

THE BOOK OF SONG OF SOLOMON

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INTRODUCTION

Song of Solomon has always been approached as a strange book. How many messages have you heard a pastor preach on this book over the years? The answer is not many! In all my years of going to different churches, I don't think I have ever heard a message (except for my own) on the Song of Solomon. To me this is strange because I think Song of Solomon is key for building a relationship with the Lord. What I want to do is lay a foundation, then move through this book and give you a complete study of this book to make it work for you. I am going to break this down and show you how every little piece goes together so you might be able to grasp this great book.

Historically, Song of Solomon is a picture of Solomon who is on a quest to find one virtuous woman. The Bible says that Solomon has 1000 wives, but he wanted to find one that was virtuous.

Doctrinally, Song of Solomon lays out for us the great pictures of Christ, the millennium, the rapture of the church, and everything that goes with it...but,

Inspirationally, (and this is what I want to focus on) Song of Solomon is what our relationship should be to Christ in a very intimate way.

This is why I think it is so strange that this book is never taught. Your relationship with Christ is the premier relationship to build into your life. Everything else we do as a church body comes back to this bottom line aspect.

The timeline that goes along with Song of Solomon is also very important. There are five (5) wisdom books in the Bible, and Solomon writes three (3) of them. Inside these three books, he writes (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon) he lays out his life in a way that is hidden for us to find. In 1Kings, chapters 3-7, Solomon is the most productive and is as close to God as he can get during his life. He builds the temple, and we find his great prayer during the dedication of this temple. One of the great hallmarks of the Bible is his prayer found in this passage. This is where he asks God for wisdom instead of riches, so that he can lead his people; however, God gives him both. Solomon reigns for forty (40) years, but in **1Kings 3-7**, we

find where he probably wrote the book of Proverbs (the apex of his life and reign over Israel). In **1Kings 10-14**, we then begin to find his downfall, and he begins to MULTIPLY all the things in his life, and his kingdom becomes so great and has vast riches. This is where he probably writes the book of Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes is a man's worldly perspective, and deals with everything worldly "under the sun" or on Earth. During this book you will find all the different philosophies that man comes up with to try to get around God. Solomon goes through each of them:

- Pragmatism
- Existentialism
- Ultraism
- Communism
- Socialism
- Capitalism, and etc.

He covers everything man can come up with to form some kind of society that Solomon says all turns to vanity, and turns man away from God (Ecclesiastes 1:1-2). In Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Solomon writes probably the greatest statement summing up life a man could ever make:

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”

Keep in mind that Solomon just wrote a book that goes through the cycle of everything in life that man goes through in his existence on planet Earth, and he deals with it from a pragmatic standpoint where he views life from mans aspect. In Chapter 12 (where Solomon is at his lowest point, and farthest from God) where everything in life has brought him down and he is ready to leave the kingdom, in chapter 12:13 he comes back to God and reflects on all he has been through and evaluates his life. He then makes the above statement... “The CONCLUSION of the whole matter...” After he makes this statement in verse 13, this is when he comes back to God, and where he most likely writes the book of Song of Solomon.

Now, I know from Ecclesiastes 7:28-29 and Proverbs 31, both of which say that Solomon has not yet found the virtuous woman he is looking for, does find her in Song of Solomon. The reason I believe that this is the order of the books, and how he writes them represents his life, is because this is really the way life goes for you and me. We go to the place where God does something great in our lives and we turn our back on God, and get out of fellowship with him. We then come back and when we do, we always have a better perspective than when we left. I never fault anybody for making mistakes, we all make them. Nobody is perfect and we all struggle, but the real problem is when people make mistakes and don't learn from them. Solomon started out having it all and had the blessings of God. Under his reign Israel has every piece of land promised to Abraham. David wiped out the last of the enemies and when Solomon comes to the throne for forty (40) years there isn't one war that takes place. This is the greatest time in Israel's history. From Solomon on, Israel loses everything that she had. By 606 and 587 B.C., in comes Sennacherib and Nebuchadnezzar, and Israel is stripped of everything she ever had. She never gets that land back...even today. In 1948, she may have become a nation, but she only has a toehold of what really belongs to her. Never again until Christ comes back in the millennial reign, (which Solomon typifies), will Israel get all the land back, and it started with Solomon coming to the point where he turned his back on the Lord.

Solomon is a great picture because when he is close to God, and is doing what he should, he is representing us as Christians in our new nature (see Romans). This is why I want to focus on the practical side of Song of Solomon, and how it affects our lives, and how we can build a relationship with Christ. Song of Solomon stands for his closest time, Ecclesiastes is his worst time. Have you ever wondered how Solomon, who is the wisest man that ever lived, who had everything promised to Israel, and had every enemy subdued by David...when Solomon comes to the throne there is nothing to stop him from being the greatest king and fulfilling everything God wanted to happen except for one thing...SOLOMON HIMSELF. Proverbs and Song of Solomon is a picture of Solomon walking in his new nature after the spirit. Ecclesiastes is a picture of Solomon walking in the flesh or his old nature.

Did you ever wonder that if it could happen to Solomon with all his wisdom and all he had, with all God had done for him, and given him, that it could happen to me and you? Song of Solomon 1:1 says, **“The song of songs, which is Solomon’s”** Ecclesiastes 1:2 says, **“Vanity of vanities...”** there is no middle ground. You are either here tonight with a working relationship with Christ and he is the “song of songs” to you, or everything in your life even as a child of God is “vanity of vanities.” There is no middle ground with God. No half way in with him. This shows me that life is one of two (2) things...when we walk after the Spirit of God and the new nature, that it is the **“song of songs.”** When we walk after the flesh and do the things of the flesh, it is **“vanity of vanities.”** There is no ground in between.

Let me show you how Solomon fell, I think it is absolutely vital. The thing that excites me about tonight is one basic reason...we have so many young Christians in our church. Life is really like going up levels of stairs, you start out going up a few levels and there is a landing, then a few more flights and another landing (example: going to the empire state building and trying to walk up the stairs all at once). This is the way the Christian life is, you start at ground level the day you get saved and come up a few levels by coming to church and learning the Bible. You then start to go up another level and hit a plateau. Once on this plateau, you find new issues in your life that you must deal with to get to the next level. Once you deal with those issues you move up a few more flights and find more issues to deal with. The book of Song of Solomon is going to get many of you to that next level!

Solomon’s **first** problem is found in 1Kings 7:1. Just before this you find that Solomon just finished building the temple of God, and it took him seven (7) years to complete this project. God allowed Solomon to build the temple because he is a type of Christ in the millennium, and Christ is going to rebuild this temple then during his reign (Ezekiel 40-48). But in 1Kings 7:1 when Solomon built his own house he spent thirteen (13) years on this project. The great principle here is that he spent more time building his own house than God’s house. You never want to spend more time on your flesh, than you do on your spiritual new nature in Christ Jesus. It is that simple. Our downfall will begin when we focus more on the physical things we have in life than the spiritual. He got out of balance and lost his focus. He saw all he had, and his great wisdom and spent more time on his things than God’s things.

Solomon's **second** problem is found in 1Kings 10:28 where he begins to bring in horses from out of Egypt, and strange women from other nations. This is all a violation of Old Testament law. You see, Solomon got to the place in his life where we get to sometimes that we don't think the word of God applies to us. The Bible tells us that these women turned his heart away from God.

Deut. 14:20 gives, under the law, the instructions for a king, which are also great instructions for us as a Christian. In verse 16, Solomon got the horses from Egypt (a type of the world). It is also a picture of you and me, even though we have the blessings of God in our lives, we go back to the things of the world and mix ourselves with the things in this world. He also brought in the horses where in Egyptian culture (Ra - the sun god) they worshipped horses as a deity. When the Pharaoh died, they buried their horses with them as part of their religious services...he **multiplied** (V.16) his horses, which brings up another great concept of God:

1. The devil always **multiplies** (not God!)
2. God **divides** (Gen. 1:4)...then he **multiplies**!

God **divides** the world from your life, then adds blessings and a church family to replace the world. Acts 1-2, after God made the great division and separated a group of people to be his church; it says he "added unto the church daily..." Hebrews 4:12, says that God is a sharp two edged sword that **DIVIDES**! God divides then adds...the devil multiplies. Verse 17, Solomon multiplied his wives (what a man needs 1000 wives for, I will never understand!). The devil multiplied Solomon's wives, horses, riches, everything he possessed. In verse 16, the Bible says when he got these horses and women from Egypt he should have never taken them...the king is not to take the people back to Egypt, a type of the world.

