

“THE BRIDEGROOM”

Text: Song Of Solomon 5:1-8

Subject: The Drawing Power Of Jesus

Introduction

1. The Song of Solomon was written by Solomon in the tenth century B.C.
2. Solomon wrote 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs according to I Kings 4:32.
“And Solomon spoke three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five”.
3. The Bible gives us the best that he wrote #1, and #2- we have the ones that the Spirit of God wants us to have.
4. The Song of Solomon is both poetical and practical:
 - ◆ It describes both the love of King Solomon for a peasant girl (and) the love of Christ for you.
 - ◆ It reveals the sacredness of married love between a husband and a wife.
 - ◆ But most of all, it’s a **picture of communion between Christ and individual believers.**

(What’s The purpose Of This 5 Part Song?)

- #1. To deepen the union between Jesus and His people.
- #2. To unite our hearts with the heart of Jesus.
- #3. To increase God’s anointing upon your life and His church.
- #4. To call us closer and teach us how to live in the presence of God.

(Hear The Beckoning Of God)

- In (chapter 1:4) - “Draw me, and we will run after thee”.
- In (chapter 2:10) - “Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away”.
- In (chapter 3:2) - “I will rise now and seek Him whom my soul loveth”.
- In (chapter 4:16) - “Let my beloved come into his garden”.
- In (chapter 5:2) - “I sleep, but my heart waketh; it is the voice of my beloved saying, open to me, my sister”.
- In (chapter 6:13) - “Return, return, O Shulamite, return, return”.
- In (chapter 7:10) - “I am my beloveds and his desire is toward me”.
- In (chapter 8:7) - “Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it”.

I. The Desire Of The Bridegroom (V. 2)

“I sleep, but my heart waketh (why)? It is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled; for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night”.

Question: Why did the bride awaken?

Answer: Because Jesus cries out, “Open to me my sister”.

Question: Pastor, what’s it a picture of?

Answer: It’s a picture of the desire of Jesus (The Bridegroom) towards you (His bride).

- #1. Jesus desires to be admitted.
- #2. Jesus desires entrance and an open door.
- #3. Jesus desires a hearty welcome with open arms.
- #4. Jesus desires a glad reception on our part.

“Open To Me My Sister”

- ◆ In chapter 4:16 - The Lord was invited to come close.
- ◆ In chapter 5:1 - The Lord came close as requested.
- ◆ In chapter 5:2 - The believer has fallen asleep and barred the door.
(Revealing that Christ’s return was not eagerly expected)

Question: What’s the meaning of V. 2 (that the bride had fallen asleep and closed the door?)

Answer: The meaning is two fold:

- #1...That it’s possible to close the door to Jesus by slipping into an inattentive state.
- (and) #2...That Jesus is resolved to come close even to those who are inattentive, unaware, unsuspecting and undeserving.

Question: How do we know that Jesus wants to reveal Himself, share Himself and pour out of His Spirit in our life?

Answer: Because of what it cost Him:

(V. 2B) “...for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night”

(What’s It All Mean?)

- ◆ It refers to the heart of Jesus, the Great Shepherd who is busy in the night seasons (even while the bride has crawled into bed to sleep).
- ◆ It refers to Jesus out searching at nighttime (in the dark) to find the one sheep who has wandered away.
- ◆ It refers to the painstaking effort of the Lord to restore (at great cost) anyone who is in need to have sins forgiven.
- ◆ It refers to His suffering, the garden, the praying, the betrayal, the arrest, the spitting, the crown of thorns, the cross and the blood spilled to win your heart.
- ◆ It’s a powerful plea that reveals the heart of God (His desire) to come into the sinner’s heart and the believer’s world.

II. The Disappointment Of The Bridegroom (V. 3)

Question: What did Solomon’s bride (the Lord’s church) say when the Bridegroom came calling and knocking?

Answer: Solomon’s bride said what many say today:

(V. 3) “I have put off my coat, how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?”

(In Other Words She Makes Excuses)

- ◆ She heard his knock, His voice, and saw His hand on the door.
- ◆ But she didn’t yield to the call of her Bridegroom.

(Why Was The Lord Disappointed?)

