

In the Wilderness
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**"Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke,
perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?"**
(Song of Solomon 3:6)

**"Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her
beloved?"**
(Song of Solomon 8:5a)

My Precious Child,

It is in the wilderness that I will seek to add a new dimension to you. I will broaden your Christian experience. I will deepen your relationship with Me and transform you into My image. To put it another way, Hosea 2:14 says: **"Therefore, behold, I will allure her and bring her into the wilderness and speak tenderly unto her."** At this place I will separate you for Myself, and make you ready for your destiny. I will give you a deep longing for Me so that you seek My presence with all that is in you, in response to My great love. And beyond the wilderness you will find a special place of blessing, where you will be glad and rejoice that you have been there. For a time you may weep in the wilderness, but I will comfort you and give you a new and joyful song.

The wilderness is My perfume shop where the perfume of My presence will saturate you as you take upon yourself my life and character, becoming ever more like Me in character and desires. My perfume is not an outer adornment, but an inner fragrance that identifies with Me. It's the perfume of My presence that is found only in one place—the place of intimacy with Me.

When the time in that place has ended I, your bridegroom, will bring out you, My bride, and present you to the world, beautiful, radiant and scented with the fragrance of My love. At that point, we will be inseparable, because you will lean on and depend on Me for your very breath, your very being. And even if the whole lot comes against us, nothing will separate us from one another. In fact, I will say to you, "Come away with Me. Lean on Me, and we will go out to the wilderness together." In the end, you will be the envy of your friends (the daughters of Jerusalem) who will smell the sweet fragrance and want what you have.

If you draw near to Me, and refuse to stray, I will bless and exalt you. I will give you an ever-increasing revelation of Myself. I will come for you, and offer you My arm for support, along with My endless strength and endurance, and bring you out smelling incredibly beautiful, like Me, and your beauty will be the envy of everyone who sees you. It is in this place that a new thing, a brand new dimension, will be added unto you, and you and I will be as one...