Solomon's **third** problem is also found in Deut. 17:18. Now this third thing sealed Solomon's fate, as it will for us if we do the same thing. In verse 18, the first thing found here is he was to make his own copy of the Bible. This is why in everything we do, I try to get you to write your own notes, and make your own personal study Bible. I tell you all the time that the greatest study Bible you can get is your own. That is why we sell those wide margin Bibles; because you need to write it out, copy it, and make that Bible work

for you by getting your notes and putting them in your Bible. Verse 19, Read and Learn your Bible. Verse 20, The promise found in this verse from doing this is, that your heart won't be lifted up, you won't turn aside from the word of God, and he will prolong your ministry and family. Solomon failed to do this because he multiplied all the things of this world in his life. In time all the things he got from Egypt took Solomon away from God. These three (3) things took Solomon and brought him to write the book of Ecclesiastes.

Now, Solomon (in his early life) mirrors what we should have in our life as a Christian in three ways. The **first thing** is found when he is at his best, as we should be at our best. When he is at the apex of his relationship with God (where we should also be), Israel has all the land, and nothing is held back from them that was promised to them. This represents the blessing of God in our life. We get this blessing as we become more and more in a relationship with Christ. Your whole life should be nothing more than going level to level to level, building that relationship with God. During this time nothing is held back from Israel, just like God wants you to have everything you need to complete the job he has for you to accomplish.

The **second thing** we see about Solomon when he is at his best is that all the Gentiles (typified by the queen of Sheba) come to seek him to see God's glory. He didn't need a sign showing the world where God was, everybody knew it, by Solomon's walk with God. This is a picture of God using you in other people's lives. Your Christianity should be as such that everybody on the planet should know who you stand for. Everything you do should glorify God. The world may not like you or care for you or hear what you have to say, but they know you are God's child. Everybody knew who Solomon and Israel were! People flocked to Jerusalem during this time to hear about God, just like people will come to you to hear about the Savior.

The **third thing** that happened during this apex of Solomon's life is that the land was at rest for 40 years. This is the great picture of the rest we need to have in Christ as a believer. We are in a warfare, "**We wrestle not against flesh and blood...**" This is a picture that we have to rest in Christ in the midst of our ministry/war with the world.

Song of Solomon is broken down in two ways, and is the main thing I want you to understand about this book:

1. Christ speaking to the virtuous woman, the love of his life (for our study this will be Christ speaking to you). This is the most intimate book in the Old Testament (Ephesians in the New Testament). These both deal with two (2) people becoming one (1). Many times in the Song of Solomon you will have the bridegroom speaking to the bride, or Christ speaking to you. By seeing this you find exactly what Christ thinks of you, how he looks at you, how his heart aches for you, and you get an idea of how Christ sees you when he looks at you.
2. You and I (the bride) speaking to Christ. This will be your attitude of heart toward the Lord Jesus Christ. This book tells me everything I should think of Him, and everything I should be concerned about in my relationship with Him.

In looking at our relationship with Christ we need to understand how God works. There are three (3) aspects to the trinity. In teaching and preaching we should learn to leave the people with a clear understanding of what we just said. The perspective needs to be clear so that the people we teach and preach to can understand the principle or doctrine or message. This is my goal tonight, to give the people a clear perspective of what God expects of you in a relationship, and how he looks at you in the overall relationship:

1. God - The Father
2. God - The Son
3. God - The Holy Spirit

What people don't understand about the trinity is what separates them, and that each one has a specific work. Even though they are one, they all have a separate role, identity, and work that they perform:

1. **God - The Father:** God has one thing on his mind. God had a wife and that wife was Israel. The book of Hosea tells us that his wife stepped out on Him and went to other gods (Baal worship), and God has temporarily put his wife (Israel) away. God wants one thing...to have his wife (Israel) restored back to him. In the gospels, every story you find, every man, woman, child, miracle, or event will be some picture of Israel's spiritual condition in their relationship with God. You will find a woman that had an issue of blood. Do you know how long she had this condition? 12 years, this will equal the 12 tribes of the Nation of Israel. You have a little girl that died, and Christ brought her back to life. Do you know how old she was? 12 years old, this will equal the 12 tribes of the Nation of Israel. Lazarus dies in John 11; the whole chapter is a picture of God resurrecting Israel like he says he will do in Ezekiel 36-38. God cares nothing about the U.N., gay rights, civil rights, and high oil prices. He cares nothing about the World Council of Churches, the NCCC, that you lost everything in your 401K, the stock market, or the election. All he cares about is getting his WIFE (Israel) back to himself. Gentiles have a tough time with this. Romans 9, 11, Ezekiel 36-48, Jeremiah 30, 46-48, Zachariah 14, Isaiah 40 and fifty other places show you how God cares nothing...nothing...nothing about the other nations on this planet. In Isaiah 40:15 he says the nations of the world are like a drop in the bucket. When God set up the races from Deuteronomy 32:8 to Acts 17:28, he divided them into their boundaries according to the tribes of the Nation of Israel...because someday Israel is going to RUN THE WORLD!!! We talk in today's society about discrimination and racism, but God the Father is the biggest bigot and racist you ever saw in your life. He has discriminated against every gentile nation on the face of this planet for one nation...ISRAEL, HIS WIFE!!! Europe's history is nothing more than 200 million gentiles killing themselves, re-shaping

the land of Europe, so God could get that Jew exactly where he wanted them. I heard from a old preacher years ago that WWI, “Got the land ready for the Jew” and WWII, “Got the Jew ready for the land.” Now in 1948 that Jew got his land, and will never give it up again. After WWI the land shape (boundaries) changed, the Balfour Declaration came in, the Zionist movement began with Theodore Herzl in 1897...and that thing was on its way, but the Jew was not ready to go back and the gentile nations were not ready to send them back. The last verse in 2Chronicles 36 tells the Jew to go back to the land, but they wouldn’t because they were prosperous in the gentile countries they were living in. While Hitler’s people in the 1930’s were in a major depression, the Jews (who were occupying Germany) had enough money to put gold in their teeth, buy up whole city blocks, and business was good for them. God told them to go back but they didn’t want to, so on goes WWII, and they go back in 1948. Now if what I am saying is true...and we saw in 1948 the fulfillment of the Jews returning home...God just allowed 22 million Russians, 3 million Brits, 6-8 million Jews, 8 million Japanese, 3 million Chinese, 300,000 Americans, Poles, Italians, French, and Africans, to be killed in a war just to get that Jew back home! Now that is God the Father!!! You as a gentile believer have a tough time with this because you don’t understand how God works. God has a wife, and he wants her so desperately back in his possession. He doesn’t care about the nations of this world! Well, you may say, “For God so loved the world...” that is not God the Father!!! God has one thing on his mind and that is his wife.

2. **God - the Holy Spirit:** John 16 is the defining chapter on the Holy Spirit. In this chapter there are found seven (7) things that is the job of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has seven (7) things on his mind:
 - a. **Reproves the world of SIN**
 - b. **Reproves the world of RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- c. **Reproves the world of JUDGMENT**
- d. **Guides you unto all TRUTH**
- e. **Shows us what is of God and what is NOT**
- f. **Shows and Reveals Prophecy**
- g. **Glorifies Christ and SEEKS NOT HIS OWN**

Within this job outline is where you find John 3:16....“**For God so loved the world...**”

3. **God - the Son**: He only has one (1) thing on his mind (just like God the Father), and this is where we are going to camp out tonight throughout the book of Song of Solomon. This one thing is YOU, as a child of God. He doesn't care about tsunamis, civil rights, aids, human rights, football championships, or anything else. Christ has one thing on his mind and that is to spend time with you. You see God wants his wife, Christ wants his bride, and the Holy Spirit goes around saying, “Would you like to go to a wedding?” “Would you like to get married?” “I have a great man I would like to introduce to you.” “Are you downtrodden? I have a guy you need to meet.”

