

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Tuesday

Eph. 5:25-27 – Footnotes 26¹, 26², 26³, 26⁴, 27¹, 27², 27³, 27⁴, 27⁵

From another angle you can say that the whole Bible is about a war, a battle between two parties. This warfare is because of the romance. This warfare is attempting to counter that romance. We want to see that this is our experience every day. My main burden this evening is to show you how this is our experience, not only every day, but as soon as wake up. Every morning we awaken to one of these topics or both.

God's central work that He wants to do (you could say that it is the only thing He wants to do) is to dispense Himself into us, His chosen and redeemed people. He wants to dispense Himself into each one of us personally. Out of this dispensing that something would be produced, a corporate entity that expresses and represents God and consummates in the New Jerusalem. That is actually what God is doing today. Regardless of what we are doing, regardless if we are at work, at home with children, on an aeroplane, or in a car going somewhere, God is doing His dispensing. We also trust and pray that He is doing this right now in this meeting in a more intensified way. Until our head hits the pillow tonight and maybe even after that, God wants to continue that work. He wants to dispense Himself into us.

That dispensing work that God wants to do is not something objective or cold. It is not just that there is a God with a purpose so He created these creatures with whom He wants to carry out His purpose with the creatures He created. It is not so cold. Actually, He wants to carry this out through an intimate, personal and tailor made dispensing. His dispensing is measured to each of us. As our high priest He understands and is interceding behind the scenes that we would receive certain supply and certain aspects of Him that we never experienced before. As this is going on we fall in love with Him; we love Him.