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*Song of Solomon Series*

## RAISING THE BANNER!

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**TEXT: Song of Solomon 2:4** He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

**John 14:21** He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and **will manifest myself to him.**

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will **come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

**Revelation 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

**Luke 12:37** Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and **make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.**

**2 Corinthians 6:17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,**

18 And **will be a Father unto you,** and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

**Psalms 101:3** I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

**1 John 1:4** And these things write we unto you, that your joy **may be full.**

6 If we say that we have **fellowship with him,** and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship one with another,** and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

2:1 My little children, **these things write I unto you, that ye sin not.**

**Song of Solomon 6:10** Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and **terrible as an army with banners?**

**1 Thessalonians 2:2** But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, **we were bold** in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God **with much contention.**

**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

**Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good **to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**Matthew 13:20** But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for **when tribulation or persecution** ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

**Romans 8:36** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than **conquerors** through him that loved us.

**2 Corinthians 5:14** For **the love of Christ constraineth us...**

15 And that he died for all, **that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves**, but unto him which **died for them**, and rose again.

**1 John 4:19** We love him, because he first loved us.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus you soldiers of the Cross; **Lift high your royal banner; it must not suffer loss.**"

**John 13:35** By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, **if ye have love** one to another.

**1 John 3:14** We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren...

**1 John 4:20** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

**1 John 5:2** By this we know that **we love the children of God, when** we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For **this is the love of God**, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

**Song of Solomon 8:7** **Many waters cannot quench love**, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

"...it will enable a man to rejoice in tribulation. Though he slay me, I will love him and trust in him. No waters could quench Christ's love to us, nor any floods drown it; he waded through the greatest difficulties, even seas of blood...Christ, when the kingdoms of this world and the glory of them were offered him, to buy him off from his undertaking, said, Get thee hence, Satan. *It would utterly be contemned*. Offer those things to those that know no better! Love will enable us to repel and triumph over temptations from the smiles of the world, as much as from its frowns."

(Matthew Henry)

**Psalms 60:3** Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou **hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed** because of the truth. Selah.

**Matthew 5:14** Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, **but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.**

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

"So long as soldiers see their banner uplifted, they flock round it with confidence. But when it is prostrate their spirits and hopes fall."

(A. R. Faussett)

**Isaiah 58:12** And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, **The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.**

"The bravest men are usually entrusted with the banner...The Lord has given us the standard of the gospel, let us live to uphold it, and if needful die to defend it...to be ashamed of it [is] a deadly sin...Dark signs of present or coming ill must not dishearten us..." (Spurgeon)

**Psalms 20:5** We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God **we will set up our banners:** the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

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**Jeremiah 12:5**...and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

"We lift the standard of defiance in the face of the foe, and wave the flag of victory over the fallen adversary...The times are evil at present, but so long as Jesus lives and reigns in his church we need not furl our banners in fear, but **advance them with sacred courage.**"

(Spurgeon)

**Matthew 10:27** What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that **preach ye upon the housetops.**

28 And **fear not** them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.