If Song of Solomon teaches me anything at all, it teaches me that Christ has one focus, and singleness of heart and mind, and that is ME! He wants my undivided attention, because I have his undivided attention. You will never have a relationship with God that will ever amount to anything at the judgment seat of Christ, until you understand this book that was written to YOU! Maybe I have answered my own question about why you never hear anyone teach about this book, because they don't have the relationship they should. You have to get an intimacy about any relationship before there is love, and then marriage, why would God not need it as well...this is Song of Solomon. The same is true about you to Him; you can't be so sterile about Him in this life, then show up for the wedding without any pre-relationship and say, “let's get married!”

There are **four (4) aspects to your relationship with Christ**, and they are outlined in the book of Song of Solomon:

1. Lordship
2. Relationship
3. Fellowship
4. Stewardship

When you talk about having a relationship with God, and we use the Song of Solomon to find it, we will find out very clearly and plainly that your relationship with Christ breaks down into these four areas. As a human being we have **three (3) basic needs**:

1. Spiritual Needs
2. Emotional Needs
3. Physical Needs

Christ meets these three needs in the four aspects of your relationship. Colossians 3:2 tells you to **“Seek those things which are above...”** Loving God just doesn’t happen because you want it to happen; you have to learn to love God. In today’s world we don’t learn to love anything. We fall in love, and then in a week, we fall out of love. We are so stupid that we go to malls and look at clothes, cars, shoes, and say, “I love that...(whatever it is)” We are the only culture in the world that loves things that can’t love us back. We then take this kind of love into our relationship with God. Just like a person who comes to church, gets saved, goes to church for a little while, because they had an “experience,” and fell in love with Christ, and never **LEARNS** to love him. It wasn’t real; it takes time to learn to love somebody. The way you get to love him is to get to know him and to know him is to learn Song of Solomon, because to know him is to love him.

I have a term I use called being “God-Conscious.” This is simply being conscious with God in everything in your life. Imagine the Lord Jesus being with you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I have some news for you; He is with you everywhere you go, all day, every day. Just because he is not in a physical body, he is in YOUR physical body. He hears everything you hear,

sees everything you see, he hears everything you say, feels every emotion you have, understands every circumstance you deal with. He is with you everywhere you go. The problem is, you are not “God-Conscious” of that fact!

The Song of Solomon is my dream, and someday Christ and I are going to live the ultimate fairy tail, the ultimate story book ending when we will live happily ever after. It is a picture of me thinking about him with everything I do. Every chapter is built around the four (4) aspects of my Lordship, Relationship, Fellowship, and Stewardship. The only difference is this dream is going to come true. I am just like with Christ what some of you (or all of you) were at one point in our lives where we just couldn't be without the one we loved in our lives or things just wouldn't have been right.

CHAPTER 1

This chapter deals with our LORDSHIP

Breakdown of this chapter. Who is talking to whom?:

- Verses 1-7, is the Bride talking to the Bridegroom
- Verses 8-11, is the Bridegroom talking to the Bride
- Verses 12-17, is the Bride talking to the Bridegroom

Song of Solomon 1:1-7

“The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.

Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?”

V.1 “The song of songs, which is Solomon's.” He (Solomon) had 1,005 songs (1Kings 4:32) and 1000 wives (1Kings 11:3). What I get from this verse is that he had 1000 wives, and in those 1000 women he only found one that had the virtues he was looking for in a woman. This tells me that probably one of 1000 Christians will ever have the relationship that Christ desires to have with them.

V.1-4 You have the most important part of your Lordship in this passage, which is remembering the day God saved you. **V.2** - The day God saved you, he kissed your soul and gave you eternal life. Once when I was lost without Christ, God kissed my soul and gave me eternal life. **V.2** - **“Thy Love...”**, this is the love of God; **“Wine”** here is the things of this world, the best that the world has to offer, fails to compare to the love that Christ has for us. **V.3** - **“Savour of thy good ointments...”**, is the smell of these good ointments are always connected with our relationship with Christ. **V.4** - **“Draw me...”**, this is the day that I got saved, God drew me to him by the Holy Spirit. **“The son of man is come to seek and to save...”** God draws me, and my response was that I ran after Him. Then **“the king brought me into his chambers...”** which is his MIND (Ezekiel 8:1-12). **“Let this mind be in you, which is also in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 2:5).**

V.4 **“We will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine”** That is what I do every day in my life. I remember the love of God and what he has done for me is better than anything that the world has ever done or offered me. Lordship begins with you and me remembering the day that God saved us.

V.5-6 This woman is a black woman. The Bible teaches that the church is like unto a pearl of great price (Matt. 13:46). The rarest pearl is a black pearl. A geologist would tell you that a black pearl is as rare as 1 out of a 1000. There are four (4) black men in the book of Acts, which is a great study of what our life should be as a child of God. She is a black woman because she is a servant of servants, and we as a child of God, once saved, should be a servant of servants.

V.6 This is a picture of me (the church) and Israel. I didn't keep my vineyard; I lost it in the Garden of Eden. Israel got their garden, and I lost mine. The Bible says that Israel is the true vine and I got grafted in (Romans 9 and 11). It is a picture of us being part of God's plan. We got it by grace, but Israel had to keep it.

V.7 A question is asked by the bride. She is asking, **“Tell me whom my soul loveth?”** Do you love Him? Here is the intimacy and what you have is the bride asking the bridegroom where he feeds his flocks. The answer is now found in verse 8.

Song of Solomon 1:8

“If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.”

Here is the bridegroom's answer to verse 7. He is saying, “Do you want to find me? Do you want to build a relationship with me?” The only way to do this is to feed where He feeds. He tells you to find the footsteps of the flock, which is CHURCH HISTORY. Find the church, and you will find the flock. You will find the true church in Revelation 1-3 and in Acts 11:26, where they were first called Christians in Antioch. Then follow that church through history, and you will find the true Church and the true Bible. Do you want to find where He is at and build a relationship with Him? Find the footsteps of the flock. Find where the real church has been, because the church is God's program to teach you how to find a relationship with the word of God.

“And feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.” Do you know how to find a true relationship with God?:

1. Find the true church and a pastor, who will teach you the word of God, and who is a good shepherd.
2. Then pitch your tent next to the shepherd's tent

Feed where the man that God has placed into your life, feeds his flock, to grow spiritually; then put your tent next to his. Do you want to find Him? You will never find Him outside the Lord's church, and you will never find him outside of the Lord's man. The only way I can teach you tonight, and stand before you as a pastor is because a man let me put my tent next to his tent, and somebody let him do the same, all the way back to Paul and the church at Antioch. The example of this in the Bible is Paul and Timothy.

Song of Solomon 1:9-11

“I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold. We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.”

These are great comparisons. Every time you find these ornaments and jewels, they are always spiritual principles. 1Peter 3:3 talks about how women should not adorn themselves with jewelry. It is not saying you shouldn't wear it, but with a meek spirit. These precious stones and chains of gold are character qualities of Christ that you will wear at the Judgment Seat of Christ. This is why people wear jewelry, it accents who they are (and there's nothing wrong with wearing it). We do this because women like to feel pretty, even when they are not (that was a joke, laugh a little!). A woman wears these things to make her feel good about herself when they are on, and fixes herself up physically. This is why, when you are depressed, you think you will feel better when you go out and buy something new. This will only be a temporary fix because you are taking something physical to try to fix something spiritual. The jewels they are talking about here are the spiritual things in your life; they will always keep you from ever getting depressed. Nothing in this world can ever fix a wounded spirit, but the principles of the word of God will fix it every time.

This is why it tells us that the woman He is looking at is wearing all the spiritual characteristics that make her both beautiful on the outside, but also beautiful on the inside spiritually. When I am talking about the woman, I am speaking to both male and female which make up the bride of Christ.

Song of Solomon 1:12-17

“While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

A bundle of myrrh is my wellbeloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.

Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes.

Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.

The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.”

When you come down through this thing, every one of these things is an incredible picture of something spiritually. You can go through the Bible and root these things out (each one of them) and find out the characteristic of it, then make the spiritual application.

All of these aspects in this paragraph show the intimacy and tenderness of our relationship.

V.13 “Breasts” here tell us that the woman is not only the one who produces life, but also sustains it through her own ability. The child of God has the same ability not only to produce life (by being born again), but also to sustain that life, by the **“Sincere milk of the word...”** (1Peter 2:2). That is the picture of the intimacy of everything going on here.

V.15 “The eyes of a dove...” later on we will see that Christ has eyes like a dove, and this shows us that we should have the eyes of a dove as well. This tells me that we should see things like Christ sees them.

