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Have you ever wondered "Where am I in the scope of eternity?" When God looks down, what does He see?

Being in the desert can make us feel dry, hot, hungry, alone, and perhaps abandoned. Yet God's plan for us is so great if we can and will grab hold of God's will for our lives, we'll see that we can be quickly in the middle of the work of our God, no matter where we are at.

Hosea 2:14 speaks of God wooing us (getting our attention) so He can speak good things to us. But where does this take place? Not in the spot we would pick but in the wilderness. This is where God can really get us to rely on Him. He wants to take us deeper than simply calling Him Lord. He wants us to know Him as our husband. Hosea 2:16 "And it shall be, in that day says the Lord that you will call Me My Husband, and no longer call me My Master" NKJV

Now I know that is not as easy for men as it is a women, but I didn't write the Book....The Book (Bible) says in Matthew 13:39 that it talks about the Harvest at the End of the Age. The Harvest will not be brought in by a divided backslidden church, but rather a pure and spotless Bride. Regardless of your gender, WE (both male and female) are the Church, therefore you are the bride of Christ.

That means a closer relationship is necessary. And what kind of bride is He looking for? A holy, unwrinkled, spotless bride. His desire is for us to get the little things out of our lives that hinder us from that deeper place.

In Deuteronomy: 32;10-12 says, "He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye" (NKJV).

Sound like prison? He led them about, He instructed them. You may feel like you're in the desert or wilderness, but that's a great place to be. That's where God can lead you to the water; of course, it's up to you to drink. I'm praying that you will drink every chance you get, and you'll let God's wisdom engulf your spirit more and more. Be filled with the Spirit! Let that Spirit rise!

Deuteronomy 32:13 He'll make you ride on the high places of the earth that you might eat the increase of the fields.

It is in these places and times that He shines through us. Let Him use you! Don't let the devil win! It's time to take back what the devil has stolen! This is God's kingdom! Start planting those seeds in the wilderness. Hosea 2:22-23 says, "The earth shall answer with grain, with new wine, and with oil; they shall answer Jezreel. Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' and they shall say "You are my God" (NKJV).

Jezreel (the seed of God) has been sown. His desire is to use us to pour out mercy around us because of what men see in us. "And they shall call upon the name of the Lord and He will hear them and call them His people." That's mercy! It triumphs over judgment! The great thing about that is.....Those listening will say "He is MY God! Salvation is coming! Revival is coming!"

When you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior you were transformed from sinners to saints! You are in God's mighty hand, and He will never leave you.

You see, He's kept us this entire time as the apple of His eye because we are special...His treasure.... precious in His sight. It is time to make a difference for the kingdom of God. Make and keep Him the center of your focus and be assured you're the center of His!

God is calling His people back to intimacy with Him above all else. He is shaking away distractions and bringing His people back to pure-hearted devotion. God is releasing fresh vision and purpose for people's lives. He is pouring out divine strategies and supernatural solutions to problems and difficult situations. Now is the time to take bold steps of faith and begin new endeavors, as the Lord leads. Embrace the vulnerability of the unknown, be authentically yourself, and take risks in following God – for He is with you!

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire, and burned." (John 15:5-6)

God is teaching His people to be anchored in truth and His presence. God is reminding His people that we come to Him "by grace" and "through faith," not by our own works (Ephesians 2:8). God desires a relationship of intimacy with you; this isn't something anyone else can do for you. He is reigniting hearts back to a place of humility, surrender, and intimacy.

Allow His goodness to highlight any area of error within you. Have you been trying to earn God's favor? Have you been idolizing a pastor or leader in the Church? Have you been doing church work but missing the heart of God? There is no condemnation, but rather an invitation to come back to intimacy. Allow the things that need to be shaken, to be shaken. God is inviting us to go deeper with Him. God wants us to encounter Him, know Him, trust Him, and love Him anew.

If you're hungry to know God deeper and let go of all religious counterfeits, it's time to cultivate your own powerful history and true intimacy with God. Ask God to stir up a fresh hunger within you. Build your history with God. Ask God to lead you. Spend time in His presence. Allow Him to encounter you. Partner with Him in what He places on your heart.

If you're feeling stretched, like you're coming up against uncomfortable situations, or God is inviting you into risk, then this is for you. Take a step of faith! Your only option is to trust God, and that's a good thing! God is inviting you beyond what is comfortable to you to grow your faith and build your trust in Him. Push past your fear to allow God to lead you into new realms! Remember His promises. He is faithful!

#### **Declarations**

- I am coming back to intimacy and reconnecting to the heart of God.
- God is revealing to me His divine plans and purpose for my life.
- God is releasing easy solutions for the problems in my life!
- I am taking bold steps of faith as I follow God!
- I live in complete authenticity and vulnerability!

I came across a few prayers that may help prepare the way for you to establish a deeper more intimate relationship with the Lord and posture yourself as that spotless bride He is coming back for. (*These prayers and others are in Steve Porter's Book "Whispers from the Throne Room."* 2021 revised and extended edition coming soon.)

