



THE MYSTERY OF NEW WINE

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Introduction

There is a major significance of wine in the scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Each time wine is mentioned in the scripture it comes with a gift or something that helps you. As a matter of fact, when Jesus was about to depart, He served His disciples wine, thus signifying fellowship.

In our world, wine is something that is opened during celebrations or occasions, hence it is a significant thing that brings people together. It connotes several things which include the revelation of the Spirit of God.

Isaiah 55:1-2: *"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, **come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.** Why do*

you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. (NKJV)

The usage of wine in Isaiah implies the Spirit of God which comes upon a man and it is free.

Ephesians 5:18 - *"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit," (NKJV)*

The passage gives a comparison of the wine and spirit, thus you can be drunk with the spirit of God in all you do (family, business) just like an intoxication of an alcoholic drink.

"Wine is more than sweetness to us, it is the release of the Spirit of God, which reflects God's work in your dealing."

Our text becomes paramount for us as we look at *what Wine means in your family*. In that scripture, Jesus attended a wedding in Cana where He performed his first miracle. The wedding was blissful, with the couples excited as they started their journey of marriage. However despite all these, amid the excitement, their wine got exhausted.

This is figurative to every journey of marriage which begins with great joy and excitement but along the way, the joy and excitement is lost. I wish I could plot the graph of the wine for you; it started with a shoot at the beginning, then plateaued before a decline started occurring at the party. The wine never finished suddenly but gradually with each cup and serving.

Likewise in marriage, the wine (excitement) does not finish at once but with each draining and serving of each partner. Don't be deceived by the "and co's" of some couples, the presence of wine in a relationship is beyond that.

There are things that can reduce this wine in relationships:

1. Unresolved issues (that linger in the heart)

One terrible thing that can decline a growing wine is when you have unresolved issues against your partner. When you have the opportunity to express yourself, express it and let it finish there. Mature people in marriage learn to sit and talk things over, they don't report.

Ephesians 4:26-27: *"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. (NKJV)*

2. Pain of the past deeds

In 1 Kings chapter 2, David at the point of his began to hand over his enemies that had hurt him in the past to Solomon. What does it cost you to let go?

If your spouse has hurt you in the past and you keep without expression, the wine will vanish.

3. Unforgiveness and disrespect

The moment there is an iota of these in a relationship, the wine will continue to drop steadily.

4. Shifting of responsibility

In terms of finances and other roles, take responsibility. As a wife and as a husband shifting roles to your spouse will cause a decline in your wine. Take responsibilities.

How do I get my wine back?

(Principles of new wine in your new home)

Principle 1: Sensitivity

Verse 3 - *And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." (NKJV)*

Be sensitive to everything in your home. If your sensitivity is low, you can ruin your home. May God give a spiritual partner that can pick up signals like Mary.

Principle 2: Divine Intervention

Verse 4 - *Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." (NKJV)*

Don't resolve to separation but to God. If God cannot handle your problem, no one can. The builder of a great home is God. You also need human intervention: Spiritual parents. Sometimes what you think is physical, might be spiritual.

Principle 3: Get wisdom through divine instructions

Verse 5 - *His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." (NKJV)*

You must follow all instructions given by God if your marriage will be great. One of the instructions is the submission of the wife and loving of the wife by the husband irrespective of their status.

Principle 4: Don't change your partner

Verse 6-7: *Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.*

Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. (NKJV)

It was the same water pots that bore the exhausted wine that were filled with the new one. The old wine figuratively meant a method that took the couples to a point in their marriage and a new wine another method. One method can't carry to the end of your marriage.

Conclusion: If you begin to apply these principles, I tell you sincerely you will begin to have joy in your marriage. Are you tired of that marriage? Did your marriage start with excitement and along the way you realize what you bargained for is not what you imagined? God will restore that joy to your home. Just be willing to resolve it and allow God to step in. Let Him help you out.