
Song of Solomon 2:14: We should remember (from our meditations last week) that believers are likened, in the Holy Scriptures to doves!

Doves are quiet, innocent, harmless, meek, and submissive. This is not the first time the bridegroom referred to His bride as "His Dove", and it is not the last. Song 1:15: "Thou hast doves' eyes", Song 5:2: "Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled". And then, in Song 6:9, He says of her, my dove, my undefiled is "The Only One" and "The Choice One".

What a beautiful declaration from Christ of His love for His church!

Regarding Christians being like doves: Jesus commanded His disciples to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves in the world, this command from Christ is for you and me child of God; this truth characterizes our behavior and conduct in the world!

Doves have no defense in and of themselves, their only resort is to fly away to a place of refuge. In Song 2:14, she is like a vulnerable dove, she hid herself in the clefts of the rock and in the secret places of the stairs... when she was hiding, the bridegroom CALLED to her TO CALL upon Him!

Song 2:14: "O my dove, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely"

Now, in Song 2:15, I believe the bridegroom warned and commanded both His bride and her watchmen and ministers TO "Take us or as it means Catch and Seize" the foxes, specifically, the little foxes that would spoil and ruin or corrupt the vines. Get them while they're young!

Song of Solomon 2:15: "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes"

If the little foxes are not caught and seized and cast out of the vineyard, if they are allowed to grow and mature, they will continue to wreak havoc and spoil the vines, and the tender grapes of the vineyard.

We MUST know that there are spiritual predators afoot, who serve Satan and his kingdom, who will never rest while seeking to destroy the church of Christ, (this church), therefore we must be sober and vigilant in our Christian lives!

"Take us the foxes, the little foxes": hunt them, catch and seize them!

Foxes are always spoken of in the scriptures negatively or as being destructive, (in the OT, lying prophets), they are deceitful, sly, and enemies to Christ and to His people, very similar to wolves.

Ezekiel 13:1-4, 10, 19, Matthew 7:15-16, Luke 13:31-32, and then there is this very sobering warning: Acts 20:28-32

You might ask, what damage would a fox do in a vineyard? The Hebrew word for fox means "a burrower"; remember the words of our Lord:

"Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests"

In the ancient world, foxes were notorious for tearing up vineyards by burrowing under the vines and destroying the root systems, which would cause the fruit (or grapes) to be corrupted and ruined.

We must be on-guard to find the little foxes and expose them before they're big foxes, before they dig in to ruin Christ's church!

Of course, God's people and His church is likened to a vineyard.

In the OT, God sent His true prophets to speak His Word and to care for His people, and to watch for and to expose false prophets:

Isaiah 5:7, Isaiah 27:1-3, Jeremiah 12:10, John 15:5:
"I am the vine, ye are the branches"

Something important to note here is that this warning is spoken in the "present tense" which means, the vineyard is always exposed to foxes burrowing into it and ruining the vineyard. Therefore, she and her ministers must continue to be on the lookout so that she might catch, seize, and remove these poisonous beasts before they destroy the church.

Not only are little foxes likened to false teachers, but also to little sins, left alone to take root and to grow and mature into terrible sins!

Beloved, little sins are as dangerous as big sins; little foxes may seem cute and harmless, but they're still little foxes, and they have a fox's nature, they will grow into big foxes.

Sin is SIN! We must kill sin in its first conception before it takes root in our lives! James 1:12-15

Little sins may seem harmless, but they're far from it; let us never chuckle and laugh at things that we think are funny and sinful; especially, cute little sins in our children and babies; never forget that cute little sins, IF NOT SEIZED and STOPPED and CORRECTED NOW, THEY will grow like terminal cancer, and the destruction of that "once cute little sin" will grow into many grievous and terrible sins!

Remember that the wages of one little sin IS DEATH!
God passes by NO SINS, and no sin is cute to God!

Search your heart Christian for the "little foxes" and "little sins" that would spoil and corrupt and ruin your testimony and your soul! Catch the little foxes NOW, kill them, mortify them, cast them out of your life!

Galatians 5:9: "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump"

It was just a little look; it was ONLY a little sinful thought in my mind, I didn't "actually" do it! But what did you do with THAT LITTLE THOUGHT and THAT LITTLE FOX? Did you violently seize and catch it, and mortify it so that it would not once again find an easy entrance back into your mind and thoughts?

And then, did you cry out to the Lord to take that little wicked thought from you and forgive you for it?

Proverbs 28:13

Or did you leave that little fox "alive" in your mind, so that, THAT sin might come back and haunt you again and cause you to AGAIN sin against your Lord in your mind! Sooner or later, if you don't kill that little fox, that little sin, it will become a big fox and a sin that is no longer only in your thoughts, but in your actions!

How many little foxes are running free in your mind?

Every sin is "little" when it is conceived, don't let it be born out in your life, kill it, put it off, mortify it before it ruins you!