

"The Progression Of Holy Passion"

Session Nineteen:

Song of Songs 8:8-14

I) The Brides Public Vindication From Her Brothers (SOS 8:8-9)

A) **Song of Songs 8:8-9** *"We have a little sister, and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister in the day when she is spoken for? If she is a wall, we will build upon her, a battlement of silver, and if she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar."*

1) It's here that the speaker changes from Jesus to the brothers. They are coming to the Shulamite (bride) and asking her for help with a young one (immature believer). The brothers who struggled to handle the bride in Chapter 1 are now struggling to handle this *"little sister."*

(i) **Song of Songs 1:6** *"...My mother's sons (her brothers) were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I haven't kept.."*

2) Because the brothers had little revelation about the beauty of Jesus, the only thing they were able to give the bride, back in Chapter 1 was work: this led her into a place of burnout as she says *"...they (the brothers) made me the keeper of the vineyards (ministry) but my own vineyard I have not kept."*

3) The very ones, who had rejected the bride and couldn't help her 7 chapters ago, are coming to her for help, asking her what to do to make their *"little sister"* alive in the grace of God like the bride is now.

4) We are often looking for expression before we have received a revelation. Our revelation will eventually lead us into its expression. The expression is a by-product of our revelation.

5) If you stay faithful to the revelation that you have received from Jesus, expression for that revelation will come in due time. **Matthew 11:19** *"...But wisdom will be justified by her children."*

II) The Brides Personal Revelation (8:10-11)

A) **Song of Songs 8:10-11** *"I am a wall, and my breasts like towers; then I became in His eyes as one who found peace. Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon; He leased the vineyard to keepers; everyone was to bring for its fruit a thousand silver coins."*

1) The bride is making a huge statement of self discovery. I see four primary things concerning herself discovery;

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- (i) **"I am a wall..."** = Her personal destiny and purpose in the Kingdom of God is clear and she's going after it. If your destiny isn't clear, then you will live a life of continually missing the mark and being unfulfilled.
 - (a) Wall's speak of protection in the scripture and this is her gifting.
- (ii) **"...and my breasts like towers..."** = This speaks of her great ability to feed those around her. She has confidence in what God has worked into her in such a way that she is able to use it to help others.
- (iii) **"...then I became in His eyes..."** = The bride is experiencing the power of living before the eyes of Jesus alone. She is accepted as a son/daughter before a loving Father. She's doing this for Jesus and before Him alone.
- (iv) **"...as one who found peace."** = The bride is now at a place of peace internally and externally for she knows who she belongs to and how He feels about her.
 - (a) **John 13:3-5** *Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His Hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself..and began to wash their feet..."*

III) The First And Second Commandment Operating In Perfect Union (SOS 8:12)

- A) **Song of Songs 8:12** *"My own vineyard is before me. You, O Solomon, may have a thousand, and those who tend it's fruit two hundred."*
- B) *"My own vineyard is before me."*
 - 1) It's here, through 7 previous chapters of many ups and many downs that the bride has the first and second commandment's working together in perfect union.
 - (i) **Matthew 22:36-40** *"Teacher, what is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets."*
 - 2) This is a huge turnaround from **Song of Songs 1:6** when she originally said *"...They made me the keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept."*
 - 3) She is serving the masses, being used by God in a powerful way among the nations working to build the body of Christ- but she hasn't lost herself in the process. Though there is much serving going on, she's spiritually, emotionally and physically healthy.

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- 4) This is the goal of the Christian life. That we serve others from the overflow of our personal encounter with Jesus. That we are serving many vineyards- but never losing our own.

IV) From One Lover To Another (SOS 8:13)

- A) **Song of Songs 8:13** *You who dwell in the gardens, the companions listen for your voice—let Me hear it!*

- 1) The bride is busy impacting the nations in the grace of God. She's serving in the many gardens that God possess and many are coming to hear her, for she truly has something to say to the nations.
- 2) Do you hear the ravished heart of the great Bridegroom God? Do you see the passionate plea from One lover to another?
- 3) Fasting, prayer, Bible study, speaking in tongues and giving our money are not an end in themselves. They are a means to an end. The end is Jesus. You would never consider yourself warm from collecting wood, matches and lighter fluid.
- 4) I struggle with talking to others about Jesus more than I do talking to Jesus Himself. Beloved, He longs to hear our voice!

V) The Brides Instant Obedience And Final Intercession (SOS 8:14)

- A) **Song of Songs 8:14** *"Make haste, my Beloved, and be like a Gazelle or a young Stag on the mountains of spices."*

- 1) The bride responds to Jesus' request to let Him hear her voice with instant obedience as she calls for Him to come to her.
- 2) It's not that the mountains of Myrrh have changed (**SOS 4:6**), but it's the messenger that's changed causing her to no longer see the mountains as a sacrifice-but rather as a delight. There spices now instead of mountains of separation (**SOS 2:1; 2nd Corinthians 4:18**).
 - (i) *"How long O Lord until that marriage Day? O my Beloved, take large steps. For love is tormented until it's finished."*- Samuel Rutherford
- 3) The Church's lack of cry for Jesus to come is an indicator of her separation from Him. If she knew Him, she would cry day and night hastening His return. But it won't always be this way. God is raising up messengers even now, who will preach about His beauty and it will cause listeners to cry for Him to come.
- 4) This book starts with hunger and end's in hunger (**SOS 1:2;8:14**) **Revelation 22:17,20**.
 - (i) Hunger begets hunger.