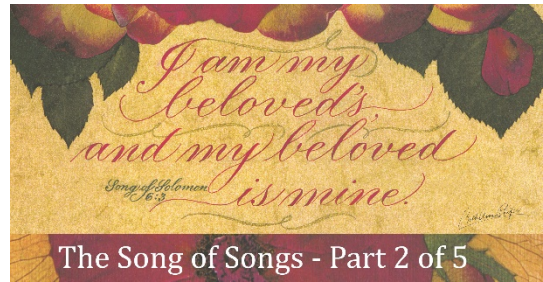




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The Song of Songs

Deepening in His Love

Part 2 of 5

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The purpose of this study is to ground ourselves in God's love. When we are fully convinced of His love by way of His personal revelation to us, we will stand in joy and hope as the darkness increases.

The theme of **The Song of Songs** is – Our Bridegroom, Yeshua, is intensely aware of His Bride at all times. All His actions lead us into deeper intimacy with Himself until we are completely consumed by Him. We can find instruction, comfort, healing and joy in the Bride's journey.

Please read *The Song of Songs – An Overview* and *The Song of Songs – Part 1* before beginning *Part 2* to better understand the rest of the content. In *Part 1*, the Bride tastes the Bridegroom's love! However, she focuses on how she sees herself rather than on how He sees her. This wrong perspective leads her astray. Finally, she asks the Bridegroom how to find His flock, so she can return. Verse 8 begins His response.

Part 2 – What God wants from me – Chapter 1:8-17

The Scripture verses and the **speaker** are aligned on the left. The teaching is indented. Additional Scripture connections are highlighted in **green**. (BA) Prayers are highlighted in **blue**. (BA)

Bridegroom

- 8** If you yourself do not know, most beautiful among women,
- Yeshua is merciful toward her feelings of rejection. He finds her lovely despite her flaws and her neglect of their time together. He is tender and affirming, dispelling her shame.

Go forth on the trail of the flock [CJB – Follow the footsteps of the flock.]

And pasture your young goats by the tents of the shepherds.

What God wants from me

- **Do you love me? Tend my lambs. Feed my lambs.** (See John 21:15-17.) He instructs her to take care of the flock and to seek fellowship.
- "Observe where you are finding nourishment and dwell there." (JS) Pg. 47

Do not forsake assembling together, so you can encourage one another. (Hebrews 10:25)

Father, show me where the hungry people are – those who you have drawn to Yourself and those You are drawing. Strengthen me to feed Your lambs and to receive strength from them.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of rest. Psalm 23:2

- 9** To me, my darling, you are like My mare among the chariots of Pharaoh.
He softens her with affirmation.
- War horses were a symbol of wealth, majesty, beauty, strength – swift, terrible, overcoming. Pharaoh's were prized.
 - **And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen white and clean, were following Yeshua on white horses.** (Revelation 19:14). These majestic creatures are white bridal war horses.
 - **I can do all things through Messiah Who strengthens me.** (Philippians 4:13)

- In all these things [trials] we overwhelmingly conquer through Him Who loved us. (Romans 8:37)
Father, in Your strength, I hold my head high as I prance toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Messiah Yeshua. (Philippians 3:14)

¹⁰ Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your neck with strings of beads.

- Her countenance reveals her emotions. Her neck symbolizes her will. (B&C S) (RS)
The Bridegroom connects with her emotions and feelings.
I have you in My heart. You are a partaker of grace in Me. I long for you with affection.
(See Philippians 1:7-11)
- Ornaments symbolize her gifts and anointing.
Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and give permanence to the work of our hands! (Psalm 90:17)

You see all the details of my beauty and unique gifts and calling. They are adorning gifts from Your hand. My work in Your kingdom yields eternal fruit. You sanctify my emotions and my will.
Yeshua prayed, Sanctify them [My disciples] in truth; Your word is truth. (John 17:17)

Chorus (Holy Spirit)

¹¹ We will make for you ornaments of gold with beads of silver.

