

## THE SONG OF SONGS - WHICH IS SOLOMON'S

The Song of Solomon is the sweet and intimate love story of King Solomon and the Shulamite maiden. There is no reason for this story to be in the Bible except that it is a type of the most precious of truths found in the Word of God. The picture God has chosen to reveal the deepest kind of longing and desire that he has for his bride and the reciprocal love that she has for him - a love story in every sense of the word.

Solomon's courtship and marriage to the Shulamite is not found anywhere else in the Bible and is a secret union. Most of Christendom is unaware of the separation and preparation of this group of believers called the bride. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:32).

It is thought that Abishag, the Shulamite brought to comfort King David in his last failing years was this woman who so captivated Solomon's heart. Solomon's love for her was intense. So intense that when Adonijah, his older brother asked for her hand in marriage, Solomon had him put to death (I Kings 2:13-25).

This love story begins the Bible (in type) with Adam and Eve. The marriage of the Lamb is the last story in the Bible. The *Song of Solomon* is found very close to the center of the Bible - at its very heart - for the subject of this Song is the very reason the Lord Jesus left heaven - to redeem this woman for himself. She is his pearl of great price (Mt. 13:46) and the joy that was set before him (Heb. 12:2).

Over and over again in this tender story, Solomon will tell the Shulamite that she is precious and faultless in his eyes - that he loves her, he loves her, he just loves her. This attention from him, the kisses of his mouth, his sweet word to her draws her into their relationship and she begins to have the most wonderful of communions with him.

Growing in grace and knowledge of JESUS she learns the futility of her own self efforts in obtaining the Lord's love or blessing and instead learns to find complete joy and satisfaction in HIS finished work and provision for her. Throughout the story Solomon calls her my love and she calls him my beloved.

## CHAPTER 1

### **The Song of Songs which is Solomon's (1:1)**

There are many songs in the Bible. Solomon himself wrote 1005 songs. (I Kings 4:32) This is the song of songs - the best song of all.

### **Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine (1:2)**

The word "kiss" means to equip as with weapons. The kiss is a sign of love and affection. The kisses of his mouth represent the Lord's word - the wonderful many ways he kisses us with blessings from his word. His love made real to her through his word is better than wine to her - better than all stimulants of the world.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea sweeter than honey to my mouth (Psalms 119:103). I rejoice at thy word as one that findeth great spoil (Psalms 119:162). The law of thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver, (Psalms 119:72).

The Shulamite is equipped with weapons from his word - Give me understanding according to thy word (Psalms 119:169). Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word (Psalms 119:76). Strengthen thou me according to thy word (Psalms 119:28). Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope (Psalms 119:49).

The Lord's love found in his word - the kisses of his mouth - equip us with the knowledge that he is for us - in every circumstance - all the days of our lives - that he just loves us. How precious are thy thoughts to me, they are more than the sand (Psalms 139:18). If God be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31).

It is the Lord's desire to kiss each and every one of us with the blessing of his word. He wants his word to affect our lives in wonderful, positive ways - to help us - to be of benefit to us.

### **Because of the savour of thy good ointments, thy name is as ointment poured forth: therefore do the virgins love thee (1:3)**

An ointment is a preparation (of oil) applied as a medicine or cosmetic. The sweet fragrance of the Lord's good ointments - his precious anointed life poured forth for us. He hath poured out his soul unto death (Isaiah 53:12b).

Everything in the tabernacle (type of the church) was anointed with the sweet fragrances of the Lord Jesus diffused by the Holy Spirit (Exodus 30:22-31). The principal spices of pure myrrh (the suffering of his sacrifice of love) - sweet cinnamon (the warm satisfying smell which improves the flavor of bitter things) sweet calamus (a plant which scents the air as it grows, the very life of JESUS) and cassia (another kind of cinnamon).

The sweet fragrances that Christ's anointed life pour forth - ...the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound (Isaiah 61:1).

