

The Song of Songs

Sessions 1-3

Union and Communion

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- Thoughts on the Song of Solomon
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The Song of Songs

- No song like it!
- Read aright, it brings a gladness to the heart which is as far beyond the joy of earthly things as heaven is higher than the earth
- It has been said that this is a song which grace alone can teach, and experience alone can learn

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- In Solomon, the **bridegroom King**... we have a type of our LORD, the true Prince of Peace, in His coming reign
- Then will be found not merely
 - **His bride, the Church**, but also a willing people,
 - **His subjects**, over whom He shall reign gloriously

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The Daughters of Jerusalem:

They describe very fully the beauty of the bride, but, on the other hand, we never find them occupied with the *person* of the Bridegroom; *He* is not all in all to them; they mind outward and earthly things.

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The Daughters of Jerusalem:

They are clearly not the bride, yet they are not far removed from her.

- They know where the Bridegroom makes His flock to rest at noon;
- They are charged by the Bridegroom not to stir up nor awaken His love when she rests, abiding in Him;

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The Daughters of Jerusalem:

- They draw attention to the Bridegroom as with dignity and pomp He comes up from the wilderness;
- Their love-gifts adorn His chariot of state;
- They are appealed to by the bride for help in finding her Beloved, and, stirred by her impassioned description of His beauty, they desire to seek Him with her;

In The Secret Of His Presence

In the secret of His presence
How my soul delights to hide!
Oh, how precious are the lessons
Which I learn at Jesus' side!
Earthly cares can never vex me,
Neither trials lay me low;
For when Satan comes to tempt me,
To the secret place I go.

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When my soul is faint and thirsty,
'neath the shadow of His wing
There is cool and pleasant shelter,
And a fresh and crystal spring;
And my Savior rests beside me,
As we hold communion sweet:
If I tried, I could not utter
What He says when thus we meet.

In The Secret Of His Presence

Only this I know: I tell Him
All my doubts, my griefs and fears;
Oh, how patiently He listens!
And my drooping soul He cheers:
Do you think He ne'er reproves me?
What a false Friend He would be,
If He never, never told me
Of the sins which He must see.

In The Secret Of His Presence

Would you like to know the sweetness
Of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow:
This shall then be your reward;
And whene'er you leave the silence
Of that happy meeting place,
You must mind and bear the image
Of the Master in your face.

Section 1

Chapter 1:1 to 2:7

Questions

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1. Do I look at Jesus like a bride looks at a bridegroom? If not, why not?
2. What are a few reasons why I seem to struggle with this nature of relationship?

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3. Based on what was talked about, how do any of these picture-analogies speak to and inspire me?
 - a. The king has brought me into his chambers (1:4)
 - b. I am black but lovely (1:5)
 - c. You are like my mare [horse] among the chariots of Pharaoh (1:9)
 - d. Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your neck with strings of beads (1:10)
 - e. How beautiful you are! Your eyes are like doves (1:15)

Sections 2 through 5
Chapter 2:8 to 8:4

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1. What are things that I look to for comfort at the night seasons – both at nights or in the dark valleys of life?
2. What are ways in which **THE WORLD** is an enemy to me and my intimacy with Jesus?
3. What are ways in which **MY FLESH** is an enemy to me and my intimacy with Jesus?