
Song of Solomon 2:10-13 (ESV)

“My beloved spoke and said to me,
‘Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.
For behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.’”

Just as creation moves through seasons winter, spring, summer, and fall our relationships and spiritual lives experience different seasons as well. These natural cycles reflect God’s ordained order and timing (Ecclesiastes 3:1), reminding us that change and growth are part of life.

In the Old Testament era, God’s people often faced harsh “winters” in their spiritual walk times marked by struggle, exile, and separation from God due to sin and the enemy’s influence. The presence of Satan brought hardship and confusion (cf. Job 1-2; Zechariah 3:1-2). They were still learning to fully know the character and redemptive plan of God.

Then Jesus Christ came, the promised Messiah (Isaiah 53), who through His death and resurrection fulfilled God’s plan to redeem humanity and defeat sin and death (Hebrews 9:12-15). He proclaimed Himself “Lord of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:28), signifying His authority to bring true rest—not merely physical rest, but rest for the soul (Matthew 11:28-30). This rest is a gift of grace through faith, breaking the bondage of sin and spiritual weariness.

The invitation in Song of Solomon echoes Christ’s call to His bride, the Church (Ephesians 5:25-27), to arise from spiritual dormancy and come into the refreshing and renewing presence of God’s love. “The winter is past” signifies the end of hardship and the beginning of new life, symbolizing resurrection and renewal (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Accepting this invitation means entering into a deep, personal relationship with Jesus—a relationship that brings eternal life, peace, and hope beyond the temporary struggles of this world (John 10:10; Romans 15:13).

These are perilous times, filled with deception and spiritual darkness (2 Timothy 3:1-5). The world’s ways cannot truly save or satisfy the soul. But by turning to the Savior and following Him, we receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16), and experience the fullness of joy and peace found only in Him (Philippians 4:7).

Shalom—peace and wholeness to you.

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