V.12 “Sending forth the smell thereof...” is the smell of your fellowship with God. 2Corinthians 2:14 says that when we speak of Christ that this (witnessing to an unsaved person) becomes a sweet savor in the nostrils of God. This is why God required the sacrifices in the Old Testament. By doing this, God’s anger was appeased by the smell of the burnt offering of that sacrifice. When you witness to somebody (whether they get saved or stay lost) it doesn’t matter to God, He still smells that sweet savor. Smells in the Bible (spices, camphire, all the different aloes, and perfumes) all represents something to God, in reminding Him of the intimacy of our relationship with him. That is why men and women wear perfume and cologne. Because the world always tries to imitate, in the physical sense, what a Christian has in a spiritual sense. It is nice to smell good physically, but it’s better to smell good spiritually to God.

V.14 “A cluster of camphire...”, comes from Cyprus trees and give off a good smell. **“In the vineyards of Engedi...”** is found in 1Samuel 23:29 where David had his stronghold when he was at his best with God.

V.16 “Our bed is green...”, like an evergreen, always bearing fruit. Because a Christian, in his relationship with God, in the intimacy of Lordship will never be barren as far as fruit bearing is concerned.

V.17 “Cedar, and our rafters of fir...” are the ingredients that God built the temple with in the Old Testament. This is a picture of the wood that we need to build our spiritual temple with. Lordship will always start and end remembering the day God saved you. Song of Solomon is the dream...your daydream with the one you are so in love with you can't live without Him. Chapter 1 focuses on your LORDSHIP!!!

CHAPTER 2

Chapter 2 and 3 deal with our RELATIONSHIP

Breakdown of this chapter:

- Verses 1-2 is the Bridegroom talking to the Bride
- Verses 3-17 is the Bride talking to the Bridegroom

Song of Solomon 2:1-2

**“I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.
As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.”**

V.1-2 “Rose of Sharon...” is a low land region along the coast of Palestine, it was a very fertile place known for its great beauty and flowers. Roses in the Bible will always be a picture of the millennial reign of Christ, where the Bible says the desert will bloom like a rose (Is 35:1-2). In verse 1, he likens Himself to the rose of Sharon; which is one of the most beautiful flowers you could ever find.



“And the lily of the valleys...” notice the valleys is plural, which shows not only is He the most beautiful rose of Sharon, but he is the lily of the valleys. In the Christian life there will be a lot of valleys that we will have to go through, and he tells you right here that he will be in **every** valley with you! Not just some of them.

“As the lily among the thorns...” see you are just like Christ; He is a lily and He looks at you as a lily, but we are a lily among the thorns. The thorns are a picture of unsaved people. We became that lily among thorns (just like Christ) the day we got saved.

Song of Solomon 2:3

“As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.”

Now the bride is speaking. This is a picture of God likened unto an apple tree, and us sitting under the apple tree rejoicing. Apples are a type of the word of God, and you will find it again through this book. In Song of Solomon 8:5, it says we were raised under the apple tree, the way a Christian should be brought up is under the apple tree. God does not want you sitting under the apple tree with anyone else but Him (just like the old song says, “Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me, Anyone else but me, anyone else but me.” – Andrew Sisters)

Song of Solomon 2:4-5

“He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.”

“For I am sick of love”, nowadays, is how we say we are “love sick!”

Song of Solomon 2:6-7

“His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me. I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.”

This is one of the greatest verses in the Bible that shows one of the greatest types in the New Testament of what our Christian lives should be; THE APOSTLE JOHN. In the New Testament you will find how the apostles picture Christians today. Out of the twelve (12) men that followed the Lord:

- One (1) was a fake, (Judas)
- Three (3) had a closer relationship with Christ than the rest of them (Peter, James, and John)

This shows me that in any church or any group of Christians there will be some that are “Fakes” (those who were never really saved), some who are menial Christians who go but never really get involved, and some like the inner three that experience greater things than the rest. They witness greater things and have a closer relationship with the Lord. But out of that three (3) you have one that goes all the way...JOHN! John was the only one in the Bible that Jesus said he loved (John 13:23, 20:2, 21:7, 20). Jesus had a special love for John because John had a special love for Him. John did what no other man in the Bible accomplished. In one of the last stories before the crucifixion Jesus tells His apostles that the one of them would betray Him, and all the disciples turn to Him and ask, “Lord is it I?” Not John! He asks, “Lord who is it.” He didn’t know who it was, but he knew it wasn’t going to be him. Then he did what nobody else does, and it represents what we should be doing as Christians. The Bible says that he laid his head down on breast of the Lord Jesus, and listens to the very heartbeat of God. In V.6, you find the picture of John leaning over the breast of Jesus and the Lord holding John. John wrote the book of Revelation which is the most intimate details of Christ’s second coming. He also wrote 1John which is about “Who Christ is,” and 27 times in 5 chapters he writes “TO KNOW” because we should know who He is; and the only way to know is to hear His heartbeat. The only other person on planet Earth that can hear his heartbeat is a child of God, saved through the Bible. **This King James 1611 AV Bible is the heartbeat of God.** Though I can’t literally lay my head on the chest of Jesus and hear the beating, I can hear it through this book which was written to me by God and preserved down through history.

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

“The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

This passage is a picture of the relationship of Christ coming for his bride, and you really get the insight of how much he really wants to be with us now!

V.9 The bridegroom (Christ) is peeking at His bride! He is not coming for her yet, because it is not time, but he can't wait, and he has got to get a glimpse of the one He is in love with.

V.10 Do you want a picture of the rapture of the church when the Lord comes for you? Here it is!!! This should be the #1 thing in your life that you are looking for now. If anything in this world gives you a twinge in your stomach when you hear about His return (in a bad way), you have some problems in your life. There should be absolutely nothing in this world holding you back.

V.10-13 “**The fig tree...**” is Israel.

“Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.” If you are saved and know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal savior, I am going to be very frank with you. If the #1 thing in your life isn't Him returning for you...there is something wrong with your relationship with Christ. He loves you so much He can't stand to be away from you, and some of God's people have such distain about thinking of Christ coming back for them...they think it is going to ruin whatever they have planned...it needs to be the #1 thing, brother.

Song of Solomon 2:14-15

“O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.”

V.14 “In the secret places of the stairs” is found in Deuteronomy 29:29 (take the next year and a half to work that one out!)

V.15 “The little foxes”. It is not the big things in your life that mess you up in your relationship with Christ, it’s the little things. If you are a member of this church and are saved and doing the best you can, I don’t worry about you going out and getting drunk, or doing drugs, or committing some great act of sin...It will be the little things in life like:

- An unforgiving spirit
- Gossip
- Lack of Prayer
- Lack of a correct attitude
- Lack of setting your affection on things above

These are the little foxes that spoil the tender grapes!!!

Song of Solomon 2:16-17

“My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies. Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.”

V.16 How long does he do this? Answer in verse 17...

V.17 “Until the day break...” “Upon the mountains of Bether...” Here is a good study for you. Do you know what Bether means? Do you remember I told you that the devil multiplies, but God divides? Bether means “DIVISION”!!! The last thing he tells you here (and all through this chapter) is that he went back to the world, and the things of the world were multiplied in his life. You are on the mountain of Bether; you have been divided and separated out, never to go back again.

CHAPTER 3

Chapter 3 continues with my relationship, no matter how good we try to be, and how great we try at our relationship with God we are still mortal men and sinners.

Song of Solomon 3:1-2

“By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.”

V.1-2 is a picture of you and me getting out of fellowship with God. Sometimes you can read the Bible and it just flows like water, and other times it is like running up against a brick wall. Sometimes you get out of fellowship with God and it is so hard to find him even though He is still there, but you just can't get to Him. I want to show you the great process here. We are all going to have the night times in our lives where we can't find Him, but He is still there. I think of David and the great night times in his life when he was out of fellowship with God, but He was always there. In fact, David recognizes this fact and writes Psalm 139. When you may think it is dark, God is always the light; because there is never any darkness where God is. Sometimes we think we lose Him because we break fellowship with Him, but this is not true. I want to show you a picture here of you and me (read V.1-2 again!). Verse 3-4 is how they find Him again!!!

Song of Solomon 3:3-4

“The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.”

