

The Vital Need to be Lovesick in these Last Days

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Matthew 24:11-13 (ESV)

11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Strong's Definitions: ψύχω psýchō,psoo'-kho; a primary verb; to breathe (voluntarily but gently, thus differing on the one hand from, which denotes properly a forcible respiration; and on the other from the base of which refers properly to an inanimate breeze), i.e. (by implication, of reduction of temperature by evaporation) to chill (figuratively):—wax cold.

Revelation 3:15-16 (ESV)

15 “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!

16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

Song of Songs 2:4-5 (ESV)

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

5 Sustain me with raisins; refresh me with apples, for I am sick with love.

“Banquet” here is:

Strong's Definitions: יַיִן yayin, yah'-yin; from an unused root meaning to effervesce; wine (as fermented); by implication, intoxication:—banqueting, wine, wine(-bibber).

“Banner” here is:

Strong's Definition: degel refers to a large military standard flag like to distinguish the tribes of Israel. It was a marker of identity that you walked under that determined your inheritance.

Becoming love-sick involves two key dynamics:

1. Banqueting: Being brought into and experiencing the “House of Wine” i.e. Holy Spirit experiences and encounters.
2. Bannered: Being marked by the love of the Lord which becomes your identity and inheritance.