

"The Progression Of Holy Passion"

Session Eleven: Song of Songs 4:7-6

I) Introduction

- A) Last week we looked at the tender way in which Jesus first called the weak and struggling bride beautiful prior to calling out what was alive within her **(4:1a)**. Then we talked about the prophetic nature of Christ as He calls out the 8 budding virtues that she was internally reaching for **(4:1b-5)**. And we closed by looking at the brides agreement to ascend up the mountain of Myrrh by going her way in Christ **(4:6)**.
- B) In this session we are going to look at Jesus' tender words of affirmation for the bride **(4:7)**, His invitation for her to be with Him where He is **(4:8)**. We're also going to see the ravished heart of the Bridegroom God concerning the weak yet real love of the bride **(4:9-11)**, the brides extravagant and fruitful devotion to God **(4:12-15)** and brides cry to fully belong to Jesus **(4:16)**.

II) Jesus' Tender Words Of Affirmation Over The Bride (SOS 4:7)

- A) **Song of Songs 4:7** *"You are all fair, my love, and there is no spot in you."*
 - 1) This is the first thing Jesus says in response to the bride's agreement to start ascending the mountain of Myrrh. He declares her to be "all-together" fair or "beautiful" and without spot. Remember, the bride hasn't done anything yet, only agree to go up the mountain.
 - 2) Jesus has a flood of information about the bride and how He feels about her behind this quick phrase, but He is following His pattern to first tell her how He feels about her and what He thinks about her prior to sharing any of it.
 - 3) Beloved, most Christians understand that when were with Christ in the age to come we will be perfect, but what about today? What about right now while were struggling with life in this fallen age yet still reaching for Christ? Don't wait until death to be spotless before Christ, enjoy it today, right now!
 - (i) Prior to Jesus' second coming there will be a people set apart, holy and without spot enjoying clean fellowship in Christ in this age **(Eph 5:27)**.

III) Jesus' invitation For The Bride To Come Away With Him (SOS 4:8)

- A) **Song of Songs 4:8** *"Come with Me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from the top of Amanah, from the top of Senir and from Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of leopards."*

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- 1) In response to the bride's agreement to ascend up the mountain, He invites her again to come away with Him and then goes into a description of what these mountains entail. Remember that these are the mountain's of Myrrh (hardship, difficulty and challenges).
- 2) Many of us spend the majority of our Christianity wondering if God wants' us near Him. We know that God is love so He must love us, but what about right now. Beloved, He longs, and has extended an eternal invitation for you to be with Him, right now. He has called you to COME!
 - (i) **Revelation 4:1** *"After these things I looked and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying come up here , and I will show you thing which must take place after this."*
 - (ii) **Matthew 11:27-28** *"All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son WILLS to reveal Him. COME to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest..."*
- 3) This is also the first time that He refers to her as His spouse within the Song, which will continue now throughout the rest of the Song.
- 4) There are three different mountain tops that Jesus calls her into here;
 - (i) **Look from Amaná**=It's the word confirmation, or amen, so be it. From this mountain we see the all inclusive Christ. Him who conquered all things (**Revelation 1:12-18**)
 - (ii) **From the top of Senir**=This is the word summit, or peak and it speaks of our elevated place in Christ in our Spiritual warfare. When were up higher, we see clearer (**Eph. 6:10-18**).
 - (iii) **From Hermon**=This is the word destruction, appointed for destruction or something accursed. It's speaking of the Crucified Christ and our marriage with Him. When we are joined with Christ through His cross we see that the lower parts of the earth belong to Him (**Rev. 11:15**).
- 5) The reason He first calls her to look from these mountain tops prior to telling her about the wild animals is so that her perspective of Him and His authority is in correct view.
 - B) *"...from the lions' dens, from the mountains of leopards."*
- 1) James tells us that our enemy the devil walks about like a roaring lion (**James 5:8**) and when John sees the Anti Christ he sees a beast that's like a lion, a leopard and a bear (**Rev. 13:2**).

