

A photograph of a couple walking through a field of tall grass at sunset. The woman is on the left, wearing a light-colored sweater and dark pants, and the man is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt and dark pants. They are holding hands. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light.

Love Story



A STUDY OF THE SONG OF SOLOMON

4:7-10



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9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!



Let's review what we have covered thus far in this wonderful book of the Song of Solomon.

I. AN HOUR OF TROUBLE, 1:1-8

II. AN HOUR OF TEMPTATION, 1:9-11

III. AN HOUR OF TENDERNESS, 1:12—2:7

IV. AN HOUR OF TRUTH, 2:8—3:5

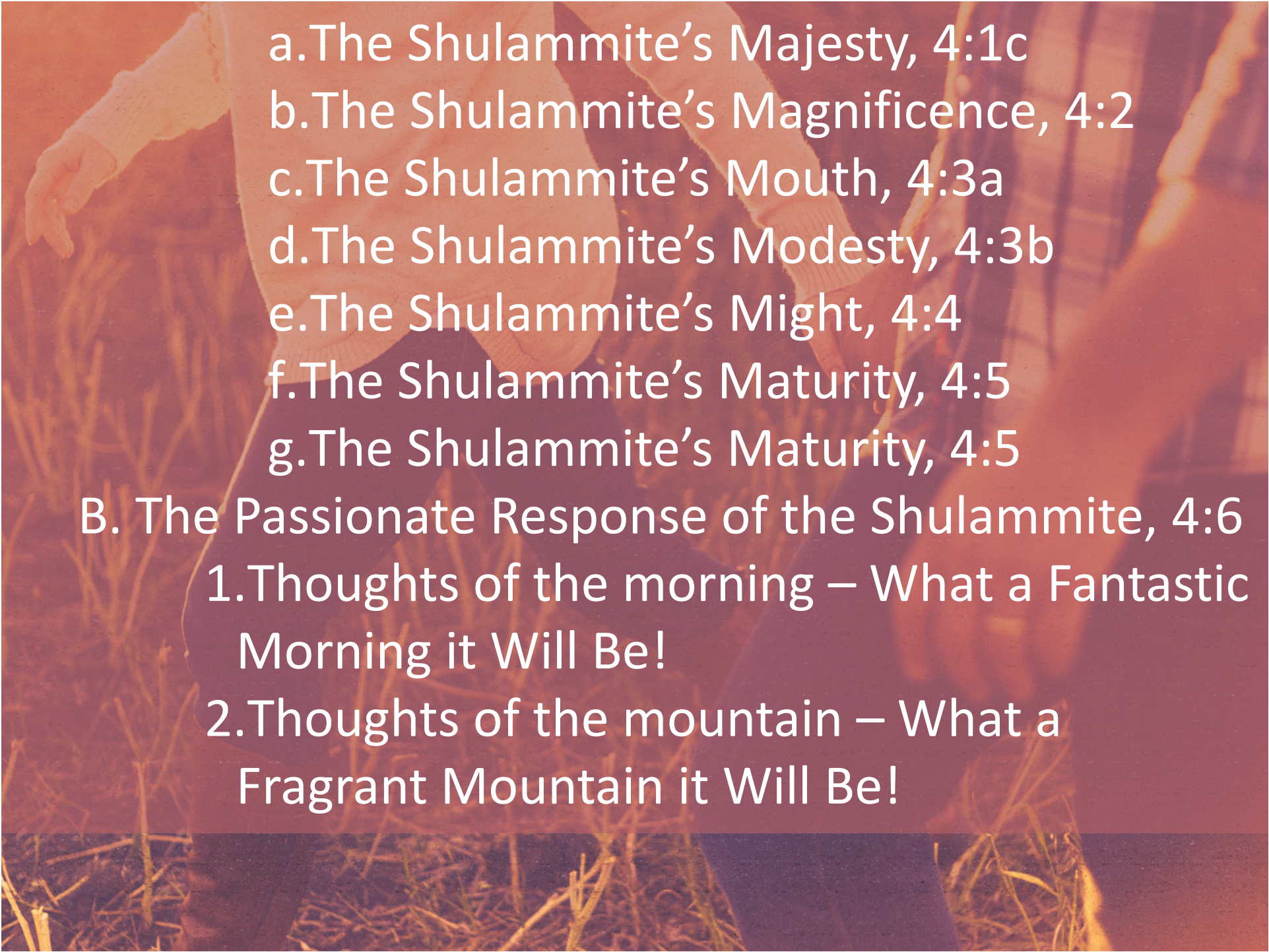
V. AN HOUR OF TALK, 3:6-11

VI. AN HOUR OF TOGETHERNESS, 4:1—5:1

A. The Personal Radiance of the Shulammitte, 4:1-5

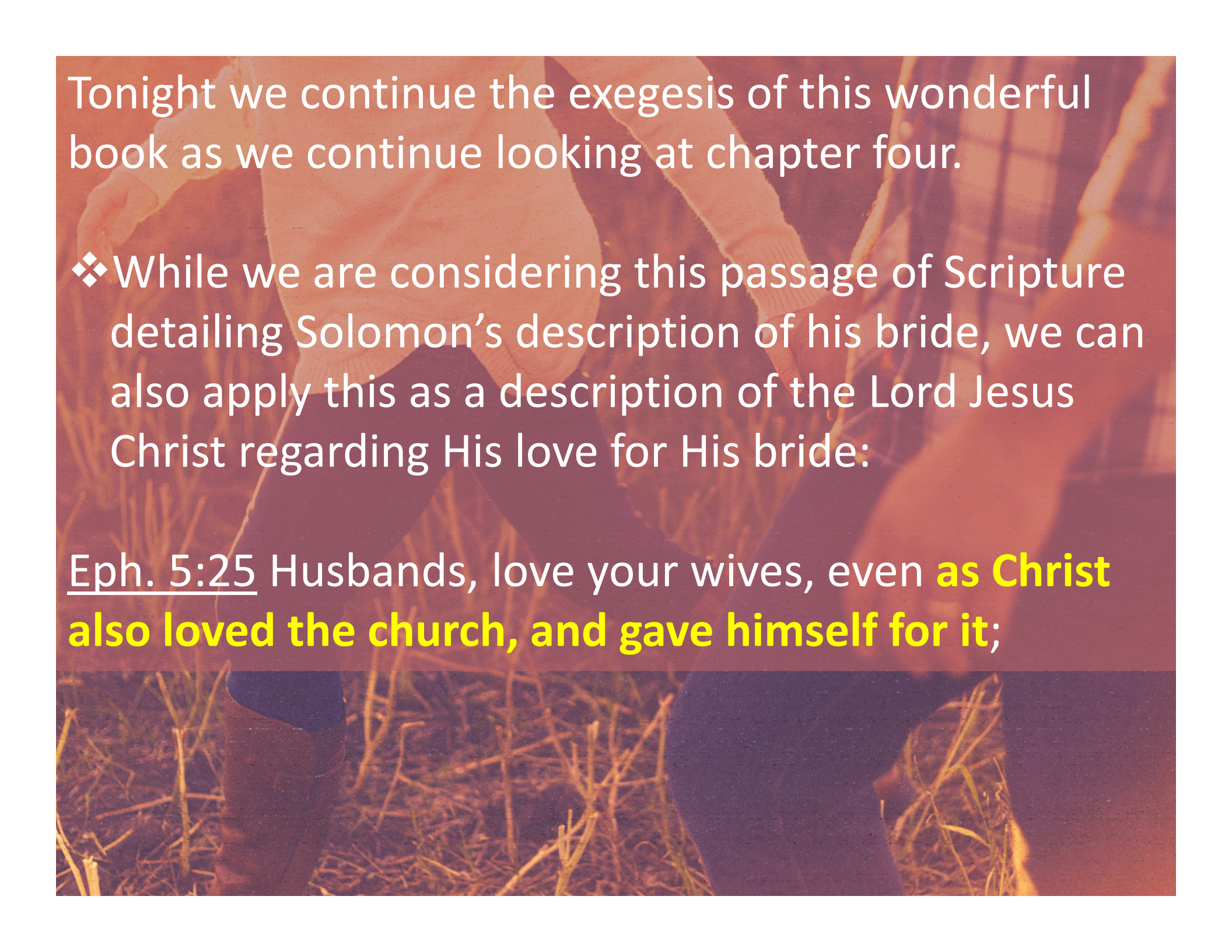
1. The Exclamation of the Shepherd, 4:1a

