

"The Progression Of Holy Passion"

Session Sixteen:

Song of Songs 7:9b-13

I) The Brides Affection Based Obedience (SOS 7:9b-10)

A) **Song of Songs 7:9b-10** *"The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, moving gently the lips of sleepers. I am my Beloveds and His desire is towards me."*

1) In **Song of Songs 7:8-9a** Jesus commissioned the bride in 3 primary things;

(i) *"Let now your breasts be like clusters of the vine..."* = Nurture and feed others in the grace of God. Freely you have received, now freely give (**Matthew 10:8**).

(ii) *"The fragrance of your breath like apples..."* = Let your breath refresh others in a way that empowers them to love Jesus (**Proverbs 25:11; Song Of Songs 2:5; John 20:22**).

(iii) *"And the roof of your mouth like the best wine..."* = Make sure that your intimacy with Jesus, the love that we receive from Him and give to Him, is always the best wine in your life. Keep intimacy with Me your priority (**Song of Songs 1:2**).

B) The brides response to Jesus' commission is here in **Song of Songs 7:9b-10** when she says *"The wine goes down smoothly for my Beloved, moving gently the lips of sleepers. I am my Beloveds and His desire is towards me."*

C) *"The wine goes down smoothly for my Beloved..."*

1) Jesus is asking her to do difficult things, and she is able to do them, because it's *"for her Beloved."*

2) Often times, we choke on the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It's not a wine that goes down smoothly for us, but rather something that's hard to swallow.

3) But here, the bride is able to say *"I'm living in 100% obedience (I'm responding to Your commission) with the activity of the Holy Spirit. I will obey You when You speak, though it may be hard and confusing to me."*

4) Jesus was in the same place as the bride, struggling to swallow the Father's cup (wine).

(i) **Luke 22:42** *"(Jesus) saying, Father, if it is Your will, take this cup (wine) away from Me; nevertheless not My will but Yours, be done (I'll do it for You MY Father)!"*

5) The only way we are able to follow the will of God and drink the wine that He offers us, is because we are doing it for Him! The bride says *"I can drink the wine, because it's for You, my Beloved Jesus!"*

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D) *"...moving gently the lips of sleepers..."*

- 1) It's here that the bride is moving into the joy of awakening others around her that are sleeping in Christ. Many today within the Church are asleep when it comes to the things the Kingdom of God.
- 2) According to Jesus half of the Church is considered foolish because they aren't taking serious the hour in which they live (**Matthew 25:1-13**). What's Jesus advice to those foolish, sleeping Christians? Buy oil for your lamp (**Matthew 25:9**)! Wake up!

E) *"I am my Beloveds and His desire is towards me."*

- 1) For the first time the bride is living, not in the longing to feel Jesus' love towards her, but in the living, present day experience of His love towards her.
- 2) Here's a look at the bride's progression in the experience of God's love for her;
 - (i) **Song of Songs 2:16** *"My Beloved is mine, and I am His."* (Knowledge)
 - (ii) **Song of Songs 6:2** *"I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine."* (Heart)
 - (iii) **Song of Song 7:10** *"I am my Beloveds, and His desire is toward me."* (Experience)
- 3) Our emotional security in Christ comes from the deep internal experience that God's desire is towards you, right now both in Chapter 1 and in Chapter 7.
- 4) How much does God the Father love God the Son? Did you know that God the Father loves you, right now, in the same way that God the Father loves God the Son?
 - (i) **John 15:9** *"As the Father loved Me, I have also loved you."*
 - (ii) **John 17:23** *"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."*
- 5) The wine of God, or the will of God goes down smoothly, when we are doing it for Jesus, because we feel His love towards us. We obey God best, when we feel loved by Him.

II) Their Partnership In Powerful And Fruitful Ministry (SOS 7:11-12)

- A) **Song of Songs 7:11-12** *"Come, my Beloved, let us go forth to the field; let us lodge in the villages. Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine has budded, whether the grape blossoms are open, and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give You my love."*
- B) *"Come, my beloved, let us go forth to the field; let us lodge in the villages..."*

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- 1) The bride is now pictured in a place of bridal partnership with Jesus, asking for His power and presence to go with her as she works the field's of harvest. Intercession is going forth for fruitful harvesting.
 - 2) This is about Christian service (ministry) taking place through the context of intimacy. She's not working the field alone, but with Him and through His power.
 - 3) The pace of serving others (ministry) is often the pace of running, and we must be able to maintain our intimacy with Jesus as we run. We have to sit before God, before we stand before men.
 - 4) Notice that she no longer speaks about her own life! Her life belongs to Him and she is now selflessly serving others.
- C) *"There I will give you my love."*
- 1) The bride is loving God and serving others. She says *" There, In the place of service to others, through the power of the Holy Spirit, I will maintain my love for you!"*
 - 2) It's easy to serve God in the secret place, at the banqueting table, but God longs to have a people who like the bride love Him in the midst of service to Him.

III) The Bride Enjoys The Fruit Of Her Labor (SOS 7:13)

- A) **Song of Songs 7:13** *"The mandrakes give off a fragrance, and at our gates are pleasant fruits, all manner, new and old, which I have laid up for you, my Beloved."*
- 1) Within 3 verses (11-13) the Shulamite refers to "their labors" 8 times. She says *"come, let us, let us, let us, let us, give You, at our gates and laid up for You."* This is powerful and fruitful ministry not alone, but together with her Beloved.
- B) *"Which I have laid up for You, my Beloved."*
- 1) She is producing much fruit through her life of service to others and it's not being laid up for her, but for Jesus!
 - (i) **Matthew 6:20** *"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..."*
 - (ii) **Revelation 4:10** *"The twenty four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying..."*
 - (iii) **Revelation 3:11** *"Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have that no one may take your crown."*

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- 2) There are 22 eternal rewards mentioned in **Revelation 2-3** to those saints that overcome.
- 3) What if our stored up treasure from our life in this age, became the crown that we wear in the age to come. How would you live your life now if that was true?
- 4) Because the bride is motivated by the love of God, she does right with the fruit that comes from her life, she stores it up for her Beloved Jesus!
- 5) Are you living your life from the experience of the Father's love? Do you know the way that you move His heart?