The wonderful name of JESUS - is as ointment poured forth - to love us - to encourage us - to build us up. David, the man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22), called the Lord by many names, among them - his rock, his fortress, his deliverer, his strength, his buckler, the horn of his salvation, his high tower (Psalms 18:1-3), his lamp (II Sam.22:29), the glory and lifter of his head (Psalms.3:3).

Jesus called himself: the bread of life (John 6:35), the light of the world, (John 8:12), the door (John 10:9), the good shepherd (John 10:11). He is called the cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19-20) - A tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation (Isaiah 28:16).

These precious names of JESUS are given to us for our encouragement and edification - to strengthen us and give us hope. It is the Lord's deepest desire that we come to know him *personally* in all of these beautiful ways.

**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 (1:4)**

She says, Draw me...*we* will run after thee. In our beginnings with the Lord

we are so thrilled with all we have found in him that we are sure everyone will want him in the same way - but they do not. At the end of their journey there is no longer any thought for we - it is just she and the Lord.

She will refer to Solomon as the king only one other time in this chapter. Throughout the rest of the book she will call him Amy beloved. The Lord does not want us to see him as a distant king and we as only his subjects. Rather he is longing for a heart that he can have sweet full communion with - a heart that will love him and draw near to him - very near to him - as near as we want to be - in full assurance of faith (Hebrews 10:22).

The king himself has brought the Shulamite into his inner chamber - a place of close communion. He drew her in with the kisses of his mouth - his word - his *personal* word to her. - not just head knowledge of him - but the rich, true, warm heart of a friend that welcomes her into his arms at all times - in all circumstances - through all the days of her life. We love him, because he first loved us (I John 4:19). It is here in the inner chamber that Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and makes them ours (John 16:13-14).

**I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon (1:5)**

At this time the Shulamite is very conscious of her two natures - her old creation and her new creation. In me, (that is in my flesh) dwells no good thing (Romans 7:18). There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

Kedar was the son of Ishmael who was born to Hagar (Genesis 25:13). This part of Abraham's family tree always represents the covenant of law in contrast with the covenant of grace (Galatians 4:19-31). She is as black as the tents of Kedar when she tries to be a law keeper - it only condemns her. For that which I do I allow not; ... but what I hate, that do I (Romans 7:15).

All men inherited a sinful nature from the first man Adam. This is not something bad that we do - but this is how we are born - it is our nature. All men bear Adam's image. After the fall, Adam... begat a son in his own likeness, after his image (Genesis 5:3). By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; And so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned (Romans 5:12). Every

human ever born came into this world with this image - an old creation, dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1).

Regardless of how one tries to refine the old creation, it is still the old creation - born in sin and shapen in iniquity (Psalms 51:5) - When we accept JESUS as our savior we become members of the new creation - we are partakers of a brand new nature - the Lord's own sinless, righteous nature ... partakers of the divine nature, (II Peter 1:4). It is in this new creation that God always sees his children. We are never again thought of as sinners by him.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God (I John 3:9).

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible... (I Peter 1:23).

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (II Corinthians 5:17).

God sees every man in one of two creations. Either in the old creation or in the new creation - either in the first Adam of Genesis - or (if you have accepted his son as your savior) in the last Adam - Christ; either as born of the flesh or born again of the Spirit; either as a sinner or a saint. As Adam was the forefather of the natural race, so Jesus, the second man Adam, was the forefather of the spiritual race (I Cor.15:45-49).

If you are born again you have two natures.

The old creation (old man) and the new creation (new man).

The apostle Paul experienced much conflict as his two natures struggled within him. For that which I do, I allow not, for what I would, that do I not, but what I hate, that do I (Romans 7:15-19).

He found rest in the Lord. Who shall deliver me? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord... - There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 7:24 - 8:1).

Paul taught us how to live a life of victory - by believing what God says about our old man and forgetting him. In God's eyes he was crucified with Christ and

died when Jesus died. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

Joy in our new life is found only by looking to JESUS the author and finisher of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2) For when we are occupied with him - (not our old, dead, sinful selves) but the living, loving Lord Jesus, we are changed into his image. *We all, with open face beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, ... even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (II Cor.3:18).*

David as well, knew the heart of the Lord and trusted in his love and grace. He walked with the Lord and lived an overcoming life of victory in much the same way. *I have set the Lord always before me (Psalm 16:8).* The Lord called him, a man after my own heart (Acts 13:22).

