

**When I sit in the beautiful field of the Song of Solomon and I read the expressions of love between the bride and bridegroom; I cannot but think of Christ's great love for His church, but also of her fervent love for Christ!**

If you're in Christ, THIS FERVENT LOVE RELATIONSHIP should strongly exist within your heart toward the Lord Jesus! Christ's love to His church IS never less than a great and excellent love, I think this is easily understood in the Song of Solomon, but it is our love to Christ that is so often deficient, and less than what it should and must be! BUT in those times, (child of God), when your love to Christ is cold, Christ's love toward you will never be less than a great and constant love, as written in Jeremiah 31:3: "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love"

When I meditate upon the special love expressed in this beautiful "Song of Songs" between Christ and His Church, I cannot help but think of what Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:17-19:

"That Christ may dwell IN YOUR hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded (or fixed and established) in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God"

As we open to the Song of Solomon, my heart's prayer is that YOU would be able to COMPREHEND with all saints the vastness of this wonderful love that Christ has for you, child of God. BUT ALSO, that your heart would be filled with "RETURNING" that love to Christ-IN KIND.

**The bride consistently sees herself as imperfect and unworthy to be wedded to such a perfect Man, who is a Sovereign and Lordly King.**

And yet, it is His love, which is graciously bestowed upon her that makes her beautiful! And it is after the expressions of His love to her that she proclaims, LOOK at how He loves me!

It is VERY true, my beloved brethren, that a woman loved is a woman who becomes beautified by that love!

When God beholds broken, humiliated, fallen sinners, and THEN He purposes, (because of the good pleasure of His will) to love that sinner and to lovingly draw them to Himself, and THEN He clothes and adorns them with His grace and goodness and righteousness... He beautifies us with Himself and with His salvation. Ezekiel 16:8-14

Psalm 149:4: "For the LORD taketh pleasure in His people: He will beautify the meek with salvation"

This should be the cry of every sinner to Christ! Look upon me and love me and saved me from my sins! Song of Solomon 2:4-7

**Song 2:4: "He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love"**

It was after she declared Him to be her One True Love, "A LOVE" like no other, as the apple tree among the trees of the woods (or of the forest), and that she SO ENJOYED His presence as she sat down under His shadow and tasted/delighted in the sweetness of His fruit... that He responded...

His response was to bring her to the banqueting house and to place His banner of love over her; He had conquered her heart by His love toward her and this was to be known by all who beheld her!

Do you know, child of God, that Christ has placed His banner of love over you? Christ is not ashamed of you, if He was, He would not have brought you into His special presence and His banner of love would not be over you.

**Song 2:5: "Stay me with flagons, (saith the bride), comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love"**

WHEN you (by God's grace) get to that sweet place in which, you experience and feel Christ's overpowering love toward you in your frail human mind, (if you've never been there, you should seek and desire it), I have no doubt that when you find yourself in that sweet place that it will render you emotionally spent and drained; humanly speaking, this heavenly love that is from Christ is too much for us to take in, in the weakness of our frail humanity!

But once you've felt and perceived Christ's love in His words to you, it will weaken, overpower, and overwhelm you, you will become sickened by the very thought of not having Christ's love. We will better understand this in a moment in (V7)

But I think this is where the bride found herself in her heart, overwhelmed, but also fearful that "HER LOVE" meaning Christ, might depart! That is why she cried out: STAY ME, COMFORT ME! Sustain me with thy love!

"Flagons" typically refers to containers that hold wine... but the Hebrew word (here) defined means "cakes of raisins".

Whether Solomon meant flagons of wine or cakes of raisins, what the bride was conveying was, she was weakened by His love and she needed to be held up and revived..... and He was right there to give her aid!

Song 2:6: "His left hand is under my head, and His right hand doth embrace me"

**We close in Song 2:7, in which the bride "charges" those that profess faith in Christ, that they "stir not up, nor awake my love, till He please"**

It is actually, "stir not up, nor awake love, till He please". It is as if she was afraid of losing His comforting presence, and that is why she warned those who

were about her TO NOT disturb Him, nor to stir or provoke Him to awake and hasten away from her.

How often, dear Christian, have you allowed sinful thoughts, idle words, or earthly cares to interrupt you when you are in Christ's sweet presence, and before you know it, His Spirit has departed from you?

I think of when we close our Bibles, or at the close of the worship service, or immediately after we say Amen after we've prayed.... HOW OFTEN do our thoughts and our conversations IMMEDIATELY transition to other things.... And then I must wonder, if my thoughts can be immediately elsewhere after I've been in the presence of Christ.... was I even in His presence? Or did I already stir Him to hasten away from me?

*I charge you, O ye Christians, that ye stir not up my Lord, nor provoke His presence to hasten from me!*  
*Don't awake and stir up LOVE till He please!*