In the Old Testament, (found in Isaiah 21:5-12 and Lamentations 2:19) you will find that the Nation of Israel was set up in such a way that while the people slept at night there was a watchman on the wall. He stood guard to watch in the city and out around the city for danger. When he saw something coming that was a danger he would sound the alarm. The town crier in old times past (Europe, Germany, etc.) would do the same thing. You would take comfort in knowing that while you slept you would hear someone saying “1 o'clock and all is well.” One of the greatest ones took place in Herrnhut, Germany where they had a watchman until the 1930's. The watchman was a saved man, and when he went through and gave the hours of the watch he gave a Bible study throughout it. The watchmen were to warn the people of what was coming. Do you know who the watchmen is today in the New Testament picture? You're PASTOR! Someone who has been tasked with the watch care for your soul.

The Hours of the Watch at Herrnhut

The clock is **eight!** to Herrnhut all is told,
How Noah and his seven were saved of old,

Hear, Brethren, hear! the hour of **nine** is come!
Keep pure each heart, and chasten every home

Hear, Brethren, hear! now **ten** the hour-hand
shows
They only rest who long for night's repose.

The clock's **eleven**, and ye have heard it all,
How in that hour the mighty God did call.

It's **midnight** now, and at that hour you know,
With lamp to meet the bridegroom we must go.

The hour is **one**; through darkness steals the
day;
Shines in your hearts the morning star's first
ray?

The clock is **two**! who comes to meet the day,
And to the Lord of days his homage pay?

The clock is **three**! the Three in One above
Let body, soul and spirit truly love.

The clock is **four**! where'er on earth are three,
The Lord has promised He the fourth will be.

The clock is **five**! while five away were sent,
Five other virgins to the marriage went!

The clock is **six**, and from the watch I'm free,
And every one may his own watchman be!

She went out on the streets in this passage, and he (the watchman) got her back to the one she loved. That is the job of a pastor, to cry out a warning when he sees danger. When you lose fellowship, you can go up and down the streets all day long looking and will never find Him. The only way to find Him is to get back to the watchmen who knows where He is at. Notice it says in verse 4, "**It was a little...**" This verse reminds me so much of many of you. You came in and were saved when you came in but for whatever reason you got upside down in something and went through tough times, but you really had a good heart for God, and He just had to get you into the right place. I remember when we sat down for the first time, and you told me your dilemma and to you it sounded like it was the end of the world, but for me it was just "another day at the office" to get you into the Bible. What happened in almost every case? You have come to the point where you began to build your relationship with God and got back. Now

that you are back, your attitude is right here. You came to the watchmen, and he got you back after a “little while,” and here is what you said, **“It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth...”**

Song of Solomon 3:5

“I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.”

Back to the rapture again! When you got back with Him this time, here is your attitude... “I will never lose him again...I am never going back to the world again...Once was enough for me!...Boy, I bear the scars and bruises from all the dumb things I did, and I got back to the watchmen after looking everywhere for Him...I finally got back and I am never leaving again.” THIS IS NOW YOUR ATTITUDE!

Song of Solomon 3:6-11

“Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel.

They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.

King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.”

This passage really shows the focus of Christ. These verses show you how to keep your focus. The reason we get out of fellowship with God (V.1) is because we lose our focus. The reason we lose it is simple, because we

forget the fact of why God saves us in the first place. We forget that God has a plan for our life. We forget that there is a day coming that whatever we have to deal with so easily gets you off focus has absolutely nothing in comparison with what you are going to have with Christ.

V.6-11 is Christ coming for you and with you at the second coming of Christ.

V.6 shows that we came out of the wilderness (exactly like this) just like the Nation of Israel did. You can't ever lose your focus that God is coming back for you. You can't ever get so caught up in the world that you can't forget why God saved you. Sometimes we get so caught up with where we are at now, that we lose our focus of history past and future. Nothing in our lives matters a hill of beans in relation to Him coming back for his bride. This life is temporary, quit living it like it is everything. You are here for one purpose, and that is to find out what God has for you to do in your life since you got saved, and then **DO IT!!!** Stay focused so you do not fall out of fellowship with HIM!

V.8-11 “**They all hold swords, being experts in war...**” is the second coming (Revelation 19 and Joel 2).

V.11 See that crown mentioned here, that is the second coming, going into the millennium. The second coming to God is “**the day of gladness of his heart.**” That should be the same day of gladness in our hearts. It should show us that every problem we go through in life should be compared to the gladness that we will have in eternity. The only thing that is going to keep you focused in a world that wants to take that focus away, is focusing on the fact that this thing is temporary and you have a job to do!

CHAPTER 4

Chapter 4-7 deals with our FELLOWSHIP.

Christ, the bridegroom is talking to the bride in this chapter.

Chapter 1 deals with **Lordship** which takes you getting saved, and making Jesus Christ the Lord of your life. It takes you building a **relationship** which we just saw in Chapter 2-3 (keeping your focus and getting back to God), but the real work gets done when you enter into the **Fellowship** stage.

Something changed in chapter 4, because now you are at the point of your life where you aren't ever going back. You are now finally focused on what God is going to do, and what you have in chapter 4-5 is an intimate description of what Christ really is, and what the bride really is.

Song of Solomon 4:1-7

“Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.

Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them.

Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.”

V.1-7 Every one of these things listed here is a type of something and shows you two things: (Note: this is a very unorthodox way of describing women. Men, don't go home and tell your wife after she got her hair fixed that I looks like two goats...it won't work, but it works in the Bible.)

1. God doesn't view us the way the world does!
2. Each one shows the depth of the Bible that most people will never get into!

V.1 “Doves Eyes...” In Song of Solomon 5:12, you will find that Christ has doves' eyes, and we spoke already on this, but His eyes and your eyes should be the same. You should see things the same as He does.

“Within thy locks...” In 1Corinthians 11, you will find the hair of a woman representing her submission. She looks at things through her submission to Christ.

“Hair as the flock of goats from mount Gilead...” Jeremiah 50:19 and Micah 7:14, you will find the great place of feeding the flocks. It was rich in grass lands and stood for producing the best sheep and flock because it was a very good place to feed. This is a picture of your relationship and feeding in the word of God.

“Gilead...” Out of Gilead came a balm that was a healing ointment (Gen 37:25, Jer. 8:22, and 46:11) is a picture of the word of God, and a reference to the fact that we should see things the same things the same way as Christ, because we have the same eyes. Your hair is a picture of your submissiveness through the word of God, and you are well fed based on the teaching from Mt. Gilead (which is the word of God). Because of all these things, the job of the church should be one of HEALING! If you want to find out if a Christian is really what he says he is, and his relationship with God, the greatest characteristic or quality is their ability to heal people who are broken. Taking that balm of Gilead and applying it to someone who is broken and wounded (the job of the church is the same as Christ's, which is RESTORATION!). You and I, before we were saved, were despicable in his eyes, and He restored us to the place where we can have fellowship with Him. That is our goal in this church, giving them the balm of Gilead for healing their lives.

V.2 “Teeth” are used to enunciate words, and the verse says they are **“Even Shorn...”** or balanced. In other words, in her speech you get the TRUTH. Beautiful teeth equals Beautiful Truth. A Christian should always tell the truth.

“Came up from the washing...” or she washed her mouth. We use mouthwash in the morning to get rid of the bad breath. The word of God gets rid of the bad words that come out of your mouth. **“None are barren...”** she has a full set of teeth with perfect enunciation and perfect speech. She clearly says what she means, there is no confusion.

V.3 “Threads of scarlet...” goes all the way back to Joshua 2:18 with Rehab the Harlot. They made a bond with her that when they came into the city to destroy it, she would put a scarlet thread out for her safety. Lips like scarlet thread in the Bible will always represent that your words should be binding! A binding promise that goes unbroken. The expression today is, “Say what you mean, and mean what you say.”

“Temples of pomegranate...” A red juicy fruit with many seeds and it represents a wholesome look. Women put red on their face to make them look more healthy and wholesome. This spiritually equals the wholesome look or fullness of life that you get from a life with Christ.

V.4 “Neck is like the tower of David...” Necks in the Bible always represent man’s will (Is. 3:16 and Ps. 18:1-2) The tower of David is a picture of your neck and will being given over and the strong part of your will being given over to God. “God’s word will equal God’s will in your life, which will equal God’s plan in your life.” So when you find a neck like the tower of David it is not a stiff neck like a proud man, but a neck that is encased with the strength of the word of God.