- He will complete her gifts. He will beautify her. He will complete the refining He started.
For I am confident that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Messiah Yeshua. (Philippian 1:5-6)
- Yeshua said, I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever. (John 14:16)

Ruach HaKodesh, Holy Breath of God, You continue to adorn me with detailed sparkle to complete Your purposes. Your purposes have become mine in Your heavenly kingdom. I seek to lay up treasures in heaven that cannot be destroyed or stolen. (Matthew 6:20-21)

Bride

¹² While the king reclined at his table [couch], my nard gave forth its fragrance.

- Her heart is open to Him; therefore, it gives forth its fragrance.
- The roots of the *Nardostachys jatamansi* or spikenard yield an amber, aromatic, costly, long-lingering oil when they are stripped and cut. The plant grows in rock crevices.
- Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. (2 Corinthians 2:14)
- Many women offered their costly oils to Yeshua: – (JS)
 - Mary of Bethany anointed Yeshua's feet six days before His death. (John 12:3)
 - Another woman anointed His head two days before death. (Mark 14:3-9)
 - A sinful woman who had experienced His forgiveness anointed Him. (Luke 7:36)

Through the toil of my life, precious, healing, fragrant oil has been released. It reached Your senses. You are delighted with my faithfulness. Although faulty at times, You see my love for You – the love you created when You first loved me. (1 John 4:19) You see my desire to be faithful. The depth of such love is incomprehensible to me. Your attention to our love is too high for me to grasp. (See Psalm 139:6)

¹³ My beloved is to me a pouch of myrrh which lies all night between my breasts.

- Myrrh is a burial spice with a sweet smell and bitter taste.
- She opened her heart and thanked Him all night. She remembered His sacrifice of love. (JS)
Pg. 60. She held His memory; she pondered what He did to procure her as His Bride.

In the night in my dreams and when I cannot sleep, I ponder Your love and the length You went to save me and bring me to Yourself. You were pierced through for my transgressions, my King, crushed for my sin... I was a sheep who had lost my way; I went my own selfish way. But Adonai caused my iniquity to fall on You. (Taken from Isaiah 52:5-6 and placed in first person)

God made Yeshua Who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
You took my sin upon Yourself and gave Your beauty in return!

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O, make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love to Thee.

From the hymn *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*, words ascribed to Bernard of Clairvaux 1091-1153

14 My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of Ein Gedi.

- Ein Gedi is a beautiful, fragrant, fertile oasis in a dry weary land just west of the Dead Sea an hour from Jerusalem. The landscape is rich with canyons and springs.
- *Ein Gedi* is Hebrew for *spring or fountain of the young goat*.
- Henna blossoms are gentle with varying pastel shades and extreme fragrance. The Hebrew word for *henna* is *kōper* and means *the price of a life or a price of ransom of a life*.

My King, my Bridegroom, Your costly sacrifice has bloomed with extreme fragrance in my life!
Your gentleness makes me great! (Psalm 18:35)
Your love is a well of water springing up to everlasting life! (John 4:14)

Bridegroom

15 How lovely you are, my darling,
How beautiful you are! Your eyes are like doves.

- Doves do not have peripheral vision. They must focus straight ahead. Their eyes and affections are locked on their mates for life. The Bride's eyes are loyal and faithful to Yeshua. He mentions her this way also in Song of Songs 2:14; 4:1; 5:2 and 6:9.
- Gird your minds for action, keep sober, fix your eyes completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Yeshua. (1 Peter 1:13)
- ...fixing our eyes on Yeshua, the Author and Completer of our faith Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

My soul waits for You more than the watchman for the morning. My heart is steadfast, O God,
I will sing and give You praise! (See Psalm 130:5-6; 57:7)

Bride

16 How handsome you are, my beloved and so delightful! Indeed, our couch is luxuriant!

- She receives more revelation of His beauty.
- A bed carried them on their way to the marriage (supper of the Lamb). She finds deep confidence, rest, and abundance.

17 The beams of our houses are cedars,
Our rafters, cypresses.

- Cedars are strong, expensive, and enduring.
- Cypress wood is durable and resistant to decay and water damage. Its leaves are fragrant with healing properties.
- Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (Psalm 90:1-2)

I love you, O King, my Strength! You are a Mighty Fortress never-failing! Your arms are strong and encompassing! I am safe in the storm, asleep on the pillow with You. (Mark 4:38)
The winds are raging right now, but Your love is a strong tower of cedar!