

**Additional note: Seduction 11/09/07**

I saw a black figure, crawling over a body, intent on defilement.

**Seduction is a deceiving fruit,**

**Looking good to the eye, but bitter to the soul.**

**Those who eat it put corruption in their mouths,**

**And pollution in their bodies.**

**I made my bride beautiful, but now she is corrupted, defiled, filthy.**

**This great sorrow is increased by another - she doesn't know her corruption or her defilement.**

**She walks round, saying "I am well. I am fine. I am beautiful. I need no help."**

**Was there ever sorrow like mine?**

**1. The seduction**

Seduction sounds such a pleasant word. Yet it is a word which masks the corruption which it brings. The vision I have put at the top of this page was a truly horrible one. I saw this black figure, reaching all over a woman's body, grasping, polluting and defiling every part of what the Lord meant to be beautiful, modest and pure. Corruption defiles and stains the human body and soul.

It may look a nice fruit on the outside, but inside it is full of maggots. Anyone who eats this seducing fruit will find they have a mouthful of vile maggots.

Is this what has happened to the church? We were seduced away from purity by the baubles of the world. But we didn't see them for what they were - we saw

only bright things, good things. We wanted to be free of the confinement of our Father's house, and the enemy provide the opportunity. We were seduced, and now we are full of sin, guilt and corruption.

## **2. The greater corruption**

But are we? Yes, the church is full of sin, guilt and corruption, but doesn't see it. Like the church of Laodicea, we read " 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked." (Revelation 3:17) But we change the end:- "I am rich; I have acquired wealth, and do not need a thing. I am well. I am fine. I am beautiful, I need no help."

It's one thing to be seduced. It is surely a worse thing to live arrogantly in that seduction. What do we think we are doing? Do we think that God won't see our shame? Do we really believe that the Holy One, whose eyes cannot behold corruption will just ignore our arrogance?

## **3. Consequences.**

I suspect that you might be thinking "He's going to write about judgment again!" Judgment is the least consequence of the seduction. The great consequence is the breaking of the heart of God. He made us beautiful, like a bride. We have been raped, but don't seem to notice, or if we do, we don't seem to care. Was there ever such a sorrow as this? Who can possibly bear such pain, and still love?