

Chapter 4

The Seven-Fold Divine Kiss

(Song. 1: 2)

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Song. 1:2 is the bridal cry for intimacy with Jesus.
 - a. This is a supreme request by the Bride as she asks for "divine kisses" of Jesus.
 - b. She is given a "blank cheque" by Jesus and she could have asked for anything but she has requested for the "divine kisses" of Jesus.
2. This is because she knows that there is nothing better and nothing more satisfying to her heart than intimacy with Jesus.
 - a. The phrase "for your love is better than wine," is a reality to her.
 - b. Likewise, we must have this reality in our walk with Jesus. If we encounter this truth, we will consider everything as rubbish. (Phil. 3:7 – 12)
3. Song. 1:2 is the ultimate cry of all human hearts. It answers the three cries of the human hearts in all human history – the Prophetic Cry, the Philosophical Cry and the Psychological Cry.
4. The entire eight chapters of Song of Songs unfold the implications related to this supreme request for the "kisses of His mouth". The entire Song of Songs tells us how God answers her request for the "divine kisses"
5. There are seven-fold "Divine kiss" in the Song that are related to the seven-longings of our heart. It is something that cannot be denied, cannot be deprived of and cannot be repented away from. These longings have to be fulfilled. It can only be fully fulfilled in intimacy with God. It's God's way to draw us to Him

"God is most glorified when man is most satisfied in Him!" John Piper

B. THE "DIVINE KISSES"

1. The Divine kiss is a metaphor for intimacy with God.
 - a. We are to think of God's hand touching our heart by the Holy Spirit to expand our capacity to receive His love and to give ourselves back to Him in love.
 - i. It speaks of God's invitation to go deep with Jesus.

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- ii. The kisses of His mouth involve the release of the Word of God that tenderizes our hearts in the love of God.
 - b. We are Not to think of kissing Jesus on the mouth. This is entirely outside the boundaries of God's Word. We renounce all interpretations of the "kisses of the Word" that come from sensual imagination.
 2. The Word of God covers many different subjects such as relationship skills, ministry skills or apostolic strategies for outreach (e.g. Book of Acts). All these are valuable and important. However, in Song. 1:2, the Bride cried out specifically to receive the Word of God in a way that would reveal and impart God's love to her heart.
 3. The "divine kiss" a metaphor to describe how God motivates and empowers our heart with passion for Jesus. He does this when we encounter the following aspects of God: affection, beauty, mystery, pleasure of God, delight, gladness, joy.
 - 4, This is called the holy romance of the Gospel where Jesus as Bridegroom is "wooing" the heart of His Bride.
 5. There are three metaphors of intimacy with God in the Song:
 - a. The Divine Kiss (Song. 1:2)
 - i. The kiss of God unlocks closed hearts. The unlocked heart means a seeing and perceiving heart. (Eph. 1:17)
 - ii. The request for the kiss of God is a request for the spirit of revelation that will help our hearts perceive the things of God. (1 Cor. 2:9 – 10)
 - b. The Divine Embrace (Song. 2:6; 8:3)
 - i. The invisible activity of God – God's left hand touching under her head speaks of His indiscernible activity which she can't see because His hand is under her head.
 - ii. The manifest presence of God – This speaks of the sweet manifest presence of God that can be seen, felt and discerned. The right hand of God is the part that embraces. This is the cherishing embrace that we can feel and discern.
 - c. The Divine Seal (Song. 8:6)
 - i. The seal of God is the very flame of God's love that sets our hearts ablaze for Jesus.
 - ii. Our hearts are set ablaze as a result of holy passion and love for God.
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6. The Bride's journey starts with a longing for the kisses of His Word (Song. 1:2) and ends with encountering Jesus in His holy jealous love (Song. 8:6 – 7). He came to seal her heart with holy jealous love which is the ultimate expression of maturity in Song of Songs.
 7. How the "Kisses" are communicated:
 - a. Personal meditation on the Word of God. (Refer to Appendix C)
 - b. The Word of God through others – i.e. sermons, songs, testimonies of others.
 - c. Prophetic revelation of the Holy Spirit.
 - d. Through the ministry of other people.
 8. Three-fold anointing of the Divine Kiss:
 - a. The anointing to Perceive (Eph. 1:17) – an impartation of understanding and revelation of our Divine Bridegroom and who we are as the Bride of Christ.
 - b. The anointing to Love (Eph. 3:16) – a Holy Spirit energized heart of love through our devotion and abandonment.
 - c. The anointing to Make Known (Eph. 3:8) – to communicate with power as we run with in partnership with God.