IV) The Ravished Heart Of The Bridegroom God (SOS 4:9-11)

A) **Song of Songs 4:9-11** *"You have ravished My heart, My sister My spouse; You have ravished My heart. With one look from your eyes, with one link from your necklace. How fair is your love, My sister, My spouse! How much better than wine is your love, and the scent of your perfumes than all spices! Your lips, O my spouse, drip as the honeycomb; honey and milk are under your tongue; and the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon."*

- 1) This is one of the most stunning verses in all of the Bible. Here we get a glimpse into just how much the uncreated God feels when we say yes to Him and trust His leadership over our lives.
- 2) The great Bridegroom God is ravished over our weak yes! Ravished means *to be undone, totally overcome with emotion or held spellbound*. Did you know that your yes to Jesus holds Him spell bound?
- 3) It's not her ministry that ravished Him, or her bank account, or her mailing list, but her alone. Her weak yes totally ravished the heart of the uncreated God.

B) *"...My sister My spouse..."*

- 1) He is telling her that He knows her in the way that a brother knows a sister in all the good and in all the bad. And knowing everything, He has still chosen her to be His eternal spouse.
 - (i) **Hebrews 2:11-2** *"For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."*
- 2) Beloved, He knew what He was getting into when He called your name.

C) *"...With one look from your eyes, with one link from your necklace..."*

- 1) The heart of God is ravished with just one look (glance) from the weak bride. And with just one link from her necklace.
 - (i) **Eyes=Prayer**, trusting Him and looking unto God (**Hebrews 12:2**).
 - (ii) **One link from her necklace**=This speaks of the works of redemption that she is doing in the King's name. Just one of them ravishes His heart (**SOS 1:10;Matt. 10:42**).

D) *"...Your lips, O my spouse, drip as the honeycomb; honey and milk are under your tongue..."*

- 1) Honeycomb isn't something that's easily gathered, but collected over time. He is praising her for the reservoir that's within her. What's within is coming out slowly. God is raising up a people who are swift like the rapids, but also deep like the slow moving waters.

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E) ***"...honey and milk are under your tongue..."***

- 1) Again, He is praising her what's deep within her and how it's not a babbling brook. Honey represent's depth or weight and milk represent's the introductory truths (**James 3:7-8**).

V) The Brides Extravagant And Fruitful Devotion To God (SOS 4:12-15)

A) **Song of Songs 4:12-15** ***"A garden enclosed is My sister, My spouse, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates with pleasant fruits, fragrant henna with spikenard, spikenard and saffron, Calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, with all chief spices—A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters and streams from Lebanon."***

B) ***"A garden enclosed is My sister, My spouse, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed..."***

- 1) Jesus has three things to say about her devotion to Him and Him alone;
 - (i) ***A garden enclosed***= In ancient times (i) even in modern times, Kings had gardens that were meticulously maintained by experts. These gardens weren't for the public, but for the King and anyone he wanted to share it with. He is telling her that she has kept the garden of her heart enclosed for Him and Him alone.
 - (ii) ***A spring shut up***=The water within her garden was shut up for Him and Him alone. It was spilling out into the streets and all over, but rather it was Him and Him alone.
 - (iii) ***A fountain sealed***=Fountains were often used for bathing and washing animals in, but not this one. Her water had been kept free from the debris of life in this age. Her water wasn't mixed with other things, but it was clean and for Him. He is praising her diligence in maintaining the garden of her heart!
 - (a) **Proverbs 5:15-18** ***"Drink water from your own cistern and running water from your own well. Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the street? Let them be only your own, and not for strangers. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth..."***

VI) The Brides Cry To Fully Belong To Jesus (SOS 4:16)

A) **Song of Songs 4:16** ***"Awake, O north wind, and come, O south! Blow upon my garden, that it's spices may flow out. Let my Beloved come to His garden, and eat it's pleasant fruits."***

- 1) After the bride sees her safety in the Gospel (**3:6-10**), the way He sees her and feels about her in her weakness (**4:1a**), the reality that He seen eight budding virtues deep within her (**4:1b-5**) and that her weak yes (**4:6**) had ravished His heart (**4:7-15**), that she arises with great passion and cries out to fully belong to Him (**4:16**).

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- 2) This is the brides **Galatians 2:20** moment. She first says "*blow upon my garden*" but then turns around and says "*let my Beloved come to HIS garden.*" She is saying to Him "Come whatever may, if this is really how You feel about me, then I want to fully belong to You. Send the north winds (cold bitter winds **Job 37:9**) and send the south winds (warm and refreshing winds **Luke 12:55**). You know the right the perfect mixture in every season.