This is God's road to victory! - A daily union with Jesus. For as we abide in him - our old man is kept in his dead state - forgotten - and the Lord Jesus lives his life in us - that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled **in us - not by us** (Romans 8:2-4).

Marvelous Trade!! - Precious Victory!!  
We fellowship with the Lord Jesus - He changes us!

**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 (1:6)**

She is feeling completely helpless and hopeless at this time. She has been working in the vineyards of her mother's children - the law keepers. She can never please them. The apostle Paul confirms who these children are. My little children, of whom I travail in birth until Christ be formed in you...Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law... (Galatians 4:19-21).

She has lost track of the vineyard the Lord gave her to keep - the vines of his making in her heart - she has lost track of the closeness she had with him. She has been working in the wrong vineyards. She wants to know what feeds him - she wants to rest with him there.

**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 (1:7)**

The Shulamite's growth is becoming apparent - she realizes that he feeds when his flocks are resting in him. Our heartfelt devotion to the Lord feeds him - it nourishes him - it blesses him when we appreciate and rest in his wonderful and completely finished work for us.

Holy Spirit has enabled her to see that it is the Lord's delight to provide for his sheep. He is refreshed and nourished by those who believe that what he did was enough. It is finished (John 19:30) - and they rest.

## **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 shepherd's tents (1:8)**

O thou fairest among women - He is blessed by her keen observation of him - she has seen his true heart - she has understood him for who he is and what he wants to be to her. Seven times in this Book he will tell her that she is all fair. Her new creation life is growing in grace and knowledge of him.

He tells her to follow in the footsteps of the flock - the chain of believers who have gone before - the worthies of faith in Hebrews 11 who walked by faith and pleased God. Four times in the Bible we are given the encouragement, "The just shall live by faith" (Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Hebrews 10:38, and Gal.3:11). The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith (Gal 3:11-12).

Follow in the footsteps of the apostle Paul, the wise master builder - the apostle to the church. Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; ... (Colossians 1:25). I was made a minister...to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ... (Ephesians 3:7-8). Paul's message being so distinct, twice he calls it my gospel (Romans 2:16, 16:25).

He was taught this message directly by JESUS. The gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:11-12). Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me (I Corinthians 4:16).

As the Shulamite follows *true* shepherds (those who preach all the counsel of God as taught by the apostle Paul). The Lord tells her to feed her own flocks by the

shepherd's tents - those that are her responsibility to care for - her own eating should not neglect the feeding of the kids he has placed in her care.

**I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots (1:9)**

Pharaoh's chariots were war horses, well trained for battle - swift and strong. She fits the description perfectly - of a strong horse ready for battle - because he has made her so (Job 39:19-25).

His strength has been made perfect in her utter helplessness and total dependence upon him. Let the weak say I am strong (Joel 3:10). I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13). Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might (Ephesians 6:10). I will go in the strength of the LORD, I will make mention of thy righteousness, of thine only (Psalms 71:16). When I am weak, then am I strong... (II Corinthians 12:10).

**Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold (1:10)**

Her cheeks show a healthy spiritual countenance. They are adorned with the costly jewels of redemption (silver) - We are not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (I Peter 1:18).

Her neck is adorned with gold chains (the divine nature of the Lord Jesus). Rebekah was given jewels of silver and gold by Eleazar (Genesis 24:53), the gifts of grace given to us through the Holy Spirit. Her cheeks and her neck were adorned and she is made beautiful.

His life manifest in her yielded heart adorns her with rows of jewels given by the Spirit. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23). All that he has made possible to her in her union with him. - He is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (I Corinthians 1:30).