2. The Explanation of the Shepherd, 4:1b-5

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- A person wearing a white sweater is shown from the waist down, holding a large bundle of dry sticks or straw. The background is a field of tall, dry grasses. The entire image has a warm, reddish-orange tint.
- a. The Shulammitte's Majesty, 4:1c
 - b. The Shulammitte's Magnificence, 4:2
 - c. The Shulammitte's Mouth, 4:3a
 - d. The Shulammitte's Modesty, 4:3b
 - e. The Shulammitte's Might, 4:4
 - f. The Shulammitte's Maturity, 4:5
 - g. The Shulammitte's Maturity, 4:5

B. The Passionate Response of the Shulammitte, 4:6

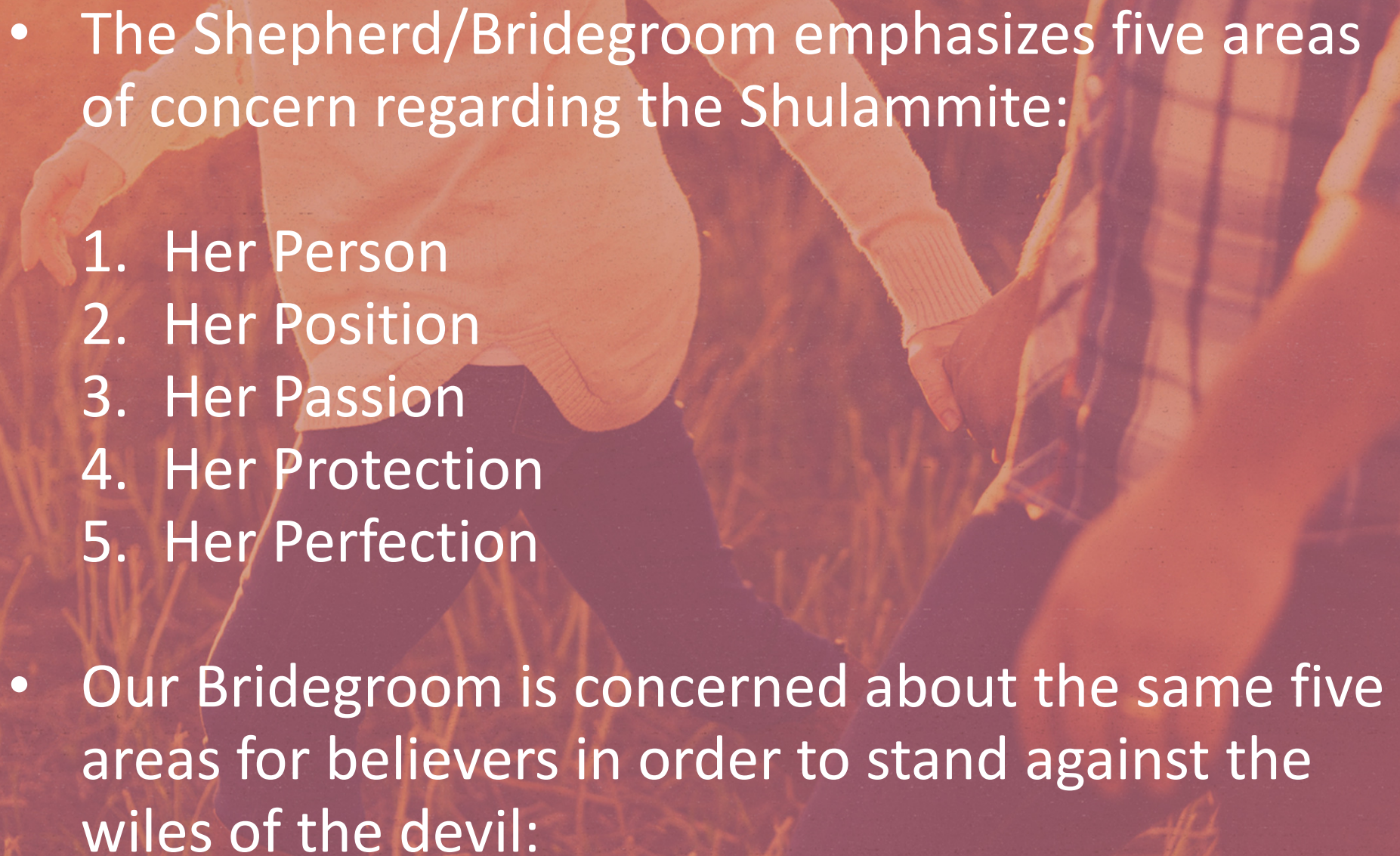
1. Thoughts of the morning – What a Fantastic Morning it Will Be!
2. Thoughts of the mountain – What a Fragrant Mountain it Will Be!