V.5 “Thy two breasts...” is the sensitivity of your emotion. Notice they are twins which is a picture of the balance of our emotion. The sensitivity and emotion are balanced out. Along with this, the breasts produce milk, which is the sincere milk of the word of God (1Peter 2:2). It is a picture of helping young Christians giving them life and also sustaining life. Again, a woman is the only human creature that can give and sustain life and it’s a picture of what we should be doing, but it takes your sensitivity toward the Lord, based on the word of God and your emotions balanced out to be able to take care of it.

V.6-7 “There is no spot...” (Eph. 5:25) at the Judgment Seat of Christ the church should have no spot or wrinkle.

Song of Solomon 4:8

“Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.”

Amana are settled provisions and is a picture of the fact that we are settled with Christ no matter where we are at from the mountains and the things we go through. We are settled because of the provisions God has made for us.

Song of Solomon 4:9

“Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.”

This is a reference to the church, and a reference that even though Adam and Eve were husband and wife, they were brother and sister in that sense. And even though we are Christ's bride we are still brothers and sisters in Christ.

Song of Solomon 4:10-11

**“How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!
Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.”**

Notice the reference to the word of God in “the honeycomb” (Psalms 19:10).

Now I told you that chapter 4 starts to deal with our fellowship, and I want you to look at verses 12-16. Here is what you have and it is an incredible concept.

Song of Solomon 4:12-16

“A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,

Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.”

What you just read in these verses is a story that you find in Genesis 2-3. Everybody knows the story of Adam and Eve, who were in a literal garden, and the picture is a garden where everything is beautiful and absolutely perfect. You have a man and a woman. Adam is a type of Christ; Eve is a type of the church (Eve's name means “mother of all living”). Eve through an intimate relationship with Adam had the ability to produce fruit (children). We as the bride of Christ through an intimate fellowship with him have the same ability to produce that fruit, but also to sustain that fruit just like Eve did. Eve sustained life so that is why we find the reference to the breasts and milk.

What you have in these verses is what the Garden of Eden should be to us spiritually. This garden was a beautiful place that only two people were in, and in that garden they had an intimacy that only those two people could have and enjoy. Everyone else was on the outside looking in. Spiritually speaking God wants to have the same relationship with you in a spiritual garden that nobody gets in but you and Him.

Your relationship with Christ is built on the same concept and model of Genesis 2-3. God has a spiritual garden (V.12) that only you and Him exist in. There, you and Him experience all the love and glory in the relationship (and intimacy of a fellowship) based on the garden spiritually in your heart through that book between you and God.



In that garden is an apple tree, and in that garden is the tree that gives off the smells that we have studied so far in this passage. That garden has to be one of the most unbelievable, unimaginable, incredible places for one man and one woman to have all to themselves. Everything that God prepared for them in a physical form was theirs, and God has spiritually for you and me in a garden just like Eden. God wants to spend the same kind of spiritual one-on-one time with us as he did with Adam and Eve. The intimacy with Him is not the kind where physical children are produced; the intimacy with Him is spiritual where spiritual children are produced.

Bottom line is this...if you have been saved five (5) years or more and you have not won someone to Christ this year, there is something wrong with your relationship. If you have been married ten (10) years and you don't have any kids (not by your own choice or medical issues) through a normal intimate relationship she will become pregnant sooner or later. Spiritually speaking it runs the same way. Through your spiritual intimate relationship with Christ, the fruit will just produce itself, it is never a case of not being able to...it will happen!

V.12 “A sealed fountain and spring...” Nobody drinks from this fountain but you. It is a picture of God giving you things out of His word that he won't or doesn't give somebody else, because of your **Relationship, Fellowship, and Lordship** of you spending time in that garden with Him! Most of God's people don't even know there is a garden, let alone spend time with Him in one.

CHAPTER 5

This chapter is a continuation of the Fellowship with Christ.

This is Christ speaking to her in the beginning of the chapter (the bridegroom).

Song of Solomon 5:1-2

“I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.”

V.1 “Honeycomb” and “Honey,” are the word of God. What do you do with this verse? He loves spending time in the garden with you as much as you should love to spend time in the garden with Him.

V.2 “I sleep, but my heart waketh...” Now there is somebody in love!!! You are so much in love with that person that you can’t even sleep at night. That is how it should be with you and Christ. Dreaming of Christ! I used to dream about preaching and winning people to Christ. I don’t know if you get credit in heaven for the people you won to Christ in your sleep or not, but I would dream about them! It is so hard (the hardest thing in the world) to keep that relationship so tender that when you first get saved to 30 years down the line. Note He talks about the:

“Night...”, which is a picture of the church age.

“Open to me...”, getting from God what most people can’t get. God wants to open up to you in your garden. The Bible says in Revelation 2 and 3 that Christ is outside of his own church, knocking on the door, trying to get in, and you are opening to him. In your garden there is water and fruit...there are springs of water, “sealed up,” that nobody can get to but you! While we are sitting in here tonight having our time in the word of God the world is out there with their wine coolers, bud light beer, and everything that goes along with it; thinking they are having a great time in life (and probably some of God’s people too) partying...Let me tell you something, the greatest time you can ever having your life (if you can get there) is having that garden where you and Him have that intimacy in your own personal garden of Eden.

Song of Solomon 5:3

“I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?”

“I have put off my coat...” is a picture of your old nature once you are saved (Eph. 4:22, Colossians 2:11, 3:9).

“I have washed my feet...” is your walk with God. In the Old Testament the priest went back and forth into the tabernacle to do the work of God. Did you ever see that the tabernacle had everything in it but a floor? Every time that priest would go in there, there was a laver of water so that he could wash his feet. That is a picture of the fact that, we may be in Christ Jesus, and we may be in the ministry doing the things of God, but we still have our feet down in this old world and our feet get dirty.

Song of Solomon 5:4-5

“My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.

I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.”

“My bowels are moved for him...” is a picture of God being able to sustain your emotions. One thing wrong with us is that we spend so many hours of the day expending our emotions for the things of this world, that God can't touch our hearts. I guarantee you that there is not one Christian in our church (as good as they are) that this last year fell on your face and wept over someone that was lost that you were trying to win to Christ. We can't even get our emotions involved in someone that is dying and going to hell for eternity because we exhausted ourselves all day with a movie or song where someone dies and we cry for an hour. There is nothing left for the things that really matter!

“My hands dropped with myrrh...” Myrrh is a type of prophecy. It is a picture of your hands dripping with the things of the Bible because you have turned the pages of this blessed book, and took time learning its great truths.

Song of Solomon 5:6-8

“I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I am sick of love.”

There will be a time when you can't see Him, and you will think He is not there. The greatest book on this is Esther. This is the only book in the Bible where God, the name of God, or anything about God is not found anywhere in it. Yet, God is behind the scene in everything that takes place in this book. This is where lordship, relationship, and fellowship brings you too, that when you can't see Him in your life (and there will be times that you can't see Him at work in your life, and you are going to wonder if He is still there). I never doubt that He is not there because I don't have to see Him to know that He is there. I have a book that tells me He is there, even when I can't see Him. You can't get away from this, look at the next verse...

V.7 “I called and he gave me no answer...” “The watchmen...” there he is again. Verse 7 is a picture of you going to church upset because you can’t find God. You hear a good sermon that kicks the fire out of you. Do you know what the “watchmen” (the pastors) do? They take the VEIL off of you, so you can see clearly! A good preacher every Sunday when you go to church, strips the veil off so you have to look at it the way it really is.

V.8 “...I am sick of love.” She tells Him that she is love sick!

Song of Solomon 5:9-16

“What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us?

My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven.

His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set.

His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.

His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.”

V.9-16 is the intimate relationship, and the picture of Christ. What you have in this paragraph are the character qualities of Christ. This is what makes me love Him, and are the character qualities I look for in Christians, but don’t find very often. You got these qualities through the intimacy of being in the garden with Him, and your Lordship and Fellowship.

V.10 White will represent the purity, the right motives, and His right values. Yet is says ruddy. Ruddy is red-brown, and shows us that even though He was God, he was still human. **“The chiefest among ten thousand...”** shows that He is a leader. These just happen to be the same qualities you find in a leader of men. The Bible picture here is the woman talking about Christ and yet when you come through the gospels, I never found one woman in the New Testament anywhere that ever rejected Christ. Why is that? Because He has the character qualities that women look for in a man!