## The Lifting

Father, lift me up! Lift me above the circumstances that try to hold me down. Lift me above the attempts of the enemy to rob me of my peace and joy. Cancel out any trick he uses to place a wet covering of worry and defeat over my life. Instead, cover me with the warm blanket of Your manifest presence. Lift me up, Lord, above these temporary, contrary winds, and let me ride on the wings of Your glory. Father, may I see things from Your point of view and not from my limited, earthly view. Higher, higher, higher, Lord! Oh, to see what You see, to hear what You hear, to feel what You feel...Hold me close when I do not know what to do or where to go. Most of all, lift me into Your arms where I will find divine rest.

## Captivate

Awaken my passion for only You. Captivate my heart again, Oh God. Let Your waves of love splash over and drench my very being. May Your face be continually before me. When I reach out in Your direction, You quickly embrace me. I'm surrounded by Your presence. I'm speechless when I behold Your beauty. I'm overcome by Your compassion. Oh, precious Lord, You melt my heart with only one gaze from Your eyes. You are altogether lovely. I am Yours and You are mine.

#### I Press

Dear Lord, I desire to press on toward the mark, to pursue the high calling of knowing You personally. Father, whatever the enemy throws at me to slow down my progress, stop him in his tracks. Halt his plans to sidetrack and detour me. I press in today. I pursue You, no matter what resistance I feel. I refuse to go by my feelings. I run toward Your loving arms, holding back nothing. I pursue You with all my heart, soul, and mind. I am in desperate need of You, my Jesus. I must know You. I choose to overcome any obstacle in my path, so that I may have the pleasure of Your company. I press in, day by day. I take hold of Your arm as I lean on You. No turning back, Lord...no turning back.

## **Extravagant Love**

As the world gets colder, let our hearts get hotter for You, sweet Master. Faint-hearted, lukewarm love for You will never do! We don't want a cold, dead, lifeless, shallow religion; that will make us sick. I want my heart red HOT for You. Your eyes that blaze like fire bring fervent love! I run into Your arms today and lay aside all else, that I may know You! I can feel the burn of extravagant love today. Turn it up, my JESUS!

# **Hear My Prayer**

I love You and worship You. I adore You and call out to You today. I cry out with all my heart, mind, and strength. I call out Your name, Jesus! Jesus, come. I seek Your face and look to You. I come not wanting anything for myself, but just to spend time in Your presence. I make room for You. I invite You into my heart. I invite You into my life. Let me decrease that You may increase within me. Come, my Lord, and spend time with me. Take my heart as I offer it up to You. I just want more of You and to know You in ways I've never known You before. Draw me into Your presence, Lord, and I will run after You! This is my humble prayer. I just want You! In the name of Jesus, I pray, amen.

# We Invite You to Come in and Rest in Our Secret Garden of Prayers

To the One who's altogether lovely, Jesus, we declare to You today that we love You with all our hearts. We thank You, dear Lord, that You are active in our lives, moving and doing that deeper work. Move-in the heart of Your beautiful Bride, stirring us, that we may run after You. Bring us into Your inner chambers, dear Father.

Lord, we so desire that You draw us. We invite You to come in and rest in our secret garden of prayers. We know that You're here, but we ask that You manifest Yourself even more.

Come and stir us—quicken us. Father, I know that I'm weak without You, so I'm leaning upon You. Draw me, that I may run after You. Take me by the hand into the depths of Your very chambers to discover Your beautiful heart.

## The Table

The table is set. The door is open wide. Oh, Lord, I desire to come and dine with You...to feast on Your presence. I see You sitting there at our table, where You are content and happy that I am there with You. You have found the one whom Your soul loves, and I have found my greatest treasure in You.

My Beloved, let us eat and drink of love, for only our sweet communion will satisfy me. From the depths of my heart, I long and yearn for more of You. I sit at Your table with delight in this holy moment. Thank You for inviting

me to dine at the Master's table this very night. I will come back many times to visit You here. I pledge to You my very life and love and receive my portion of Your Spirit and holy life.

# **Spiritual Capacity**

Oh, heavenly Father...My Daddy God...enlarge my capacity to receive more of You. I desire more of You, as only You can satisfy the deepest longings of my heart. Enlarge my portion, oh God, that I may receive more from the depths of Your chambers, that I may receive more from the depths of Your very heart. For the things of the world do not satisfy me. The wells of the world are always dry and leave me thirsty for the living water. This world has nothing to offer me. It is only You that I desire.

Enlarge my capacity to receive more from Your deep, deep wells. You have created me for more. Father, why do I try to satisfy that inner thirst with things that can clearly not satisfy? Why don't I place the 'better waters' on my lips? I move beyond the old wells of yesterday and I place my face into the living river of life, and drink this large meal freely, oh Lord, that I may drink more of You.

#### Draw Me

Draw me into Your heart; pull me into the depths that I may truly know You. Let us run together hand-in-hand so that we may approach the very door to Your chambers. It is in this place where the King dwells with His manifest presence and fills the secret place. For within Your chambers is the very holy of holies, and I will therefore take off my shoes and declare that the ground is holy as You are holy. I will lie at Your feet and allow my heart to release the very aroma of my adoration and worship.