- #1. The bride doesn’t quickly respond to the King’s call.
- #2. The bride has forgotten what Christ did for Her.
- #3. The bride fails to stir herself to action.
- #4. The bride isn’t willing to deny herself and get up.
- #5. The bride thought she could make it without Jesus.
- #6. The bride was half asleep to spiritual things.
- #7. The bride became careless in the journey.

Why Was Jesus So Disappointed?

- ◆ Because to give no heed when the Lord appeals to you, or to sleep on and ignore His calling - **is to despise and grieve the Holy Spirit.**
- ◆ Also; to resist the calling and the dealing of the Lord, **is to tempt the departure of Jesus.**

(Does Jesus Ever Quit On Us?)

(V. 4) “My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door”

This Refers To The Custom In This Day.

- ◆ When a man was in love with a woman, he would go to her home and leave (not a card, but a fragrance).
- ◆ The doors were made with an opening to reach in and remove the bar unless it was locked and barred.
- ◆ When there was no response from the bride, the bridegroom placed myrrh on the inside handle of the door.
- ◆ When she came to the door, the fragrance was transmitted to her fingers. (v. 5)
- ◆ She received a blessing (but forfeited seeing the blesser and giver of the gifts).

(In Other Words)

- ◆ In V. 5, she knew he had been there, but she grieved him **by her hesitation** to open the door.

(Oh What A Lesson)

- #1. We never need settle for a second hand experience.
 - #2. We never need to stop at the goose bumps, emotions, feelings and (v. 4) “My bowels were moved for him”. (So what?)
 - #3. We never need to forget that obedience is far better than hesitation when God comes to visit us (and rings the door-bell)
- ◆ Goose bumps, feelings and emotions are O.K.,
 - ◆ But feelings, falling and all the emotions are secondary to prompt obedience!!!

(In Other Words)

- ◆ We don't want just the myrrh, We want the myrrh giver!!!

III. The Disappearance Of The Bridegroom (V. 6)

Question: What happened when the bride finally opened the door in (v. 6)?

Answer: “I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself and was gone, my soul failed when he spake, I sought him, but I could not find him, I called him, but he gave me no answer”.

(What Had Happened?)

- #1. Fellowship with Jesus had been broken.
- #2. Delay resulted in disappointment.
- #3. Indulgence to the flesh bears bitter consequences.
- #4. Disobedience on our part places distance between us and Jesus.

(There Was A Divine Withdrawal - Why?)

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- ◆ To teach us the pain of neglecting His invitation.
- ◆ To help us appreciate him all the more.
- ◆ To make us more careful in the future.
- ◆ To see exactly how much we really love Him.

Question: What was the result of spiritual neglect on the part of the bride?

Answer: (V. 7) “She was smitten, wounded and hurt by those who were to protect her”.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ It may be costly and painful to pursue God with all your heart.
- ◆ It may be difficult for some of you to seek first God’s Kingdom.
- ◆ You might through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God.
- ◆ You might be betrayed, abused, rejected, put down, let down, pressed down and stomped down.

(But There’s Amazing News)

IV. The Delight Of The Bridegroom (V. 8)

Question: How did the bride respond to her pain and hurt and failure?

Answer: She did what God still wants us to do today.

(She Sings to The Daughters Of Jerusalem In V. 8)

“I charge you, if you find my beloved, tell him that I am sick of love” (or)

- #1. Tell him how much I miss him and how much I love Him.
- #3. Tell him how much I’m looking for him. (Just to be in His presence)

(In Other Words)

- ◆ The fragrance has wore off, (the myrrh and frankincense don’t mean much anymore)
- ◆ She cannot be satisfied until she finds Jesus for herself.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ She blew it in (v. 3) with all of her excuses.
- ◆ She neglected to respond when the Lord previously called.

(But A Change Now Occurs)

- ◆ She’s not going to get bitter over her mistreatment, (and stew in her own juice)
- ◆ She’s not going to remain distant from her one true love.

(Instead)

- ◆ She returns with all of her heart, (and knows that her Lord will forgive).
- ◆ She believes in the God of a second chance,
- ◆ She testifies to us all, that when we return to God, God responds to us!

AMEN!
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“Return unto Me and I will return unto you saith the Lord” (Malachi 3:7)

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