

## CHAPTER 4

**Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold thou art fair: thou hast dove's eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead (4:1)**

She is fair in him. He often reassures her of this. She has dove's eyes - far seeing Holy Spirit's eyes - that have been enlightened to see the hope of their calling. Her eyes are within her locks - symbolizing her acknowledgment and dependence upon the Lord Jesus as head of his body - all that her spiritual eyes see are found within this truth. She has no confidence in the flesh - just her husband.

Her hair is as a flock of goats - not one goat - she is completely submitted to him, fully resting in her husband's perfect care of her. She is completely dependent upon him. He has been to her a balm of Gilead in the high rocky regions of the climbing goats.

**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 (4:2)**

She has a full set of clean, even teeth. None are missing. She is able to eat and digest God's word. She can eat the strong meat of his word. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Timothy 2:15).

**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 (4:3)**

Her lips are like a thread of scarlet - they speak of Jesus - Because of the scarlet thread in Rahab's window (a beautiful picture of the saving blood of Jesus) she and her whole family were spared when Joshua took Jericho (Joshua 2).

Her speech is comely - to him and to others. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good, to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers (Ephesians 4:29).

Her temples (within her locks) are like a piece of pomegranate - Because Christ is her head her mind is a very fruitful place - it is the mind of Christ - ...that in all things he might have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18).

**Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armory, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men (4:4)**

The neck supports the head and is also a place of warmth and affection. Her neck is like the defensive tower of David - it distributes shields of faith for the body of Christ - shields for the Lord's mighty men. Blessed be the Lord, my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight. My goodness and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust (Psalms 144:1-2).

**Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies (4:5)**

She is mature in the Lord and able to nurture and feed others on the sincere milk of the word. Her breasts are like two young roes that are twins - She has grown up in grace and knowledge of the Lord. Grace and knowledge are the twins she dispenses. They are equally important and one will not be present without the other. She never stops growing but continues to 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 (4:6)**

The Lord is completely in love with her - it is as though he is answering her earlier request (2:17), and further assures her that he will be there for her in any mountain of myrrh or hill of frankincense experience. He will not leave her - in the good times - in the bad times. He ever liveth to make intercession for her. We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities but was in all points tempted like as we...(Hebrews 4:15 ).

**Thou art fair, my love: there is no spot in thee (4:7)**

Thou art fair, my love; there is no spot in thee. She is a ...glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing (Ephesians 5:27). This is what he sees in her - this is what she is in him.

**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 lion's dens, from the mountains of the leopards (4:8)**

He begins to call her his spouse - he can share all his heart with her. Her close union with him has brought her into the high mountain regions that surround Lebanon - where the lions and leopards are - the wild beasts of Ephesus (I Corinthians 15:32). He is inviting her to look from the top (his viewpoint) at all the marvelous victories he has procured for her - the wonderful places they have been together in the heavenlies - where he has led, protected and loved her.

**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 (4:9)**

He calls her his sister for the first time, and again his spouse. They are kindred spirits together - She has given his heart perfect joy - she has ravished his heart - with one of her eyes - just one of her single hearted eyes.

Eyes that do not gaze upon what she is doing to win Jesus - but instead stay firmly fixed *upon* JESUS. - The author and finisher of her faith - the one who promised he would complete the good work in her that he had started. She has ravished his heart with one chain of her neck. These are the golden chains of grace and rulership (1:10) and one alone ravishes his heart.

**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 (4:10)**

He cannot tell her enough how much she means to him. Again he tells her how fair she is to him and calls her his sister and spouse. The fragrance of her life is his very own fragrance. She enjoyed and loved the fragrance of his ointments (1:3) and now she has become what she beheld in him.

**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 (4:11)**

Her words are his words - they are sweet, delicious and nourishing. His word is sweeter than honey and the honeycomb, (Psalms 19:10). The fragrance of her garments is like the smell of Lebanon (white - his righteousness) - they are all and only of him - she is ...found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith (Philippians 3:9).

**A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed (4:12)**

He again calls her his spouse - he has raised her up under his gentle tender care under the shade of the apple tree (himself) - she is now a garden enclosed to him - his own private garden. He has gently tilled, planted, watered and cared for her himself. She is a spring shut up to him - an ever flowing spring of refreshment.

**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 (4:13-14)**

He has produced in her an orchard of plants - plants of fruitfulness and fragrance. She has become herself all the lovely healing fruits and ointments she has beholds in him, (1:3).

Her oneness with him has made her thus. And we all beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord (II Cor. 3:18). She walks worthy of the Lord unto all good pleasing - being fruitful unto all good work and increasing in the knowledge of God (Col. 1:10).

**A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon (4:15)**

She has the buoyancy of a powerful, refreshing life given to her by the power of Holy Spirit. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

Whosoever drinks of the water I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life (John 4:14). If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, ...out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:37-38).

**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 (4:16)**

She wants him to enjoy the garden that he has so carefully produced in her - his garden - the one in her heart that he has worked and cultivated. She knows that all fruit in the garden is his fruit - it is not her fruit. She knows that the north wind (the colder harder things) as well as the south wind (the softer warmer things) will cause the spices of the garden to flow out to him - to bless him.