

SONG OF SONGS: THE MATURE UNION OF THE BRIDE WITH JESUS

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I. QUICK REVIEW

- A. In **Songs. 6:11-12**, the Bride made a commitment to minister to those who are spiritually immature. **One of the main themes of Song of Solomon is Jesus equipping his Bride to walk in association with Him.** In **Songs 7** Jesus first recognizes the virtues of Her beloved and again compliments her ministry to nurture others, unleash the presence of the Holy Spirit and at the same time maintain her fellowship with God.

II. BRIDAL ASSOCIATION EXPRESSED IN INSTANT OBEDIENCE

Songs. 7:9-10 "and your mouth like the best wine. May the wine go straight to my beloved, flowing gently over lips and teeth."

- A. In **Songs. 7:9** the meaning changes significantly in the middle of the verse. The Lord speaks in the first line of **v.9** and then the Bride speaks. **In response to the affirmation she receives from Jesus she enthusiastically proclaims her agreement with the things He commands her to do.**
- B. In poetic language the phrase **"flowing smoothly"** refers to her living in **instant accord with the leading of the Holy Spirit.** The wine of the Spirit will flow smoothly because she receives it without resistance. Being continually filled with the Spirit means continually living under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 5:18-20 "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father..."

- C. She delights in the leadership of the Spirit and drinks the cup of God's will without complain.

Sal. 40:8 "I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

- D. When obedience is difficult, we must confess, "You are my Beloved and because I love You Jesus I gladly accept Your will."
- E. When she refers to Jesus as **"my Beloved"** she indicates that she obeys the Holy Spirit out of love for Jesus. **As we live in greater accord with the Spirit, the Lord will pour out more of Jesus' love into our hearts (John 16:14).**

Rom. 5:5 "... because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

- F. **"... those who fall asleep"** The Spirit longs to awaken believers who are spiritually asleep.

Eph 5:14 "...Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

- G. El Espíritu ministrará, a través de la Novia, a aquellos que están dormidos, siempre y cuando ella le obedezca en su propia vida. **La prueba de que el Espíritu ha despertado a los que duermen es que su habla está sujeta a Su liderazgo y ellos hablarán en pureza y justicia.** Él nos llama a un amor voluntario y por lo tanto, nos moverá dulcemente, sin violar nuestro libre albedrío. **El Espíritu Santo nos atrae dulcemente para hablar por Él con expresiones de sometimiento.**

Lk. 10:21 "...Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do."

Lk. 22:42 "...yet not my will, but yours be done."

III. THE SPIRITUAL IDENTITY OF THE BRIDE IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Songs. 7:10 "I belong to my beloved, and his desire is for me"

- A. The obedience of the Bride in **Song. 7:9** is rooted in her spiritual identity which consists of two things. **She sees herself as the person whom Jesus longs for and she sees herself as fully belonging to Him as her Beloved.** We can see that she is from her Beloved because of His passion for her. Understanding His passion is a priority.

1 Jn. 4:19 "We love because he first loved us."

- B. **Spiritual Identity # 1: She sees herself as the person Jesus longs for. The most prominent theme in Song of Solomon is the revelation of God's longing for us.** This revelation will powerfully change us. **This is his main motivation to be obedient and diligent (Song 4:9; 6:4-5; 7:6-10).** Understanding God's longings gives us strength to refuse to live by the opinion of others. This gives us emotional security. **We declare God's Word in the face of rejection and condemnation, saying, "It is written: He loves me passionately even though others reject me.**
- C. **Spiritual Identity No.2: she sees herself as a lover of God, saying: "I belong to my beloved" or "I belong to Jesus, I am under his leadership, I want to please him, his desires are the most important thing to me".** She has revelation of the ownership that Jesus has over her (**1 Cor. 6:20**). She exists for Him, without other considerations (**Rev. 14:4**). She serves God without worrying about what happens to her. Knowing what He longs for is the most relevant issue in her life.
- D. We confess our identity, **"I am a lover of God. That is what I am. That's what I do."** We live a life of obedience and surrender because He already yearns for us (not to earn His love).

