing up of the strengths of the one being criticized. The Holy Spirit is the only one in the proper position to criticize, and He alone is able to show what is wrong without hurting and wounding. It is impossible to enter into fellowship with God when you are in a critical mood. Criticism serves to make you harsh, vindictive, and cruel, and leaves you with the soothing and flattering idea that you are somehow superior to others. Jesus says that as His disciple you should cultivate a temperament that is never critical. This will not happen quickly but must

be developed over a span of time. You must constantly beware of anything that causes you to think of yourself as a superior person.

There is no escaping the penetrating search of my life by Jesus. If I see the little speck in your eye, it means that I have a plank of timber in my own (see Matthew 7:3-5). Every wrong thing that I see in you, God finds in me. Every time I judge, I condemn myself (see Romans 2:17-24). Stop having a measuring stick for other people. There is always at least one more fact, which we know nothing about, in every person's situation. The first thing God does is to give us a thorough spiritual cleaning. After that, there is no possibility of pride remaining in us. I have never met a person I could despair of, or lose all hope for, after discerning what lies in me apart from the grace of God.

Chambers

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 16:18

anyways, I have had a long day and have a longer one tomorrow, and frankly, I need energy to cope with you lot, so forgive me for withdrawing from this silliness tonight. I shall return when I have gotten my head together.

Bless you and remember loosen up a bit.

No don't reply, please, just have a bit of mercy on me tonight and shut up.

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2008/12/20 16:22

whispering wrote:

Quote:

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Your heart is not right. Your actions, words and thoughts are not of Christ. If it wasn't for your "concerned words" for my brother, I would ignore your foolishness.

What type of example are you showing true believers in Christ? Your examples smell of Satan and the world. There is no love in your heart except for yourself.

John 5:19-44 (NKJV)

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, **that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; **for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth**—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the r

esurrection of condemnation. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

“If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. But I have a greater witness than John’s; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. **You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.**

“I do not receive honor from men. **But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.** I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?”

You do not imitate Christ yet you speak like one who comes to glorify the Lord.

Acts 8:18-23 (NKJV)

And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion in this matter, **for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.**”

I am embarrassed to think that you teach people, and that they may think that you are an example of Christ. I pray that their eyes are opened.

Repent, then fear the Lord Whisper.

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 16:28

they should rename this place JUDGEMENT CENTRAL!

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/12/20 16:33

One old man told me you have two ears and one mouth for a reason. He was very wise,

Seeing you use so much slang and loosening up ill quote NLT to you

Pro 10:19 Don't talk too much, for it fosters sin. Be sensible and turn off the flow!

and if there is something humble about you and you are yet teachable, consider learning what judging is and is not. Some of it anyway.

(http://www.moriel.org/articles/sermons/judge_not.htm) Judge Not

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 16:36

thank you for being the clear caricature of all my observations regarding this place.

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 16:38

P.S.

In your future discourse with me, please do me the courtesy of using a proper Bible for your quoting.

Thank you.

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 16:39

P.P.S. before this thread gets locked (I'm sure it will) I need to know if you get a gold star for being locked out so many times over a such a short period?

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/12/20 16:46

edit: i thank you and the Lord, that he uses you to further try me and refine me

Thank you

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 16:55

my pleasure to at last be of some service 2 u bro.

Re: - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/12/20 17:15

After some thought, it seemed best to address this openly, rather than in a pm to a moderator.

There seems to be a pattern in your posts, Whispering to cut and paste previous whole blog articles from your site onto this site. There are many on here now. I understand having an "insight" and communicating it in more than one place, adapting it to the different conversations. But these do not seem to be conversations. **I sure hope that SermonIndex does not become the place for bloggers to store/replicate their blogs.** Every once in a while there is a response and it's off to the races although it seems you have to make multiple jabs before that occurs. Dec 20 Blog is the Nose article. On the plus side it is a way to get responses somewhere. And maybe it will attract some to your blog.

I do not mind passing over these posts. Perhaps you will tire of this activity and engage in conversation that might yield fruit. It can be useful for practice.

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 18:08

Hey Joan

no I'm not storing stuff here. I have my own paid hosting for that.

I do participate in a number of conversational forums, and this is one of them, for several reasons

- 1) It's good advertising and does get people to look at my sites
- 2) I want to get the Word of God out
- 3) I am genuinely interested in the response to my articles from all over Christendom and beyond. In this respect Sermon Index is part of my market research.

On my part, this is GENUINE enquiry, research and sharing. It is most obvious from the embedded URL's (audio as well!) on most other posts, that despite the religious language employed, this is common practice on this well visited forum.

The problem here, is that the forum is full of seemingly, I said SEEMINGLY, self righteous sanctimonious hotentots. All leaping up and down in the long grass of holiness and sharpening their teeth like Ferengi fire fanatics. I am afraid that i h

ave been a Christian for 30 years and frankly am sick of picking up the wreckage of damaged people hurt by such attitudes and such people. (DON'T write me- I am just stating my position) I don't suffer these kind of folks gladly. If they are like Jesus, then I do not want to be like Jesus. Fortunately, I have become pretty thick skinned, so I don't give two hoots what they think about me. My only prayer is that if they are still like that in heaven, then I already have my request in not to live anywhere near them!

thank you Jesus!

OK blessings- now I really am going!

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/12/20 18:22

whispering, in the name of Jesus Christ, why are you here?

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 18:23

see below

(In the name of Jesus)

Re: , on: 2008/12/20 18:26

it's 11:30pm and am busy tomorrow so off to bed

Blessings upon ye all. Especially those who hate me.

** Moderator note: User has been removed from participation on SermonIndex. Thread locked*

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/12/20 18:37

So you are just here to promote your website?

I do not hate you, I love you.

John 3:17

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.