A photograph of a couple holding hands in a field of tall grass at sunset. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a soft glow. The couple is in the foreground, their hands clasped together. The background shows the field of grass stretching towards the horizon.

Tonight we continue the exegesis of this wonderful book as we continue looking at chapter four.

❖ While we are considering this passage of Scripture detailing Solomon's description of his bride, we can also apply this as a description of the Lord Jesus Christ regarding His love for His bride:

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even **as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

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- The Shepherd/Bridegroom emphasizes five areas of concern regarding the Shulammitte:
 1. Her Person
 2. Her Position
 3. Her Passion
 4. Her Protection
 5. Her Perfection
 - Our Bridegroom is concerned about the same five areas for believers in order to stand against the wiles of the devil:

Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, **that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**



C. The Pilgrim Responsibility of the Shulammite,
4:7-15

1. Her Person, 4:7

Song 4:7 Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee.

- There are no mention of any blemishes or imperfections.

Psa. 85:2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, **thou hast covered all their sin.** Selah.

Prov. 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but **love covereth all sins.**



Rom. 4:7 *Saying*, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and **whose sins are covered.**

1 Pet. 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for **charity shall cover the multitude of sins.**

- The Bridegroom views the bride through the lens of love.

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word,**

27 That he might **present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

2. Her Position, 4:8

Song 4:8 Come with me from Lebanon, *my* spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

a. The Peaks to be Climbed by Faith –
“Come with me from Lebanon, *my* spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon...”