V.11 **“His head is as the most fine gold...”** this represents his deity.
“His locks are bushy and black” this represents his humanity.

V.12 **“Rivers of waters...”** is found in Psalm 119:136. This represents His Compassion.

“Washed with milk...” if you go out into the world and are around people who smoke, you would buy Murine to get the dirt out. Your eyes could be tired and burning, but you put that Murine in there, and it makes them refreshed. That is what a Christian should use, except your Murine should be the milk of the word of God to get your eyes focused. All day long in the world you have to walk around seeing and hearing things that the milk of the word can refresh.

“Fitly set...” or in other words he has 20/20 vision, focused on the right issues, and sees things in the right perspective.

V.13 **“His cheeks”** show the fullness of life (peace, joy, and success).

“His lips...sweet smelling myrrh...” is the word of God. He edifies you. Notice that everything out of His or the bride’s mouth is never anything but edification. Never once is it destructive against somebody or something else.

V.14 **“His hands...”** always represent what you do for the Lord (Psalms 18:34).

“His belly...ivory...” Ivory is a natural, precious commodity. The only way you get ivory is for something to die. It is a picture of your loins gird about with truth based on this fact that someone had to die for you to have that belly encased in ivory.

“Sapphires...” in the Bible are precious stones, and a picture of people you win to Christ and minister to. You see the belly represents man’s emotional stability and is a picture of His (Christ’s) belly being ivory overlaid with sapphires, which is His ability to keep His emotions in check and yet die for me, keep me, and give me the characteristics to be more like Christ to keep my emotions in check. You never let your emotions get out of control, or go beyond what the word of God says based on Christ’s death on the cross.

V.15 “His legs are as pillars of marble...” Marble is the hardest, most enduring of all the stones. They use it for grave markers because it lasts forever. Do you know what it represents? Christ’s steadfastness, His immovableness in His doctrine, He never changes his stand on anything. God never violates His own principles.

“His countenance...” Mans countenance always reveals what is going on inside.

- Prov. 15:13 “A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance...”
- Prov. 25:23 “An angry countenance...”
- Psalm 44:3 “The light of thy countenance...”
- Psalm 10:4 “Pride of thy countenance...”

And it keeps coming back to the cedars of Lebanon and the materials that were used for the house of God. **Christ has a strong look, but not a proud look!** We as a child of God should have the same countenance.

V.16 “His mouth is most sweet...” the word of God that comes from it, Psalms 119:103.

“Yea, he is altogether lovely...” All of these characteristics we just read about, altogether make him lovely...there is your **lordship**.

“My beloved...” there is your **relationship**.

“My friend...” there is your **fellowship**.

CHAPTER 6

Fellowship continues.

In chapter 6, you find a glimpse of what God has in store for us in eternity (1Cor. 2:9-10).

Song of Solomon 6:1-3

**“Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.
My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.”**

There is a little difference here, because the last time nobody could find Him, she did not know where he was. This time when somebody asks where He is, she knows exactly where He is at. The closer you get with Him in your relationship and fellowship the less He will get out of your grasp. The number one problem we have is losing our focus!

Song of Solomon 6:4-9

**“Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.
Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair is as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.
Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them.
As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks.
There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.
My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.”**

There are seven (7) events (as a child of God) that are pertinent to you, and yet if you asked the average Christian or pastor to give you an explanation of them they couldn't do it. This is why we lose our focus because we have no idea of what God has prepared for us that we can't see. The Bible will give you that glimpse when you get the heartbeat of God, and see what He has for you. These seven events are:

1. Your Salvation (chapter 1)
2. The Rapture (chapter 2). That Bible gives you so much information on the rapture of the church...I don't understand how you could miss it!
3. The Second Coming of Christ
4. The Marriage of the Lamb
5. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
6. The Millennium
7. Eternity

Every one is covered in Song of Solomon. These seven things keep you focused because things will happen in your life to take that focus away. None of this on Earth (that makes us lose our focus) is worthy to be compared to that glory that will be revealed in "that day." The sad thing is we don't even know what those seven things are, and we wonder why we don't make it in our Christian lives! In chapter 6, God gives me my glimpse of our eternity together. It is like Paul when God began to use him, He took him up to the third (3rd) heaven to show him things no man had ever seen before. When Paul got a glimpse of what was on the other side of the veil, and God put him back on this planet, He told him to "Go get 'em." He never lived his life the same after that moment again. Now, God will not do that for us (take you to the 3rd heaven) but He will show you the other side of the veil, through the book that He has given you.

V.8 is dealing with the marriage of the lamb.

V.9 **“My dove...”** is a picture of the church.

“My undefiled is but one...” shows that she is a virgin. He is talking about 100 million people here that have gotten saved, but in His mind it is just YOU!!! This verse can be claimed by 100 million people down through history that have been washed in the blood, but when He talks about a relationship it is in a single form because He wants you as an individual to have a relationship with Him that nobody else can have.

Song of Solomon 6:10-13

“Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished, and the pomegranates budded.

Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib.

Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies.”

V.10-13 is dealing with the church coming back with Christ at the Second Coming.

CHAPTER 7

In chapter 7, you have a picture of our Reign with Christ. This is where our fellowship really comes into being.

Song of Solomon 7:1-4

“How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about with lilies.

Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins.

Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.”

What are we reading here??? Whenever you find shoes in the Bible (connected with Christ) it is going to represent the millennial reign of Christ (Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:15). Isaiah 52:7 shows Christ in the millennium and Romans 10:15 shows you and me right now. Back in Exodus God told them (when they were getting ready to leave Egypt) to put their shoes on their feet, and have their staff in hand. Any time there are “shoes on the feet” it shows that they are getting ready to do something for the Lord. In the sense of Christ, it is referencing the millennium because that is when he does the work and reigns for 1000 years. Doctrinally, it is Christ in the millennium, but inspirationally it is you and me, putting our shoes on to get ready to do the work of the ministry.

V.1 “Thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman...” These are the clothes that you make right now, that you will wear to the Judgment Seat of Christ, so that you will not appear naked (1Cor. 3:11-15 and 2Cor. 5:3, 10).

V.2 **“Navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth nor liquor...”** You see this appetite wants something else. Navel is on the stomach, and is what you eat or drink, and this navel is like a round goblet that wanteth not liquor. Let’s see what it desires... **“thy belly is like a heap of wheat.”** Phil. 3:19, talks about a group of people whose, “God is their belly”, and we have a different appetite than the world, and our appetite should be like a heap of wheat bread. Bread is a picture of the word of God. You are what you eat! This is a picture of our appetite changing from the things of this world, and only desiring the heap of wheat or bread which is the word of God. Why, on New Years Eve are you here, instead of doing what you did last year, and being out doing something else? The answer is simple; it is because you have a different appetite than you had before.

V.4 **“Thy neck as a tower of ivory...”** again the will of man encased in the most precious commodity that something had to lose its life for you to have.

“The fishpools in Heshbon...” (Num. 21:26 – **“...Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites”**) King Sihon and Israel are on the “Kings Highway” going into the promise land. The king tries to stop them from going any further. They smote this king with the edge of a sword (a picture of the sharp twoedged sword from Heb 4:12). The moral here in Song of Solomon is, once you decide to do right, and you are on the “Kings Highway” there will be nobody in the world able to stop you. You will smite them with the word of God.

“Fishpools...,” why fishpools? Because on this journey we should be fishing for lost souls of man.

“Thy nose...” “Tower of Lebanon...” “Damascus...” Damascus was in Syria which was the enemy of Israel. And the nose is a reference because once you have a relationship with God. Once you get the Lordship, Fellowship, and Relationship down; you have the ability to smell out the enemies of God before they attack you. An example of this would be found in Genesis 27 with Jacob and Esau. Jacob deceiving his father who was blind and thought it was Esau, but it SMELLS like somebody else!

Song of Solomon 7:5

“Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries.”

“Head like Carmel...” is the place where God did the great miracles with Elijah and the 450 prophets of Baal.

“The king is held in the galleries...” is to help you remember the great victories that God has given you!