God adorned Israel with ornaments and jewels (Ezekiel 16:10-14). And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my comeliness *which I put upon thee*, saith the Lord (Ezekiel 16:14). Put on the new



man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him (Col. 3:10). He has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness (II Peter 1:3).

Her neck (a place of affection and warmth) is adorned with chains of gold - the adornment of rulership. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck (Genesis 41:42). Belshazzar proclaimed to Daniel, Thou shalt be clothed with scarlet and have a chain of gold about thy neck; and shalt be third ruler in the kingdom (Daniel 5:16). This is the Lord's work of grace in her.

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother; For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck (Proverbs 1:8-9). Jerusalem which is above is free and which is the mother of us all (Galatians 4:26). His grace adorns her with his lovely beauty.

### **We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver (1:11)**

His warm words of love and affection to her build her up - they encourage her - his grace will always encourage you and build you up: I commend you to God and the word of his grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified (Acts 20:32).

He encourages her so much that she longs to give back to him - to be a praise to his glory. She wants to adorn him. What can I render to the Lord for all his benefits? I will take the cup of salvation and drink (Psalms 116:12-13).

### **While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof (1:12)**

Solomon's table was most plentiful (I Kings 4:22-23). It provided a wonderful feast for both of them as they dined together. Every taste and hunger is met at this table around the fact that the Lord's perfect sinless life was freely offered (the meal and the meat), so that we might enter into and enjoy a close and personal fellowship with him - an intimate communion with him.

The Lord can provide a table for us in every circumstance of life - in the wilderness (Psalms 78:19) - in the presence of enemies (Psalms 23:5) - all the days of our lives, a continual allowance, a daily rate for every day of our lives (II Kings

4:29).

Come and dine, Jesus told his disciples on the shores of Galilee as he prepared a feast for them of bread and fish (John 21:12). I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Revelation 3:20).

As they sit at this table together, her spikenard sends forth the smell thereof. There is a spikenard that only *you* can give to the Lord. No one else can give him the spikenard of worship that *you* can give him.

Mary sat at the Lord's feet. She entered into the heart of what he was about to do and anointed him with her spikenard. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of JESUS and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment (John 12:3).

**A bundle of myrrh is my well beloved. He shall lie all night betwixt my breasts (1:13)**

She cherishes the knowledge of his suffering (myrrh) love for her and holds it close to her heart. She longs to enter into a fellowship with him in this - That I may know him, the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death (Philippians 3:10). She enters into many such things with him - a bundle of myrrh. Cherished things, blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake... (Matthew 5:11-12). If we suffer we shall also reign (II Timothy 2:12).

**My beloved is as unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi (1:14)**

A cluster of camphire - not one beautiful white, fragrant flower but a cluster - that is what he is to her. Forget not all his benefits (Psalms 103:2). He daily loadeth us with benefits (Psalms 68:19).

Engedi was a high rocky region where the wild goats roamed. She is a climber now in the higher vineyards and he is wonderfully fragrant and precious to her there. Thou has made my feet like hinds feet; thou hast set me upon my high places (II Samuel 22:34).

### **Thou art all fair, my love, behold, thou art fair, thou hast doves eyes (1:15)**

Throughout the entire Book of the Song of Solomon, the Lord will encourage and commend the Shulamite with these words. Seven times he tells her she is fair. This is how he sees her - She is loved by him and he wants her to know it. Thou art all fair my love.

She has Holy Spirit's eyes – dove's eyes - She is seeing and believing what the word of God says about her. There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

Doves peaceful eyes - gazing upon the Lord - looking upon the author and finisher of her faith (Hebrews 12:2), the one who promised he would perfect all that concerns her (Psalms 138:8), the one who promised to complete the good work which he had begun in her (Philippians 1:6).

### **Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green (1:16)**

She loves him back and returns his compliment. She rests in the Lord's perfect provision for her. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures (Psalms 23:2). He is food and strength for her here.

### **The beams of our house are cedar and our rafters of fir (1:17)**

She is taking ownership of their union together - our house - our rafters. She is being made one with him in Spirit now. He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit (I Corinthians 6:17).