IV. JESUS HAS A GREAT LONGING FOR HIS PEOPLE

- A. **Our greatest glory is that we can touch the heart of God.** His heart is deeply touched by our love for Him. What happens in our hearts is so important to God that it is recorded in His books.

Psal. 56:8 "You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book."

- B. The Lord is touched by a weak people who truly love Him. **Our love for Him in the midst of trial is more precious than we can comprehend.**
- C. **Jesus' love is so powerful that it binds him to weak people who love Him.** His ability to love those who are smaller than Him is unique. God loves us just as He loves Jesus (**John 15:9; 17:23**). It is something that is beyond human comprehension (**Eph. 3:18**). Our voice is sweet and our countenance is charming to Him, even in our weaknesses and struggles (**Song 2:14**).
- D. We can pray regularly, **"Release this revelation on me and pour your love into my heart."**

2 Thes. 3:5 "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love..."

V. OUR UNION WITH JESUS IS EXPRESSED IN INTERCESSION BY POWER

Songs. 7:11-12 "Come, my beloved, let us go to the countryside, let us spend the night in the villages. ¹² Let us go early to the vineyards to see if the vines have budded, if their blossoms have opened, and if the pomegranates are in bloom — there I will give you my love."

- A. **Our union or association with Jesus is expressed through our intercession to see more of the outpouring of His power.** In **Songs. 7: 8** Jesus promised to pour out the Spirit in the young woman's life and she intercedes according to this promise. Here, we see the Bride remaining in her commitment to move forward in the ministry (**Song 6:11**).
- B. Previously, she descended into the garden to join with Jesus to bring those who were still immature under the blessing and leadership of the Lord. **Now, she intercedes for Him to come with her in the sense of unleashing her presence in her labors.** She changed her language from **Songs. 6:11** from "came down" to "let's get up" indicating that they work together.

Mc. 16:20 "Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. Amen."

1 Co. 3:9 "For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

- C. In **Songs. 7:11**, the Bride agrees to go to the villages and to the harvest field (**John 4:35**). **The field of service begins in our family, work, church, and neighborhood.** It is where God places us. It can be near or far from our known environment. The villages speak of the small areas where Jesus has an inheritance and where He wants to build his Church. She sees the value that unknown towns and places have for God, not just cities. She is willing to stay even if she is in a remote village.
- D. **Waking up early, she speaks of her diligence and urgency in the command the Lord gave her.** She comes down to invest in the budding vines that have not yet borne fruit. She is going to "see" budding vines because she sees them as Jesus' inheritance and "His garden" therefore, values them and is patient with them. **Budding vines, blooming grapes, and blooming pomegranates**

speak of different people and ministries in need of maturity (Song 4:12; 6:11).

- E. The Moravian missionaries lived in the sacrifice that, "*The Lamb would receive the reward of his sufferings.*" In this passage the young woman is running with the Lord under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

VI. THERE I WILL GIVE YOU MY LOVE (Songs. 7:12)

- A. **The Bride experiences, in the midst of ministry, intimacy with Jesus without distraction. "There" is the place of disinterested work, the risks of faith, disappointments and mistreatment.** She embraces both being drawn to intimacy and running together in ministry (**Song 1:4**). **She learns to love him, as she serves others, rather than losing her intimacy in the rigors of the ministry.**
- B. **It is easier to give our love to Jesus in the banquet room under the shade of the tree (Song 2: 3-4).** The immature maiden would have loved Jesus privately but she could not have sustained this while she was serving others.
- C. **It takes maturity to walk in "undistracted love" for Jesus, in the midst of hardship, persecution, and disappointment.** The Bride is walking in the apostolic Christianity that **Phil. 3:10** which calls us to walk in intimacy and ministry while experiencing adversity. Paul loved Jesus in the context of being mistreated, being sent to prison and while he ministered to the jailers in **Acts 16**.

Phil. 3:10 "*I want to know Christ [intimacy with God]—yes, to know the power of his resurrection [ministry] and participation in his sufferings [adversity], becoming like him in his death.*"

VII. REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How do you consider your relationship with the Holy Spirit to be? Explain
2. Do you see yourself as the person Jesus longs for? Explain
3. How do you conquer the distractions that want to blur you from intimacy with Jesus?
4. Pray as a group for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your families, church and community.