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Yesterday's Spurned Love

Dear Brother and Friend,

These past two weeks have placed me on a feverish mission to edit all of the audio studies. It takes between three and five hours per study, and I have completed 25. The end result provides for a much better product for the ministry. I have approximately 85 more to do. You can anticipate more details to be forthcoming.

I thoroughly appreciated your letter and am glad to hear that your heart is on the mends. I know that it may seem trite, but your experience of being rejected was the very best thing for you. Males and females both have their frustrations, and only the Lord knows the resolutions thereto pertaining to bring to them their joy.

Great care must be taken by me when I give counsel which crosses the interest of more than one person whom I shepherd. But, I find it safe to say that, if a person cannot make you happy in courtship, then they definitely cannot bring to you joy in marriage. The experience of Amnon and Tamar, to a degree, speaks to this reality. He wanted her before sex; she did not want him. Afterwards, in a matter of a few moments, she wanted him, but he did not want her. In fact, he hated her. Both would have been infinitely happier if Amnon would have simply denied himself and his urges by accepting Tamar's rejection. In this regard, the female proved to be the wiser. I know that this example is limited in its application to your case; I only use it to, at least, drive home the intricacies and complexities of the human heart. In love, if we do not respect its capability to mislead, we risk a sinister hazard: If it is not a "two-way street", if it is unrequited, the man who gives his all will fall into false worship by cheating the Lord of the devotion due to Him. Such will ultimately cheat him and become his eternal hell. Hence, it is not wise to try to implore, by persistent and unyielding persuasion, one to love you against their own, often-times hidden impulses, requirements, and desires. Adam certainly discovered that it is better to let them go and fortify one's commitment to the Lord than it is to capitulate and place on the "backburner" their communion with the Lord. The tears and the emotional upheaval that we men have experienced, also, believe it or not, happens to the women of our dreams. They likewise have suffered the same "imprisoning" torture. Coincidentally, I just edited one of my audio studies where I described a humiliating experience from my youth. Though it did not deal with the ravages of spurned love, your letter reminded me of the difficulty that I had describing that episode in my early life. The inclusion of that humiliation in the original study served its purpose of forging my development in the Lord: My commission to give my life for the sheep. I expressed my deep hurt and rejection by a young female who, because she could not express her love maturely, greatly offended me with her insults. She did so, and I was not even pursuing her romantically. In retrospect, she too was in the emotional "prison" to which you alluded, and I paid the price for her immature frustrations. If consolation to you can be garnered from that, you must know that I voluntarily gave to the saints all the aspects of my life. Thus, in the edited audio study, because the episode depicted therein exhausted much time to describe and did not greatly contribute to the overall lesson, it will be edited out. The lesson in self-sacrifice has been made and does not require repetition.

On an unrelated issue, your letter also mentioned your perplexity pertaining to the E-mail to the forum from Susan and your ponderings pertaining to Jasmin. A brief history is in order: Vinnette circulated my 09-Dec-2011, E-mail to Jasmin entitled, *Surmounting the Wall of Bias*. She also placed it on one of the two Davidian forums that temporarily allowed her entry. Afterwards, Susan, seemingly independent of that circulation, floated on the forum —she did not direct it to me— a document which continued Jasmin's similar desire to denigrate Christianity and its faith in the "Virgin Birth". That was the E-mail that, by your admission, disturbed your spirit and denied to you a full night's rest. In reply to *Surmounting the Wall of Bias*, sent to Susan by Vinnette, she responded with the following reply to the forum, the forum that I/we cannot access. She said,

"Derek West, why didn't you post this to the group???? Who is Jasmin Jasmin????" — E-mail from Susan172992@yahoo.com

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Prior to this above short response by Susan. Vinnette, in her efforts to “waft away the darkness” and defend the faith, as stated above, sent to Susan a copy of my letter to Jasmin. And it was her E-mail which evoked the above reply from Susan. Prior to that, we have not had any correspondence with anyone named Susan. I am glad that you expressed to me how Susan’s letter which defamed the “Virgin Birth” weighed heavily upon your mind. This is providential in a way that I cannot now fully define as much perplexity with Vinnette and I have likewise resulted from those two E-mails. You were wise to forestall jumping at Susan’s bait; although, you should feel free to communicate as you become so moved. You should do so without my coordination. Conversely, being that your time is very limited, your work demanding, and your sleep patterns both sporadic and unreliable, my suspicion is that to answer her is to chase after folly. Remember, ‘six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work...’ I do not think it to be a coincidence that Susan, like as was/is Jasmin, determined to undermine the prophecy of Immanuel. My suspicion is that both are disingenuous.

After my E-mail reply to Jasmin, *Surmounting the Wall of Bias*, she gave two replies to which I did not respond or publish. Her replies were short and disturbingly profane like a woman possessed. She launched herself on a darker dimension of decorum by assailing me with the F (expletive deleted) bomb—a new low for her. She said to me,

“F___ you! You have been blocked you stupid idiot. Who the hell do you think you are? I don't know who the f___ you're talking about” —E-mail from Jasmin Jasmin, Mon 12/12/2011 5:27 PM.

“F___ you,” the expression, though vulgar, seems to be psychologically befitting because I believe her to be the partial prophetess operating under an alias. My intuitions, being correct, shows that she too suffers from the psychology of yesterday’s spurned love. She is an inmate in the proverbial prison of your poetry. This being the case, then that profane expression summarizes the frustration that she feels by her failed commission. I did not wish to publish Jasmin’s reaction, but your letter expresses to me that the Lord desired differently.

Finally, I do, as custom requires, wish you a happy new year and thank you for your commensurate expression of good will. I also greatly joy in your expressions of appreciation for my ministry and look forward to our eternal communion as brothers in the Lord’s divine family.

Sincerely,

Derek