

PASSIONATE HEART

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Sunrise in Jerusalem... just the thought of it stirs my heart to joyful tears. No matter how many times I am privileged to be present for a Jerusalem sunrise, I somehow feel the fresh awe of God's handwritten love note to His people.

It is one of the most captivating displays of His glory, promises, and passionate heart!

God is a God of relentless pursuit... a God of awe-inspiring displays of His love, sovereignty, and majesty. He tells us He is looking for those who will make room to carry His heart.

I remember praying that prayer, having no idea what it would look like... then love flooded in like a fiery river... love for Israel... the land, the people, the covenant. How rich and abundant! It has led to the greatest adventure with the Lion of Judah I could ever imagine.

Recently, the Lord has been highlighting to me a verse in Proverbs:
"... a passionate person makes good use of his time, wealth, and energy."
Proverbs 12:27b

As I read this verse in the current season of our world, where so many things are swirling over Israel and even many in the church do not seem to fully understand how dear Israel is to God's heart, I felt God say... Share My passion and reveal my heart.

Just as God's sunrise greets Israel and her people every morning, God's steadfast, unrelenting, and passionate love for her can never waver or wane. It is new, intense, and passionate with the dawning of each new day!

Have you asked Him to come and pour His passion into your heart? Passion for God means passion for Israel! Have you made room to house His dearest family in your life and schedule?

This verse in Proverbs reminds me that every day we are managers of our time, our money, and our energy. I feel God's loving and piercing gaze... asking me to let Him have it all.

We become what we behold, and we talk about what moves us. What truly captivates our hearts? What do others crave after they spend time with us?

In a world where we have access to anything at our fingertips, so many moving images, so many ways to spend our money, and so many ways to use our energy to build our own kingdoms... we must deliberately choose. Will we let our hearts be set ablaze for what God is passionate about?

When God deposits HIS passion in you, you will see His deep love for Israel. You too will be lovesick for Israel and her people!

You will have an intense desire to see God's will and protection for Israel, a drive to tell and awaken others!

Oh Lord stir our passion!! Stoke the fires of our heart! May our passion become contagious!

May our hearts reflect your Jerusalem sunrise... both faithful and fiery... ever burning for Israel and her people!

Lord, I pray our lives will lead others to see your deep love for Israel and stir them to ask for their own heart transformation!

"Join me, everyone! Let's praise the Lord together. Let's make Him famous! Let's make His name glorious to all." *Psalm 34:3*

"Circle Zion; count her towers. Consider her walls, climb her palaces, and then go and tell the coming generation of the care and compassion of our God."
Psalm 48:12-13