#### Full Bloom

The fragrance of Your presence is sweet and pleasing. Your garden is in full bloom. In Your presence is where I long to be. Lord, bring me into Your very heart. Your ways are kind and Your discipline and truth reveal Your great love. Father, show me the right way and do not allow me to go off the path. Keep me in the truth and pull me back onto the narrow way, so that I may live the deeper life found only in Your presence.

# **No Other Name**

There is no other name like Yours, for Your name is like flowing anointing oil. When I speak the syllables of Your name my heart is moved. When I say Your name, my tears freely fall. I've come to know You as my closest friend, for Your name has power! Even the demons tremble, terrified of the power of Your name. No wonder the true Bride of Christ loves You so much when they say Your name. For Your name has all power and authority, and only Your name can save, heal, restore, and deliver. I just say Your name over and over again, and each time I am drawn into Your heart. Sweet Lord, my heart is always awake to hear Your tender reply.

### **Throw Yourself Into His Arms**

I throw myself into Your arms of love, oh Lord, for You are standing there with arms open wide, waiting for me to return home to You. You are, to me, a Great Shepherd who is calling to His lost sheep. You leave the ninety-nine just to go after me. I am not alone. I am not abandoned. I am not rejected. I am Your lost little lamb, confused, heartbroken, and afraid. But here You come, moving on the mountain toward me. You soothe me with Your loving affection as You place me on Your shoulders and carry me home. You are my beacon of hope; I am not left to make it on my own. I am Your child and in You I place all my hope. Thank You, oh Father, for carrying me safely home.

# **Eye of the Dove**

The doorway of Your very heart is calling me to come higher. I will not wait. I will not offer excuses, nor will I be distracted. My eyes are focused on You for You have given me singular vision—the eye of the dove to only see You. Please reach for my hand and pull me into that secret place as I yield my heart to You. Stop the enemy and his little foxes from spoiling our love. Kiss me with the kisses of Your presence while You unveil my understanding of Your holy Word. Come with a visitation just for me, for I need You and want You and compel You to come. Hidden

stairs call me up into the higher realms of Your vast and beautiful heart. No doubts or fears can stop my climb into Your chambers, my King.

# **New Beginnings**

Dear Lord, You are the God of new beginnings. It is You who gives us the grace to start over and pursue You again with all of our hearts. I want nothing to hinder or stop the Holy Spirit's flow in my life. I yearn for the deep things of the Spirit, allowing the Holy Spirit to move more freely in my life. I leave behind the old man and the old way of doing things, and I pursue righteousness, holiness, and purity in my life. May the totality of my being be surrendered over to You. May this place of yielding and dying to self not be short-lived but last all the days of my life.

I need You, Lord. I need a Holy-Spirit infusion of power and presence, that I would respect You always and stand in awe of Your holiness. Lord, I am trusting for a new beginning, another outpouring, and a fresh start today. Thank You, Jesus, that You are mine and I am Yours forever.

#### The Fullness

Lord, teach me to wait on You. Teach me how to be silent in Your presence. Cause me to listen in the stillness rather than fall into the chaotic and busy storms of life. Cause me to pray with a believing heart that You will do as You have promised because You are a rewarder of those who diligently seek You. Out of that 'seeking' will come a sweetness in Your presence that will bring me fullness of joy, as well as fullness of everything that I need, for there is a fire within me that grows.

This fire is fanned by the genuine desire to come away with You in the quiet, oh Lord. May I not burn with activity that will only lead to barrenness, but put out that flame of busyness, that I may learn to wait on You, to behold You, to know You, to do well in Your presence, oh God. Whatever state I am in, I pray that I am content; that my soul becomes quiet; that the whirlwind of thoughts that hold my mind hostage be calmed; that I would cease from all human effort and learn to be quiet; that I would hold before You a believing heart that would relish the time of sacred moments as I seek the Lord.

# **Footsteps**

Oh Lord, I can hear Your footsteps quietly approaching me. I can smell the sweet fragrance of fresh flowers in Your garden. It is the sweet aroma of Your manifest presence. I know You are at the gate, and You are coming my way.

Come closer, oh Lord, come closer. Don't hesitate. Please come. I know You've been wounded in the past by those who have bid You come but were no longer there when You walked into that sacred place. I promise I will wait. I will wait on You, for You are worth the wait. I willingly throw away my watch and lay down my phone. I am here waiting, and my heart burns with a passionate love for You, the one I adore. Sweet Master, I bid You come. Amen

May your heart find peace and comfort in knowing you're never alone. God is always aware of your circumstances and how you feel. Let him replace weariness with hope, sunlight on the shadows, and let strength, grace, and peace fill your heart. God is our stronghold. You need never fear with Him as your guide. Cast all your cares on Him for He cares for you.

My prayer is for God's peace to be surrounding you always.

Grace be with you all,

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