

# SONGS OF SONGS: JESUS LOVES OUR SURRENDERING

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## Songs.4:1-5

*"Behold, you are beautiful, my love... Your eyes are doves...; Your hair is like a flock of goats...<sup>2</sup> Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes...<sup>3</sup> Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely; Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate...<sup>4</sup> Your neck is like the tower of David...<sup>5</sup> Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle..."*

### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. In **Song. 4:1-5** we see the loving heart of Jesus, our Bridegroom-King, and the response of the beloved before His love is to focus her heart to obey, fully believing everything He says about her (**Song 4:6-8**)
- B. **The things that Jesus does and says work to get us into a one hundred percent commitment to obedience (Song 4:6)**. First, she receives divine discipline (**Song 3:1-2**). Second, she receives a fresh revelation from Jesus (**Song 3:6-11**). Third, she receives fresh revelation of who she is in the eyes of Jesus (**Song 4:15**).

### II. THE EYES: JESUS LOVES OUR SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING

**Songs. 4:1 "Your eyes are doves behind your veil."**

- A. **The eyes refer to the spiritual understanding that we acquire when we are enlightened by the Holy Spirit.** In **Eph. 1:18** Paul spoke from the eyes of our heart to understand, because **this understanding is the door to spiritual growth (Phil. 3: 8-10; 2 Cor. 3:18)**. **Obedience flows when we perceive things in the right way.** The bride of Songs does not understand much but He tells her He loves her growth in understanding. **Every parent loves their child to be understood.**  
**Prov, 23:15 "My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad;"**
- B. The maiden is humble in her revelation and that is why she "hides" behind her veil. The veil speaks of her secret life in God (her life behind the veil) is private.

### III. THE HAIR: JESUS LOVES OUR DEDICATION TO HIM

**Song. 4:1 "Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead."**

- A. **The maiden's hair symbolizes her dedication to God.** The hair of the Nazarites was an outward sign of their consecration to God (**Num. 6**). Anyone who took a Nazarite vow was forbidden to cut their hair. Samson's hair was cut off and therefore the dedication vow was broken and as a result he lost his strength.
- B. **Hair also refers to the beauty of submitting to God.** Paul spoke about the woman's hair as a sign of her glory and dedication to God's authority.  
**1 Cor. 11:10 y 15 "That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels...<sup>15</sup> ... but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering."**
- C. We carry out our dedication that comes from divine wisdom with dignity. **Her elegant hair (dedication) is the result of being well nourished in Scripture.** The goats on Mount Gilead were abundantly fed. It was a fertile area with places where goats could eat in abundance. **She was well nourished in love and the Word of God that is why she shows that submission to the authority of God.**

#### IV. HER TEETH: JESUS LOVES OUR MATURITY IN THE WORD

**Songs. 4:2** *"Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and not one among them has lost its young."*

- A. The teeth speak of the ability to chew meat and therefore to be able to receive nutrition. Newborns do not have teeth to chew meat. Those who are newborn in Christ cannot receive the flesh of the word (**1 Cor. 3:1-2**). **This virtue refers to your ability to receive the meat of God's Word.** Their teeth are strong, abundant and effective.

**Heb. 5:14** *"But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."*

- B. When we eat the Word of God our teeth are like sheep coming up from the sink. Climbing out of the laundry room refers to being cleaned of dirt. The Word washes us (**Eph. 5:26**).
- C. **Diligence in studying the Word results in an abundant impact on others.** Their teeth are like a flock of sheared sheep, each one bearing twin young and none has lost its offspring. Its ministerial impact is fruitful. **By meditating on the Word, we can keep our lives as clean as a sheep just emerging from its purification.** This whiteness in his teeth speaks of her commitment to meditate on the word of God (**1 Tim. 4:6-16**).

**Psal. 119:9** *"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word."*

**Jn. 17:17** *"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."*

#### V. THE LIPS: JESUS LOVES OUR GODLY AND ANOINTED WAY OF SPEAKING

**Song. 4:3a** *"Your lips are like a scarlet thread..."*

- A. **Her lips symbolize her speaking.** Her words, like grana, **refer to words that bring redemption to others.** The threads of scarlet describe the redemption of God in the blood of Jesus. (**Josh 2:21; Heb. 9:19**). The scarlet thread should strike our lips as it speaks in an uplifting way (**Col. 4: 6**). Good speech is an indication of God's grace in our life (**James 2:3**).

**1 Ped. 3:3-4** *"Do not let your adorning be external... <sup>4</sup> but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious."*

**Eph. 4:29** *"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."*

#### VI. THE MOUTH: JESUS LOVES OUR INTIMACY WITH HIM

**Song. 4:3b** *"and your mouth is lovely..."*

- A. In **Song. 1:2**, the mouth was presented in context to the kisses of his mouth, which refer to intimacy with God. **Our fellowship with Jesus is beautiful to Him.** The King is not being repetitive or redundant in this statement about the maiden.
- B. **When we give our love to Jesus, it often seems weak. However, God declares that this affection is beautiful to Him, even in our immaturity.** The Lord delights in the fellowship He has with us. He loves what we tell him in the secret place.