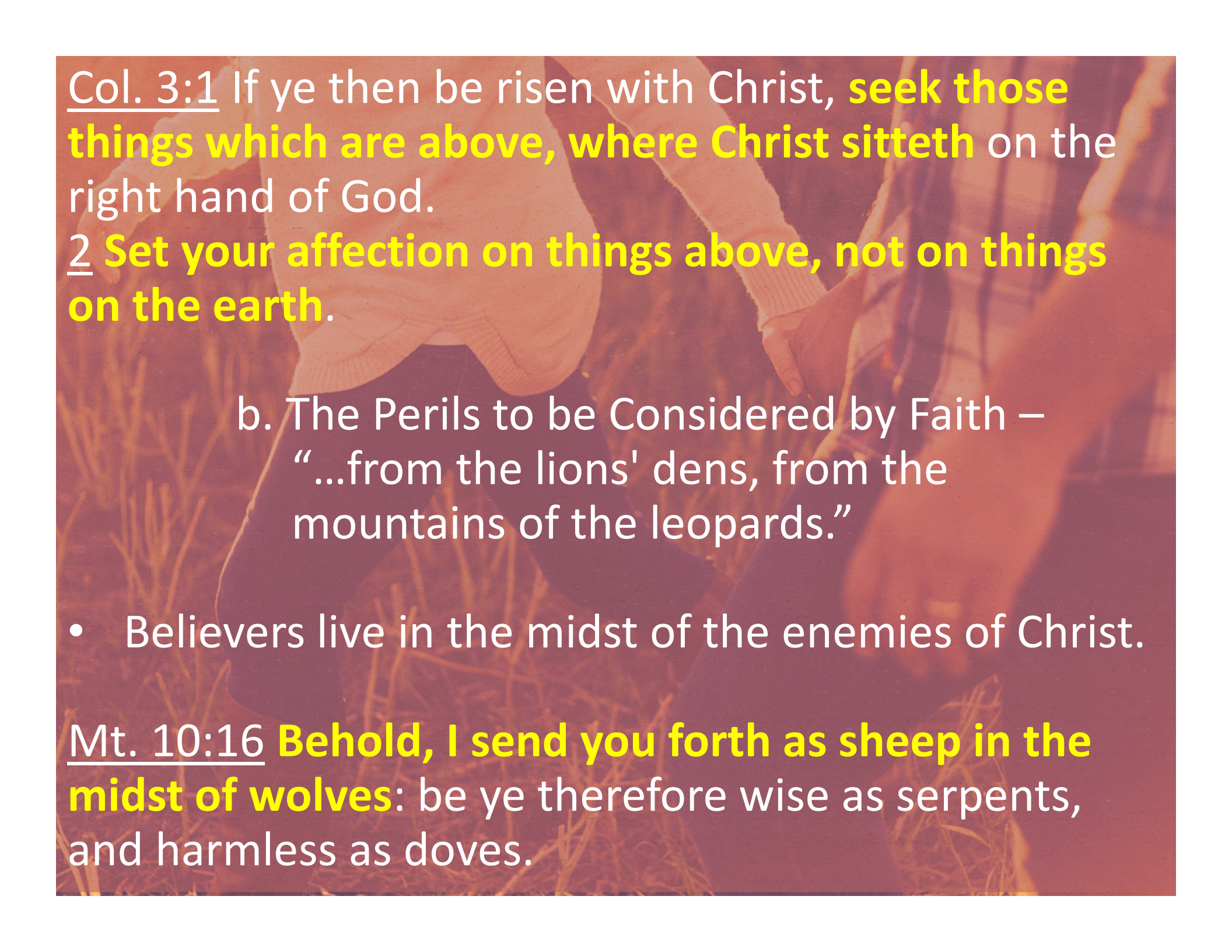


Deut. 3:9 (*Which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;)

Senir or Shenir = "snow mountain" → the Amorite name for Mount Hermon

- The Bridegroom encourages His bride by assisting her in her "thought life." – forget Lebanon and go to "...the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon..."

Isa. 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee:** because he trusteth in thee.



Col. 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth** on the right hand of God.

2 **Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.**

b. The Perils to be Considered by Faith –
“...from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.”

- Believers live in the midst of the enemies of Christ.

Mt. 10:16 **Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves:** be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

- Believers need to be perpetually prepared in order to face the enemy:

2 Cor. 10:4 (For **the weapons of our warfare** *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**;

1 Pet. 1:13 Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

3. Her Passion, 4:9-11

a. Hers is a Love Beyond Compulsion, 4:9

Song 4:9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

Ravish

To bear away with joy or delight; to delight to ecstasy; to transport.

Ex. – Thou hast ravished my heart. Proverbs 5:19

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/ravish>

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- Two believers of the opposite sex are commonly called *brother* and *sister*.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, **the same is my brother, and sister**, and mother.

1 Cor. 7:15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. **A brother or a sister** is not under bondage in such *cases*: but God hath called us to peace.

- The bride's love is so powerful that "one eye" and "one chain" is all that it takes to mesmerize or "ravish the heart" of the Groom.

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- The hyperbole expresses the Groom's reciprocation to the bride's love.

b. Hers is a Love Beyond Comparison, 4:10

Song 4:10 How fair is thy love, my sister, *my spouse!* how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

- Not only is the bride “fair,” but so is her love for the Bridegroom! – “How fair is thy love...”
- If believers understood the joy that Christ received from their love, they would surely love Him even more! – “..how much better is thy love than wine!”

