



# THE PRIESTLY BRIDE

A Journey into Consuming Intimacy with Christ

*Depth is a journey. If we seek the Lord for His sake alone, He will draw near to us in startling reality.*

## Stage 1: Betrothal (Salvation)

Born again; translated into light.

The arranged covenant by the Father.

## Stage 2: Courtship (The Time of Love)

You Are Here.

A period of intense joy and severe testing.  
The wilderness of the soul; seeking Him alone.


## Stage 3: Consummation (Union)

Perfect, unbroken oneness.

Knowing Him as He knows us.  
Becoming a life-giving spirit.



# The Call to the Canopy



## The Lavish Gifts

Crown of Gold: Wisdom

Golden Earrings: Knowledge

Golden Nose Ornament: Discernment

## The Supreme Lesson

Gifts are not the goal. Even a King wishes to be loved for Himself, not for the royal favors He bestows.

The ultimate mystery is not spiritual knowledge or titillating revelation, but divine love. The pursuer wants to be pursued.

# The Ambush of the Enemy

**The Tether of Distraction:**  
The decision to live a deeper spiritual life immediately attracts fierce, acidic opposition from the enemy, seeking to tether the spirit to the earth.

**The Shield of Grace:**  
We do not ascend by our own strength. Survival requires the armor of God, the aid of heavenly Watchers, and absolute reliance on the Father's protection.

# The Enclosed Garden of the Heart



## The Danger of Using God

### The Snare:

Replacing worldly entertainment with spiritual entertainment. Chasing visions, revelations, and mysteries over the Creator.

### The Cure:

Stilling the soul. Waiting at the gate. Desiring the Giver entirely over the revelation.

*“I do not command your love; I humbly ask for it. The pursuer wants to be pursued also.”*

# Discerning the Company We Keep

## Chimney Swifts (Gossip & Soot)

Chattering in the darkness, tethered to the earth by a morbid fascination with the sins of others.



## The Golden Eagle (Purity)

Nests high. Solitary. Feeds only from the hand of the Father. Turns into the wind to soar higher.

## Hawks (Commercialism)

Hawking wares. Cheapening the depth of the gospel into a flamboyant sideshow.

## Falcons (Deception)

The con-artists of the spiritual realm. Allowing lies to run the soul afoul.

# Unsticking the Glue of the Flesh

## The Blocks on the Soul

- **Hypocrisy:** Performing for results and visible success.
- **Money:** Refusing the vulnerable life of faith.
- **Glory:** Desiring to be a known star rather than remaining hidden.

## The Solvent

Repentance. We cannot bypass the Cross to reach the Crown. The alabaster vial of tears clears the reflection, allowing Christ's life to flow unhindered.



# Sharing His Burdens



The Lesson: Many want the ring of gold, but not the ring of fire. True intimacy requires riding the Wheel of Fire, allowing the flesh to be entirely consumed.

# Testing the Soul in the Wilderness

## Step 1: The Emotions

The Assault: Counterfeit voices and manufactured tragedies designed to distract and scatter focus.

## Step 2: The Mind

The Assault: Phantoms of terror, visions of ruin, and false promises of dark power designed to paralyze.

## Step 3: The Will

The Assault: Absolute darkness, suffocation, and divine silence designed to force an accusation against God.

## The Victory Foundation:

Love. Though You slay me, yet will I trust You.  
Breaking the gravity of the flesh through total  
self-abandonment to the Beloved.

# The Character of Christ

## The Hoard:

The Enemy hoards what the Church has surrendered through sin. The most prized stolen artifact is the inner garment of the Bride.

Compassion & Kindness

Humility & Gentleness

Patience & Forgiveness

The Heaviest Thread: Love

The Lesson: To enter deeper union with Christ is to enter deeper covenant with His Body. We must snatch back the garment of unity from the realm of darkness.

# The Architecture of Consecration

**The Paradigm Shift:** We do not walk around the altar of sacrifice; we must walk through it, identifying entirely with Christ's death.

**The Altar (Myrrh):**  
Bitter suffering;  
obedience unto death.

**The Holy Place  
(Cinnamon):**  
The sweet odor of an  
undivided, holy heart.

**The Veil (Henna):**  
The red stain of  
perfect forgiveness  
and the ransom paid.

**The Holy of Holies  
(Frankincense):**  
Pure, white intercession  
and transparent light.





# The Dance of Light

**The Destination:** The ultimate destination of the human soul: brought into the perfect, harmonious unity of the Godhead.

**The Vow:** I betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in loving-kindness and compassion... and you will know God.

**The Lesson:** We cannot earn the uncreated light, but through absolute surrender, we are fused with it. Vapor inhaled into Fire.



## **The Spirit and the Bride Say, Come**

**The Mandate:** The journey inward leads inevitably outward. The Bride is not called to abandon the earth, but to live above it while laboring in it.

**The Promise:** For those who fear the Lord, a canopy of goodness and glory will be their constant shelter.

**Come down, our glorious Majesty.  
Descend in holy fire once more.  
Come, Lord Jesus.**