Song of Solomon 7:6-8

**“How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!
This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.**

I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;”

“Palm trees...” (Ps 92:12) will always equal a child of God. A palm tree has some incredible characteristics that match up to a Christian:

- Once they were very plentiful in the Middle East, now they are very scarce.
- It has over 360 uses, and a person can almost survive indefinitely on a palm tree. Almost completely self-sufficient, just like a child of God should be.
- It puts its roots down very deep (100 feet) to find water. In the desert its roots go down to find the “hidden water”.
- Its roots itself with rocks, so should you.
- Its evergreen, it bears fruit all year round, so should you.
- It has an ability to repel bugs, so they won’t destroy the wood.
- Its wood is sound to the core, and great for building.
- It only produces its best fruit after it has grown for 30 years!

Song of Solomon 7:9

“And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.”

“The roof of thy mouth like the best wine...” the roof of your mouth is called the pallet, and is where a wine taster really gets the sensitivity to taste the wine. John 2:10 again is a reference to the marriage supper of the lamb. Where the best wine was saved until this marriage!

Song of Solomon 7:10-13

**“I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.
Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.**

Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

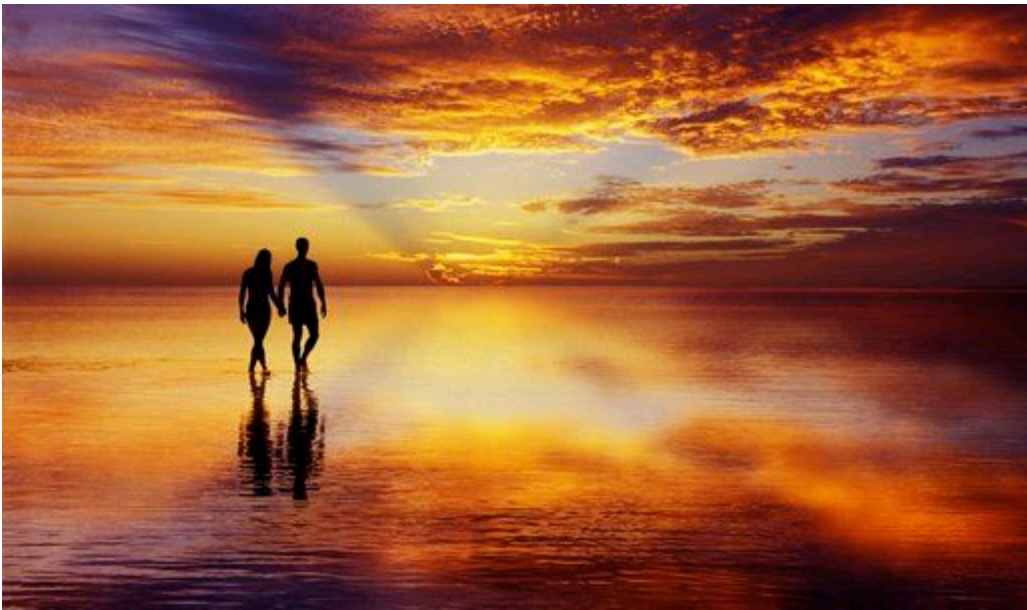
The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.”

V.10-13 This whole paragraph is a picture of the day (in reality) when we share the millennium with Christ! This is in reality what we should be right now spiritually. It is me and Christ looking back on all the things we have been through:

- The Church Age
- Rapture
- Judgment Seat
- Marriage
- Second Coming, and
- Now the Millennium with me and him together, then
- Eternity

V.13 **“New and old...”** are the promises from the New Testament and Old Testament.

“Which I have laid up for thee...” Do you know where you find this verse again? 2Tim 4:8 where Paul tells Timothy that God has laid up for him a crown of Righteousness. See how that matches up? You are together with Christ walking down through the millennium, hand in hand, enjoying everything in the Kingdom! Looking back at all the things we went through, laughing about how worried we were about some particular situation. Looking back at the times we were afraid and comparing it to now with Christ! Now we should be in our spiritual garden 24/7. Then, (in the millennium), you will be in the real garden with Christ, hand in hand!



CHAPTER 8

Chapter 8 deals with my Stewardship!

This chapter is the reality check...back to the real world. Up to this point I have been dreaming about Him, hanging out with Him, thinking about Him, lying awake at night, but now it is time to go to work. I have my shoes on my feet, and it is time to put up!

As a child of God (a Christian) there are three things that we need to be stewards of:

1. **Your relationship with Christ.** First and foremost, you need to be a good steward of your time, abilities, and everything you have. You make sure that you don't spend more time on your flesh (building your house instead of building God's house).
2. **My ministry, stewardship of the ministry.** Ministry comes first in your life. You have to realize through all we talked about that you have a purpose, and that purpose is to become everything for God. God has a job for you, and that should be your focus.
3. **The Nation of Israel.** Do you remember when Christ was on the cross, and John was at the foot of the cross with Mary (Christ's mother)? I already have told you that John was a type of the church, but Mary is a type of the Nation of Israel. Do you know what Jesus did on the cross when John (the church) and Mary (Nation of Israel) were standing there? John 19:26-27 says, "**When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.**" Do you know what he

did by saying that? He gave his mother to John. That is a picture of you and I, as a child of God, taking up the stewardship of the Nation of Israel. That is why Romans 9 and 11 are so incredible, because it shows us what our relationship as a New Testament church is to the Nation of Israel.

I call chapter 8 my “reality chapter.” I have been dreaming of my beloved, He has consumed my every thought, now in this chapter it is back to work, and back to what God has called me to do. Until Jesus comes back, I am to be focusing on now the three (3) things he has for me to do.

Song of Solomon 8:1-2

“O that thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.

I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.”

This is talking about Israel, doctrinally, but practically you have the job of the church. Bringing people to Christ, nurturing the young, with the sincere milk of the word.

V.2 “Lead thee, and bring thee into my mother’s house...” you have here the desire to take somebody into the church as your brother and feed them with the breasts of my mother, and be instructed.

“Cause them to drink of the spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate...” is the stewardship of our ministry. That is what this church is to do, Gal 4:26. New Jerusalem is the mother of us all.

Song of Solomon 8:3

“His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.”

(See chapter 2:6 and John 13:25) What is the difference here? The word **“Should...”** before it was **“doth”** and now it is **“Should...”** The reason is because now after all that you have been through tonight, you should want that relationship with Him. If you don't, man there is something wrong in your world.

Song of Solomon 8:4-6

“I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.

Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee.

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.”

V.4-6 The job of this church is to raise you up under the apple tree. The apple is a type of the word of God. The tree is a type of Christ.

V.6 He is talking about God's jealousy for the Nation of Israel. **“The coals...”** is God's judgment.

Song of Solomon 8:7

“Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.”

“Many waters cannot quench love...” is a picture of the flood in the tribulation (Rev 12:15). He is getting ready to show you about Israel, and our responsibility to her.

Song of Solomon 8:8

“We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?”

Israel is **“A little sister...”**

“She has no breasts...” is showing that she has no sincere milk of the word of God. She has nothing to sustain her, and no ability to sustain life because Israel is in apostasy.

Song of Solomon 8:9-10

**“If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.
I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favour.”**

He is saying that Israel (my little sister) what can I do for her? She has no milk, no Bible. I am a wall, and someday she will be a wall, but not now! But, I am a wall and a strong wall, and can take care of her, and pray for her, and do everything in my power to protect her.

Song of Solomon 8:11-12

**“Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand pieces of silver.
My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.”**

Israel had a vineyard, and she didn't keep that vineyard. She let that vineyard go into apostasy, and God came down with Sennacherib and Nebuchadnezzar, and God destroyed that vineyard.

V.12 “My vineyard...” is showing us that we have a vineyard. The job we have is to maintain that vineyard and keep the fruit.

Song of Solomon 8:13-14

“Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it.

Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.”

There are three things in this chapter:

1. **Our relationship with Christ**
2. **Our stewardship of ministry**
3. **Our stewardship of the Nation of Israel**

This is our job today. To help people get to the point where they understand their need to have Christ in their life, what God is doing with the Nation of Israel, but it is also to maintain our own personal relationship.

Look how the book closes, (V.14), right back to what we saw in chapter 2 with the rapture of the church! The last verse here, **“Make haste...”**, almost matches up perfectly with the last verse in the Bible, Revelation 22:20, when John closes everything out he says, **“Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”** This is the last perspective we should have in our relationship with Christ...**COME QUICKLY!!!**

You should now have all the tools you need to see how to build a working relationship with Christ!

THE END

