

*"The Progression Of Holy Passion"*

## Session Fourteen: Song of Songs 6:1-7

### I) Introduction

- A) In this session we are going to see the daughters ask the bride where to find Jesus (**SOS 6:1**) and the brides great Ah Ha moment (**SOS 6:2-3**). We are also going to see Jesus break the silence between Him and the bride (**SOS 6:4**), and the conquered heart of God as He praises her faithfulness in the midst of great pressure (**SOS 6:5-7**).

### II) The Daughters Ask The Bride Where HER Beloved Has Gone (SOS 6:1)

- A) **Song of Songs 6:1** "Where has your Beloved gone, O fairest among women? Where has your Beloved gone that we may seek Him with you?"
- 1) It's here, because of the way the bride responded to Jesus in the midst of her great two-fold test that the daughters come to her and ask for help in finding Jesus.
  - 2) In **Song of Songs 5:9** the daughters asked her what makes her Beloved (Jesus) so much better than the other beloveds they were busy with. And in **Song of Songs 5:10-16** the bride responded by declaring her Beloved to be chief among ten thousand and described His beauty from head to feet.
    - 3) Within this verse there are three things taking place;
      - (i) Firstly, she made it through—The bride is now on the backside of her great two-fold test and she's more in love with Jesus even though He still hasn't spoken to her since **Song of Songs 5:6**.
      - (ii) Secondly, the daughters watched the bride walk through this dark season of testing. When we trust Jesus in a wholehearted way, we release the fragrance of Christ through the mundane areas of our lives (work, school, home and responsibilities).
      - (iii) Thirdly, what the bride has chosen to do on her own regardless of what others do or don't do, has caused those around her to become engaged with both her and her Jesus.
    - 4) The daughters are still serving Jesus at a distance because they ask twice about how to find HER Beloved, not their Beloved.
    - 5) The bride first asked the daughters for help finding Jesus (**SOS 5:8**), and now they are asking her where to find Him. You never know who's watching your life!

## III) The Bride's Great Ah Ha Moment (SOS 6:2-3)

- A) **Song of Songs 6:2-3** *"My Beloved has gone to His garden, to the beds of spices, to feed His flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies. I am my Beloveds and my Beloved is mine. He feeds His flocks among the lilies."*
- 1) The bride is now answering the question from the daughters about where her Beloved had gone. And it's here that she has powerful "Ah Ha" moment.
  - 2) Remember that He hasn't spoken to her yet and He won't until the following verse, but here, still in the middle of her crisis she realizes that He never really left her at all.
  - 3) She tells the daughters that *"He has gone down to His garden (Universal Church) and to His gardens (Local Churches)."* It's only His manifest presence that she hasn't felt, but that doesn't mean that He had left her. He had been with her the entire time, she just didn't feel Him.
    - (i) Jesus has one garden and it's called the body of Christ but It's made up of many Churches. New Life is part of the whole but we are not the whole part.
  - 4) She is coming to understand that Jesus comes and goes upon the hearts of all those that love Him.
  - 5) It's here that the bride is changing her phrase from *"He is gone, I sought Him but couldn't find Him...He has turned aside and is gone.. (SOS 5:5-6)"* to *"my Beloved has gone to His garden...I am my Beloveds and He is mine."* She hasn't even been joined with Him, but she has come to understand that sometimes you feel Him and other times you don't, but it doesn't mean He's forsaken her.

## IV) The Lord Breaks The Silence And Their Separation (SOS 6:4)

- A) **Song of Songs 6:4-5a** *"O My love you are as beautiful as Tirzah, lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners!"*
- 1) It's here that Jesus finally breaks the silence between them and declares how He feels about the bride. She has walked through her great two-fold test and come out on the other side.
  - 2) *"O My love you are as beautiful..."*

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- 3) Jesus is again staying true to His pattern to first tell her how He feels about her prior to sharing any information with her. He says to her **"O My love, you are as beautiful..."**
  
- B) **"...you are as beautiful as Tirzah, lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners..."**
  - 1) Jesus is praising the bride because she has submitted to His leadership through the dark night of her soul working out what God has worked in.
    - (i) **Isaiah 53:11** **"He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied."**
    - (ii) **Hebrews 12:2** **"Looking unto Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."**
  - 2) The bride's life is declaring the work of His hands. The satisfaction/joy that Jesus receives is to see sons and daughters come to the knowledge of God.
  
- C) **"...beautiful as Tirzah"** = Tirzah was the capital city of the Canaanites and it means *delight, favor and good*.
- D) **"...Lovely as Jerusalem"** = Jerusalem is the earthly worship capital of the world and it shadows the "New Jerusalem" the heavenly city that has yet to come down (**Rev. 21-22**). It speaks of perfection and holiness.
- E) **"...awesome as an army with banners!"** = An army with banners speaks of a victorious people. An army that returned with their banners speaks of an army that won. She is being pictured as victorious over that which conquers most people.
  - 1) In the time of battle it's most important to have weapons but in the time of victory it's most important to have banners.

## **V) The Conquered Heart Of God & His Praise Of The Bride's Maturity (SOS 6:5-7)**

- A) **Song of Songs 6:5-7** **"Turn your eyes away from Me, for they have overcome Me. Your hair is like a flock of goats going down from mount Gilead. Your teeth are like a flock of sheep which have come up from the washing; every one of them bears twins, and none is bearing among them. Like a piece of pomegranate are your temples behind your veil."**
  
- B) **"Turn your eyes away from Me, for they have overcome Me..."**
  - 1) In poetic language the Lord is declaring over the bride what her faithfulness to Him in the midst of not feeling His presence and being mistreated by the shepherds around her has done to Him.

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- 2) Beloved, the uncreated God is overcome (captured) by the faithfulness of the bride. Though she felt nothing He felt everything. Jesus is so moved by the maturing bride that He can't look at her without being captured by emotions.
  - 3) The mountains don't move Him, the angels don't move Him and the powers of hell don't move Him, but the steadfast gaze from weak, struggling humans captures Him.
- C) *"Your hair is like a flock of goats going down from Gilead."*
- 1) If you remember from **Song of Songs 4:1-5** Jesus identified 8 budding virtues that the bride was longing for internally but didn't yet possess externally.
  - 2) Jesus is praising that her internal longings have become external fruit. There not just longings.
- D) *"Your teeth are like a flock of sheep which have come up from the washing. Every one of which bears twins and none is barren among them."*
- 1) This is speaking about her ability to chew up the Word of God (**Heb. 5:12-14; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 3:1-3**). But it's not an internal longing anymore, but rather an external reality. In real time what she is eating in the Word of God has empowered her to walk through this recent season and produce life not only in herself, but also in others.
- E) *"Like a piece of pomegranate are your temples behind your veil."*
- 1) The NLT/MSG translates this word temples to 'cheeks.' God is declaring that what she has been longing for internally is manifesting externally in a happy life. What she was reaching for internally has become a reality externally.
- F) **Galatians 6:7-9** *"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."*
- 1) The conclusion is, don't quit reaching internally because in due season you will surely reap, if you don't lose heart!