

Devotional Thoughts :: THE BRIDE OF CHRIST by David Wilkerson

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The truth is, not all our trials are tests of faith. Often, the Lord is after something more when weâ€™re in the furnace of affliction. Indeed, the closer you walk with Christ and the deeper your trials, the more He is working in you to accomplish something other than faith.

Yet, donâ€™t misunderstand: whenever our faith wavers, tests of faith will come. We will never be completely beyond such testing. But here is another of Godâ€™s purposes in our trials: The Father is preparing a Bride for His Son.

He wants more from us in our trials than greater faith. This Bride is going to be tried severely, and her love for the Bridegroom will come through the fire. Her trust in Him will be refined through fires, floods and afflictions. Yet, these trials arenâ€™t a matter of testing her love and devotion. Rather, theyâ€™re about refining a love that is already fully committed. Let me explain.

I believe many reading this message are fully committed to Christ. Jesus is the great love of your life, and your trust in Him is flourishing. Certainly, there still are times when that trust is tested. But God is looking for something else from you, something more. His preparation of the Bride requires that He do a supernatural work in you.

This Brideâ€™Jesusâ€™ chosen belovedâ€™must be consumed with a longing to be with her Bridegroom. She has to be weaned from all other attractions. She must be obsessed by a desire to always be in His bodily presence. Paul refers to this longing when he writes of his own desire â€œto be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lordâ€ (2 Corinthians 5:8). â€œFor to me to live is Christ, and to die is gainâ€ (Philippians 1:21).

This was not a morbid fixation with death on Paulâ€™s part. The apostle clearly lived a full, useful life, but he said, â€œSomething in me yearns to be with the Lord, where He is. I long to be face-to-face with Him.â€ To make such a claim, Paul had to be completely weaned from this world and its attractions.

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Amen to this post! It really captures what the Lord is doing in His Bride, His remnant, His children. Honing a love and making it deeper in preparation for His coming, stripping everything else away until we simply stand or fall in the presence of our God, until we can say that whether we live or whether we die our heart is to glorify our Lord.....bro Frank