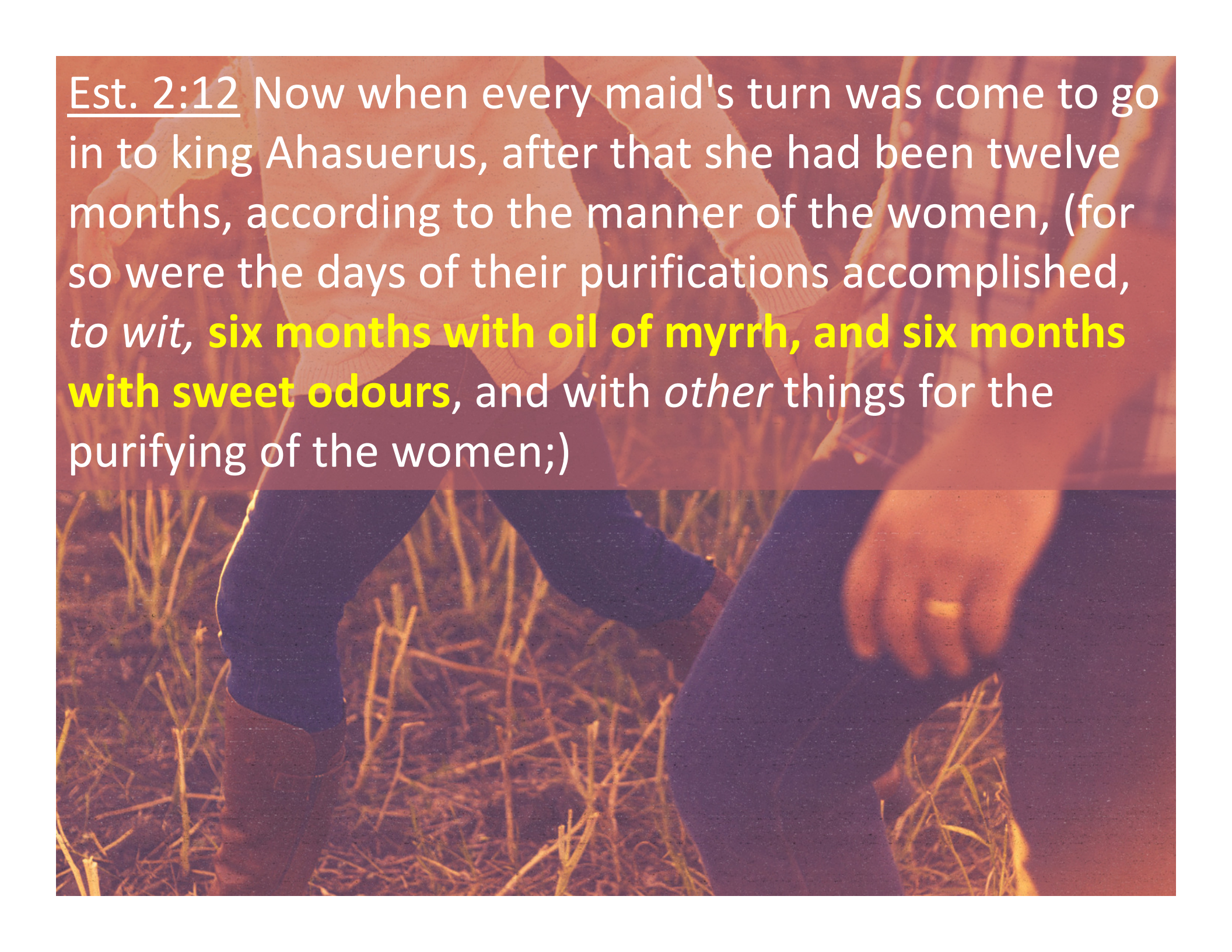


Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

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

- The Bridegroom is overwhelmed by the pleasant and enticing smells of the bride.

Prov. 27:9a “Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart...”



Est. 2:12 Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, **six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours**, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women;)

Conclusion

- Thus far the content of tonight's passage has described the Bridegroom's response to the love given Him by the bride.
- The believers should love Christ in like manner, a life that is "an odour of a sweet smell" like His "offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

Phil. 4:18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, **an odour of a sweet smell**, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.



Eph. 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2 And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**