C. THE HOLY ROMANCE OF THE GOSPEL

1. The holy romance has nothing to do with earthly sensuality but how God "romances" our heart. It is a term basically to describe:
 - a. How God pursues His people (Luke 15:11 – 24; Song. 4:9)
 - b. How God motivates His people (Ps. 16:11)
 - c. How God empowers His people by fascinating our hearts with the beauty of Christ Jesus (Isa. 4:2; Ps. 27:4)
 - d. How God feels about us (Isa. 62:4 – 5; Zep. 3:17)
 - e. What He will impart to His people (Song. 8:6)
2. To put it simply, it is about how God woos and "wows" our hearts to Him.
3. The romance starts in the heart of God. God expresses His heart by His affection, His gladness and His desires towards us. (Song. 7:10)

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4. It is a “new way” how God motivates us that is beyond discipline and dedication. God is empowering and motivating us with: Affection; Fascination; Beauty; Mystery; Pleasure; Delight; and Gladness. (Isa. 4:2)
 5. We must recognize that it is the Lord who ordained and is the Creator and origin of human pleasures before sin entered the human experience.
 6. It is in the place of awesome pleasure when God reveals God to the human spirit. It fascinates the human spirit. When God reveals God to the human spirit, beyond being awestruck, we also experience exceeding pleasure. Revelation of who God is fascinates the human spirit. (Ps. 16:11)
 7. God adds to our experience of life the superior pleasures of the Gospel to minimize and break the dominion of sin in our experience. This provides a whole new grid of obedience. This is called “obedience out of lovesickness” or obedience out of desire, affection and fascination. (Song. 5:8)
 8. This is the romance of the Gospel. It is a heart that is fascinated and captured by the romance of love and therefore be joyfully and exuberantly extravagant in our response of obedience. It is beyond “teeth gritting” obedience.
 9. This holy romance is a reality that speaks of radical obedience that flows out of a heart fascinated with Jesus. This romance is not parallel with earthly sensuality.
 10. The romance of the Gospel is a heart that is made glad and happy in love. A heart that overflows with gladness and joy because it is lovesick before a Divine Bridegroom.

D. THE THREE-FOLD NATURE OF THE CRY FOR THE KISS OF GOD’S WORD

The Bride’s desire and intention to receive the kisses of Jesus touches three important realities in life:

1. The Prophetic Cry of what God is doing on the earth.
 - a. This is the prophetic theme of the Holy Spirit in the church right now where the Spirit is awakening a new cry in the heart of God’s people.
 - b. The Body of Christ will never be satisfied, except by the kisses of His mouth. The Holy Spirit’s greatest desire is to fully capture the hearts of people for the Son of God.
 - c. In Deut. 30:6, God told Moses that He would personally circumcise the heart of His people so that they love God with all their heart. The promise of Deut. 30:6 will take place. God is going to have a people that love Him with all of their strength. (John 17:26)

