

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Week 7 – Wednesday

2 Cor. 11:2-3 – Footnote 3²

That brings us to 2 Corinthians chapter 11 where Paul is speaking to the Corinthian believers who are his spiritual children. In the first letter to them he tells them, “I am your spiritual father; I begot you in Christ Jesus. You don't have many fathers; you have so many teachers but you don't have many fathers. In the gospel I have begotten you.” That is in the first letter, but in the second letter he says, “I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God because I betrothed you to one Husband.” This is very interesting; this means that when Paul preached the gospel to them and they got saved, in Paul's thought he was betrothing them to Christ. When we got saved, we got into a love relationship with the Lord. Our Saviour became our Bridegroom; we were engaged to our Saviour.

After Paul says, “For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God”, he goes on to say, “But I fear lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts would be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity toward Christ” (vv. 2-3). When we meet the Lord, things are very simple; we just love Him. But the enemy will attack that simple love for the Lord all the time. The enemy wants to interrupt that sweet dispensing that we experience. This is not only when we are first saved; every morning when we want to spend time with the Lord and open to Him, it seems that the enemy is threatened by this. So he will come in to interject what seem to be benign thoughts, just little thoughts. We think that those are our thoughts, our thoughts about our day or our thoughts about yesterday. Sometimes we are praying and remember a dream, and we just get distracted for 2 or 3 minutes. If you are distracted for 2 or 3 minutes but you are only planning on spending 10 minutes with the Lord, that is significant. But the thing is that it does not happen only once; as soon as you realize: “Oh, oh, amen, Lord Jesus I love You” and you come back, isn't it your experience that after 30 seconds, another thought comes from the other side? Then you get carried away for another 2 minutes. Now we are up to 4 or 5 minutes, then we come back but the time is up. Have you never experienced this? What is that? That is the divine romance and the spiritual warfare in your bedroom; that is the divine romance and the spiritual warfare wherever it is that you set apart a time to be with the Lord. This is very subjective and personal.