

TSP Express

Habakkuk 2:2

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Welcome to *TSP Express* Issue #7, our first issue under KDCCW's now permanently continuing separate designation for *The Secret Place* on its own webpage at the KDCCW website. Always having been a resource designed to enhance one's spiritual growth toward a deepening personal relationship with Jesus Christ, *The Secret Place* is now beginning its third year/phase of development.

To celebrate this new designation, *The Secret Place* has been remarkably reformatted and somewhat enlarged into a beautiful new revision that is even more serviceable. A new division ("Appendices" in Section One) has been added -- with aids and step-by-step directions -- for potential group leaders to help set up parish "support groups" for area participants. Now is the time to download and begin using your new *The Secret Place* from <http://www.kdccw.org/TheSecretPlace.html> .

(HOUSEKEEPING NOTE: If desired, some of your previously printed pages from the former version that are still the same in the new can be absorbed into the new, especially *TSP Issues* 1-6 which should now be placed after their appropriate Phase I, II or III lead in pages within "Section Two: ongoing dimensions." Your notebook covers will need to be exchanged for or overlaid with the new ones.)

As you recall, our first year's theme was getting to know our Lord better in the thoughtful and unhurried deep reading of the scriptures, emphasizing especially the Mass readings of the day and branching out into other scriptures as individually led. In year two, while maintaining and continuing the ground gained in year one, we emphasized growing in very personal prayer.

To prepare for our launch into phase three, I highly recommend that you review and once again imbibe deeply within your first six issues of *TSP Express* to reacquaint yourselves with those riches. Such renewal will be invaluable as we explore together the shaded wonders that lie ahead.

And now

the next phase for *The Secret Place* is

Into the wine cellar ...

within *The Secret Place of Love's* communion



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and the appropriate theme, therefore, for this *TSP Express* Issue # 7 is

“FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE KING”



Well, maybe you're already there. But, then again, maybe you aren't.

But you can be because Jesus is in love with you and He has been courting you unto Himself for years upon years. No matter how long you have “known” Him. In fact, since before you were born He has had His eye on you. He loved – and loves – you as though there were only one person in the world to love. Had you been the only one in all the world, He would have died for you alone.*

Because He wants you. With Him. Forever. His love is that strong. Gentle, yes, but compelling. Don't let that scare you. With Him is the safest place to be in all the universe.

Ask Him to show you how to love Him.

More deeply than you already do, if you do.

Then give Him your hand ... so He can lead you ...
into the wine cellar with Him.

There is nothing to fear.

Remember, “*perfect love casts out fear*” (1 John 4:18) ... and His love is perfect ... always ... and oh, so complete.

* <http://www.spiritualdirection.com/2017/09/14/the-precious-and-life-giving-cross-of-christ>



Song of Solomon 2:4

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. RSVCE
He brought me to the wine chamber and placed his banner of love over me. JUB
He brought me into the wine cellar, and love was his banner over me. GNV

(RSVCE = Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition; JUB = Jubilee Bible 2000; GNV = 1599 Geneva Bible)

Sweeter Than Wine

Song of Solomon 5:13b

Eternal beloved of Mine, My kisses to you ARE sweeter than wine. They intoxicate you. Yea, they are meant to do so for our task is great and I would have you to know the crushing reality of My love for you and My presence with you.¹

Shrink not away from My kisses – they are the kisses of death to your sinful nature. They refine you as glass, they prepare you for My work, My will, My ecstasies.²

Oh, be not afraid, My fair one. Give yourself totally to Me. Yea, I will not pollute thee. I will not disappoint thee. I love thee with pure and burning desire. Do not hold back.³

I have much in store for thee, My beloved one of Israel. Thou art chosen to Me a handmaiden to My kinsmen, My people. Prepare yourself wisely. Gird yourself in My Word. Faint not at My words to you, beloved. The time is at hand, it is near – even at the door. Be not slack concerning My words but walk out in them without fear for I the Lord thy God have spoken them to you.⁴

Now, be of good cheer and do My work as it becomes apparent to you. I will not fail to guide thee or use thee. Only remember – love Me fully. Do not hold back, My beloved. Now sleep sweetly, fair one. Tomorrow is another day.⁵

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¹ Eph. 3:16-21 Amp., John 14:21 Amp., Ps. 45:10-11 Amp., S. Sol. 1:2-4; 2:3-6; 4:9-5:1, 12, 13, 16, Deut. 5:22-33, Ex. 19:20; 20:21; 33-35, Heb. 10:1-22, Acts 2:1-21

² Ex. 30:22-33, Esther 2:12-17, Ps. 45:7-8, Matt. 2:11, John 19:39-42, James 4:4-17 Amp.

³ I Chron. 16:29, Ps. 110:3 Amp., Hosea 6:3, 6 TLB, Phil. 3:7-14 Amp., I Peter 2:4-10 Amp., Rev. 1:5b-6; 2:1-7; 3:14-22

⁴ Isa. 40:9 Amp., Rom. 10 Amp., Isa. 52; 58-62, Matt. 25:40, John 17:14-17 Amp., Eph. 5:25-27, Ex. 30:17-21, II Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17 Amp., John 15:1-16 Amp., Ezek. 16:3-14, S. Sol. 8:5a, Isa. 40; 62:1, 6-7, 10-11 Amp., Mal. 3:1-2, Luke 1:76-80, Matt. 3:1-3, Gal. 1-5, I Cor. 2 Amp., Josh. 1:6-9

⁵ Dan. 11:32b-33a, Acts 1:8 Amp., John 14:12, Ps. 37:23 Amp., Prov. 16:33 Amp., Isa. 30:21, Ps. 18:28-36, John 16:13-14; 15:1-5 Amp., Prov. 14:14b Amp.