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- d. The cry for the kisses is the number one agenda of the Holy Spirit. It is to put the First and Great Commandment in the first place in the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is awakening a new cry for wholehearted love in the hearts of God's people.
2. The Philosophical Cry in answering why we exist on planet earth and in eternity.
- a. This is the definition of our success and purpose. In the “absolute sense” we succeed, no matter what else happens if we are lovers of God.
- b. It is our inheritance to be lovers of God. God simply made us that way. When this is my main definition of success, then I can succeed in life. If you know you are loved from the Lord and it is your desire to be a lover of God, you are successful no matter what happens.
- c. Being successful doesn't depend on anybody else doing something for you. In the most absolute definition of success, your identity is being loved and being a lover. If you are loved and you are a lover of God, then you have success in the most absolute way.
- d. We may go through a season where there are relational collisions or a financial collapse. We may go through a season where our ministry is failing or we may fall in sin and cause a scandal for a season. But, no matter what the circumstance may be, we can know that there is something bigger going on in life – We are loved and a lover, that is our identity. We are successful no matter what else happens on planet earth. We have the title deed to a successful life.
3. The Psychological Cry in answering how our heart functions.
- a. It defines how the human heart is satisfied, or how we experience happiness.
- b. God has so designed our human soul that the experience of the love of God, by the revelation of the Spirit, is the most enjoyable and pleasurable experience available to the human makeup.
- c. There is nothing as exhilarating to the human make-up than when the Holy Spirit reveals the kisses of God to the human spirit. The human heart was created to love God with a whole heart.
- d. There is no success in counselling to bring people to wholeness apart from the pursuit of wholeheartedness towards God. It simply doesn't work. You are not made that way. You were made to cry for the kisses of His mouth.
- e. In Matt. 22:37 Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart”. Jesus knows that we were created to passionately love God. When we do not love God with a passionate heart, then our emotional life is out of balance.
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- f. Jesus is the author and creator of the human heart. You do not function properly unless you are reaching to God to love Him passionately. You were simply made to be a passionate lover of God and when we do not pursue that, we simply do not work in a right way emotionally.
 - g. We were never made to have wholeness or to be healed emotionally outside of the pursuit of being wholehearted for God. We are simply designed to only function right in the pursuit of wholeheartedness.
 - h. If you have nothing to die for, you have nothing to live for. This is simply how God made the human heart. So much of the human race (including the Body of Christ) is dying of boredom right now because they don't understand we were created to be passionate lovers of God.
 - i. Devotion and obedience are more important than your finances, your image, comfort zone, and sexuality. It is not just that we should love passionately, we have to in order to function right.
 - j. The power of the captivating kisses of God is yet to be fully seen. It is the lack of this that is causing the Body of Christ to compromise. These kisses make us loyal in the issues of money, sexuality and prominence.

E. THE BRIDAL PARADIGM – THE SEVEN LONGINGS OF THE BRIDE

- 1. The Bridal paradigm is not a precise theological term commonly used by scholars. It is a practical term that communicates a cluster of truths drawing us into the experience of the “superior pleasures” of the Gospel.
 - a. It describes seven longings of the human heart. It is a mechanism that points us to God.
 - b. The Bridal Paradigm describes how God “wired” us to long for pleasure. Thus the longing for pleasure is not sin.
 - c. But instead of choosing to fulfill these pleasures in God and by God, we choose the inferior pleasures of sin.
- 2. God’s main strategy in freeing us from the “inferior pleasures” of sin is by introducing us to the deeper and superior “spiritual pleasures” of the Gospel.
- 3. These superior pleasures are experienced as the Holy Spirit makes known to us specific truths related to seven longings of the heart that are common to all. In other words, we are best equipped to resist the lesser pleasures of sin as we experience satisfaction in intimacy with God.

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4. The seven-fold divine kisses are seven spiritual revelations that empower our heart to experience the superior pleasures of God. This will fulfill the seven longings in our human heart.
 5. These seven longings are expressions of what I mean by being exhilarated by the holy romance. It is how we live exhilarated, how we live in the fullness of happiness and how we enter into these seven superior pleasures.
 6. Seven Longings of the Bride
 - a. In His sovereignty, God has placed seven longings in us, and it is His will for these longings to be fulfilled by Him.
 - b. These seven desires are the foundations of the Bridal Paradigm of the Kingdom. These seven longings are also seven unique privileges that we have as the Bride of Christ.
 - c. These seven desires reflect seven different emotions in God's personality and are aspects of our own creative design, and these emotions are also in us. They illustrate the superior pleasures of the Gospel and what it means to be romanced by the Holy Spirit.
 - d. They are best fulfilled by the seven-fold divine kisses.
 - e. The Seven longings of our heart are:
 - i. The longing for the Assurance that we are enjoyed by God (Song. 1:12 – 14, 2:4, 4:1, 4:9, 4:10d – 12, 6:5a)
 - There is a craving in every heart to be pursued, delighted in and enjoyed first by God, then by our families and friends. We can become crippled with emotional impairment as we feel rejection and shame from God and people.
 - The LORD answers this longing through the revelation of the finished work of the cross and God's emotional capacities as both a Father and a Bridegroom.
 - ii. The longing to be Fascinated (Song. 1:8, 2:8, 3:6, 5:10 – 16)
 - The longing to be deeply moved is something we all long for. We need to marvel and experience wonder and awe in order to function emotionally.
 - The secular entertainment industry has identified this human longing and has targeted it commercially. For without this sense of awe, we live aimless and spiritually bored.