**Mat. 6:6** *"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."*

**Jn. 4:23b** *"...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him."*

## VII. THE CHEEKS: JESUS LOVES OUR EMOTIONS REGULATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Song. 4:3c** *"Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil."*

- A. The cheeks (face) reveal our emotions. The Hebrew word translated as cheeks can also be translated as countenance or face. Our emotions are expressed by our faces. We can see anger, joy, happiness and sadness on the cheeks or face. They are the windows to our emotions.

**Hab. 3:17-18** *"Though the fig tree should not blossom... <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."*

**Psal. 43:5** *"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God."*

- B. The young girl's pious emotions were like pomegranate halves. When the grenades break they are red inside. Red can speak of modesty, be prone to blush in the presence of embarrassing things. A flushed countenance speaks of being sensitive to shameful things. She is genuine, it is not just a pretense. There is a life of modesty and sweetness that is hidden.

## VIII. THE NECK: JESUS LOVES OUR RESOLVED WILL

**Song. 4:4** *"Your neck is like the tower of David, built in rows of stone; on it hang a thousand shields, all of them shields of warriors."*

- A. **In Scripture, the neck often refers to the will, the will can be stubborn or submissive.** The will of the Bride is like the heart of David, who set her heart unconditionally before God (Ps. 57: 6). This in contrast to being double-minded.

**Psal. 132:1-5** *"Lord, remember David He swore an oath: No iré a mi casa y no descansaré. <sup>4</sup> I will not enter my house or go to my bed, <sup>4</sup> I will allow no sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, <sup>5</sup> till I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."*

- B. The Towers of David were strong and tall to have an effective defense in the city of Jerusalem. His decisions were strong as the Towers of David. **A determined will to obey God is like an arsenal of weapons against the kingdom of Satan. 1000 shields refers to abundant protection against the enemy.** His will was like 1000 skilled warriors who were tested in battles. They provided protection from the enemy.
- C. **Our firm resolve to obey Jesus is an essential aspect of our spiritual victory. There is no substitute for exercising our will to say yes to God.** The Lord will not violate the limits of redemption by forcing us to say yes.

## IX. THE BREASTS: JESUS LOVES OUR ABILITY TO FEED OTHERS

**Song. 4:5** *"Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, that graze among the lilies."*

- A. The breasts speak of feeding others as a mother feeds her children. Their breasts are like two gazelle twins, gazelles are animals with a youthful heart. **This speaks of a double portion, or double ability to feed others by giving the milk of the Word.**

**1 Thes. 2:7** *"But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children,"*

## X. SHE RESPONDS WITH A COMMITMENT TO MATURE SPIRITUALLY

**Song. 4:6 "Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I will go away to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense."**

- A. **She responds to these claims of her beauty by embracing the cross or committing to go to the mount of myrrh.** Myrrh is a spice used in burials, which is expensive, yet has a great aroma. It symbolizes the death of Jesus. Jesus went up the mountain of myrrh in His own life when He went to the cross. We take up our cross to deny ourselves (**Lk. 9:26**) to climb the mountain.
- B. **Throughout Scripture, incense talks about prayer (Ps. 141:2; Rev. 5:8). We climbed the hill of incense to receive strength to climb the mount of myrrh. Jesus exhorted Peter to pray for strength in the face of temptation (Mt. 26: 40-41). Our prayer life strengthens our hearts to embrace the cross when we renounce ourselves. We can only embrace the mountain of denial ourselves as we climb the hill of prayer.**
- C. The **"hill of incense"** is smaller than the mount of myrrh. A small amount of prayer also prepares us to climb a higher mountain. Short sentences have a big impact. We get more than we deserve in our prayer life.
- D. The maiden makes a firm decision to leave the comfort zone to go to the mountains or walk the will of God without fear. **"I will go!" How glorious are these words to God.** In some translations she says: **"I will go my way, to the mountain of myrrh"** We must follow the only path that God has chosen for us. **God calls each of us on our own journey that has been created for us. Our only path to the mount of myrrh involves unique difficulties according to God's purposes in our life.**
- E. **She agrees to continue on the mount of myrrh until all sin is over or until dawn breaks and the shadows recede.** Shadows speak of areas of weakness or sin, like little foxes (**Song 2:15**). The light of dawn brings a new day, or a new stage of victory after fighting through the night. **This refers both to the day of eternity, when we live in the full presence of God, as well as the time of victory, when we live in the greatest light here on earth.**

## XI. REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does knowing that Jesus loves your surrender motivate you?
2. In what area of your life do you need to respond best to God's love?
3. How do you think your prayer life helps you deny yourself to follow Christ?