



A Life Above the Sun

Song 1:1-2 (NIV) *"Solomon's Song of Songs. Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth— for your love is more delightful than wine..."*

Eccl 1:2-3 (NKJV) *"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity. What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun?"*

Words of Ministry

I have always believed that God's life in the soul of man must be an all-sufficient thing. What I mean is: God's life must be completely satisfying and need-supplying. Jesus Himself promised us a life from Him that is abundant in its every quality and capacity (John 10:10). Life in this world is subject to toil and trouble, but a life lived in God is full of peace and power.

There are two books in the Bible, the book of the *Song of Songs* and the book of *Ecclesiastes* that are like two sides of the same coin. Both books deal with our experience of life. The book of the *Song of Songs* deals with the theme of "life in the Son" where we live in the love of the Son of God and enjoy all He is to us... a life *"more delightful than wine"*. Then there is the book of *Ecclesiastes* which deals with the theme of life "under the sun" – a life of toiling down here in the earth without availing ourselves of life in the Son of God and it is a life full of toil and vanity.

A life of toil *"under the sun"* is what you will always experience when you leave off enjoying, life "above the sun, in the Son". God does not want us to live a life "down here" a life "under the sun" separated from Him. Instead, Christ has come to lift us up into a throne life with Him (Eph 2:6), a life that is "above the sun" because it is a life *"in the Son"* (Gal 2:20) that enjoys the risen life of Christ as our daily portion.

There are only two choices in living. Either we live down here a life "under the sun" (Eccl 2:11), or we live above the sun in the life of the Son of God enjoying His life in heavenly places (Eph 1:3). Whenever you are not enjoying the abundant life of Christ, you will feel that your life is tied "down here" under the sun as if life is full of toil. In your heart you will feel that life is meaningless

and empty. You feel like someone *"grasping for the wind"* (Ecclesiastes 2:11). It seems as if nothing you do adds up to much. The Bible calls this life a life of vanity and emptiness *"under the sun"*. Someone who lives life "under the sun" may or may not know God, but God is either forgotten or not made the center of things. When this happens thoughts turn to earthly things and we toil and strive to get what we want. In the end, that kind of life is always depressing and unfulfilled.

Life "under the sun" is full of despair. But this is not so with someone who lives life above the sun having a life *"hidden with Christ in God"* (Col 3:3). For a life with Him and in Him is filled with the joys and pleasures at His right hand (Psalm 16:11). His Life is abundantly full and good and it leaves us feeling the love of God, not the toil of this world. It is a life lived in the very love of God and as such ushers us into the deepest joy and satisfaction ever imagined.

Beloved, God wants you to be living a life that is *"the song of songs"* (Song 1:1), not *"vanity of vanities"* (Eccl. 1:2). When you live in the love of God's Son you are living the secret of all secrets and the song of all songs. When you live life above the sun, your thoughts are always heavenward and you become Christ-occupied, Christ-focused and Christ-centered. You live in Him because you know that all things were created through Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16).

When you live in the life of Christ, your life takes on a new meaning and purpose. God's Word says, "And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist" (Colossians 1:17). The Greek word for "consist" means "held together". In Christ, all things are held together. And that is why when Christ is the central figure in your life, you will have it all together. Your mind will be held together. Your hopes and dreams will be held together. Your future will be held together by the cords of His love.

Beloved, determine today not to be pulled down from your position in Christ to living a life down here "under the sun" full of toil and trouble. Instead, chose to live a life "above the sun" abiding in Christ and His love for you. Then your life will not be empty, but full of God's goodness because *"Christ in you, [is] the hope of glory"* (Colossians 1:27). It is a wonderful life — this life lived above the sun. Come and let yourself embrace and enjoy all its fullness and blessing!