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- The LORD will answer this longing by an unprecedented unveiling of the beauty of Jesus. (Ps. 27:4, 145:5; Isa. 4:2, 33:17)
- iii. The longing to be Beautiful (Song. 1:15, 4:1 – 5)
- Our heart vigorously chases after the realm of beauty. All humans have an obsession with physical appearance and vanity as it seeks to answer this longing in a wrong way.
 - The Lord answers this longing through the revelation of Jesus' divine beauty imparted to the redeemed. (Isa. 61:3; Ps. 90:17, 149:4)
 - The glorious news is that the beauty of God is not just something He possesses but it is something He imparts through redemption! God's beauty is transferable to human beings through Jesus.
- vi. The longing to be Great (Song. 6:8 – 9, 7:7 – 8)
- In the core of our being, we long to be successful and great. We cannot repent of the God given longing to be great, only of pursuing it in the wrong way! We are made for greatness and honor!
 - The Lord satisfied this longing by the revelation of the redeemed as enthroned with Jesus at His right hand. Jesus enthrones His Bride in the highest position of government in created order, entrusting us with the most significant tasks in the eternal city. (Rev. 3:21; Song. 6:8)
- v. The longing for Intimacy without shame (Song. 1:8 – 11)
- We long to know and to be known before the Lord. He satisfies this longing through the revelation of the tender affections of the heavenly Bridegroom. We partake of the bridal affection that enables us to experience intimacy with the Godhead beyond all others in creation.
 - As the Bride, we experience deep mutual sharing with Jesus as He reveals His holy secrets. He understands all the secret aspects of our life that are unknown, unnoticed and misunderstood by others.
- vi. The longing to be Wholehearted and Passionate (Song. 1:2 – 4)
- We cannot function properly unless we have passionately given our heart to a Person and purpose beyond ourselves. We long to possess the power to be abandoned to the Lord so that we might never be dulled by spiritual boredom, disloyalty or compromise that leaves us broken and discontent.
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- The Lord satisfies this longing by the impartation of divine love to our hearts (Rom. 5:5). He imparts to us the power to be passionate because He is a passionate God! This is also the Greatest Commandment.
- vii. The longing to make a Deep Impact (Song. 4:9, 16; 6:3)
- We are desperate for a life of meaning that is filled with relevance and significance. We enjoy bringing the Good News to others. We delight to exhilarate others.
 - This longing is fulfilled by anointed service resulting in rewards that literally last forever! God designed His people to make a relevant impact in the lives of others. (Matt. 10:42; 3 John 4)
7. The seven longings of our heart is necessary for us to understand and receive the seven-fold divine kisses.
8. It is vital to receive all seven kisses as each reveal different dimensions of God. And each has differing effect on our heart.

F. CONCLUSION

1. The need for the divine kisses is especially necessary in the generation that we are living in, which is the End-Time generation.
2. The Bible makes it clear that the final generation before Jesus returns will be the most emotionally broken in all human history:
 - a. Most intense pressure of sin (Dan. 8:23)
 - b. Greatest release of occult (Rev. 9:21)
 - c. Highest offense in our heart (Matt. 24:10)
3. There will be seven negative emotional realities that will dominate the earth just before Jesus returns:
 - a. Anger and rage (Ps. 2:1 – 3)
 - b. Cold love (Matt. 24:12)
 - c. Lawlessness which will result in defiance and rebellion (Matt. 24:12)
 - d. Betrayal (Matt. 24:10)
 - e. Hatred (Matt. 24:10)
 - f. Sexual perversion (2 Tim. 4:1 – 3)
 - g. Occult (1 Tim. 4:1 – 3)

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4. Our only solution is to encounter the “divine kisses” of God and to receive the “divine seal”. This is the strategy of God to empower us in overcoming the coldest, most lawless, fearful, demonic and sexually perverted generation.