

A romantic scene of a couple walking through a field of tall grass at sunset. The person on the left is wearing a light-colored sweater and dark pants, while the person on the right is wearing a plaid shirt. They are holding hands, and the warm, golden light of the setting sun bathes the entire scene.

# Love Story



A STUDY OF THE SONG OF SOLOMON

4:11-15





Song 4:11 Thy lips, O *my* spouse, drop *as* the honeycomb: honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.

12 A garden inclosed *is* my sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,

14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.



A romantic couple holding hands in a field of tall grass at sunset. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a soft glow over the couple and the field. The couple is seen from the waist down, with their hands clasped together in the center of the frame. The grass is tall and dry, swaying gently in the breeze. The overall mood is intimate and peaceful.

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

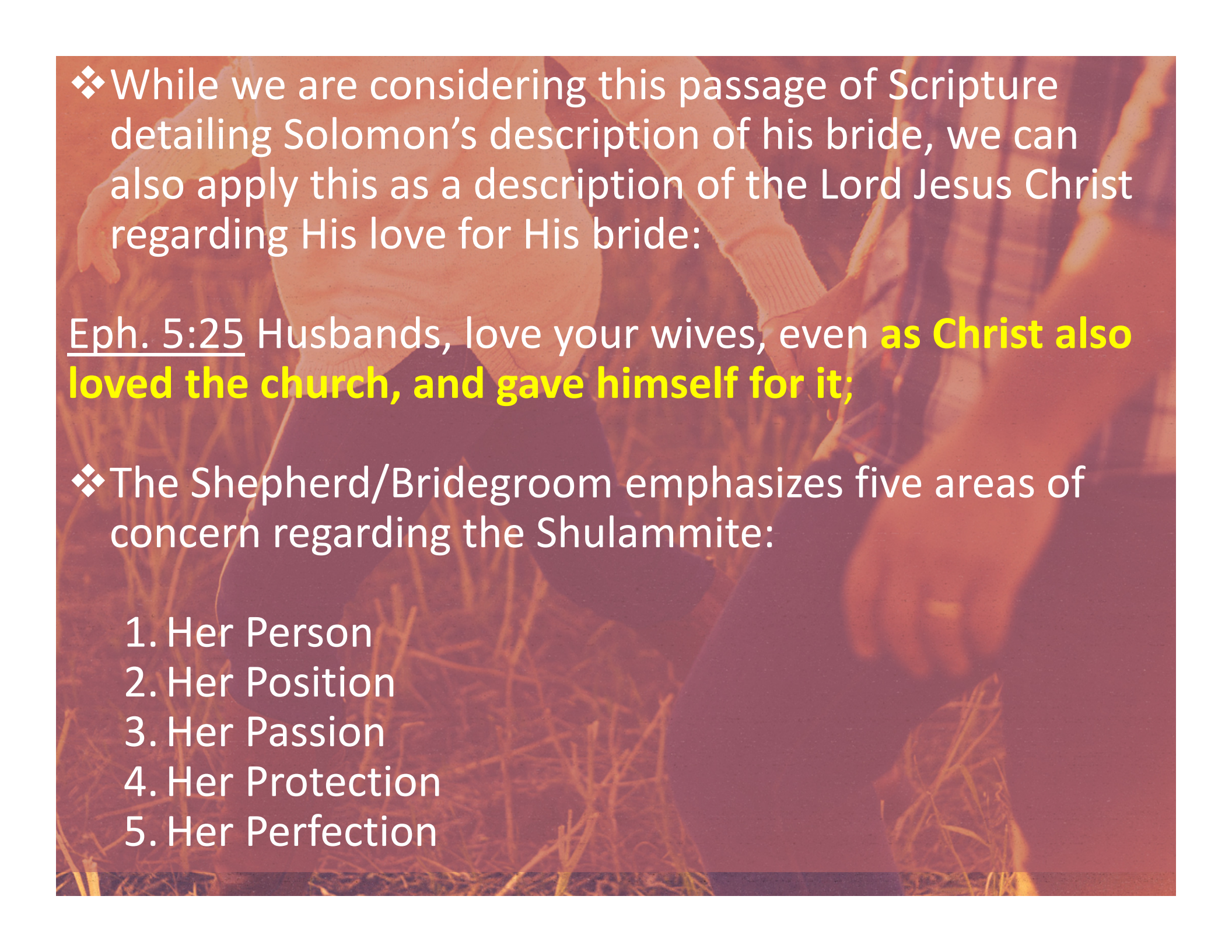
V. AN HOUR OF TALK, 3:6-11

VI. AN HOUR OF TOGETHERNESS, 4:1—5:1

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

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





❖ 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;**

❖ The Shepherd/Bridegroom emphasizes five areas of concern regarding the Shulammite:

1. Her Person
2. Her Position
3. Her Passion
4. Her Protection
5. Her Perfection

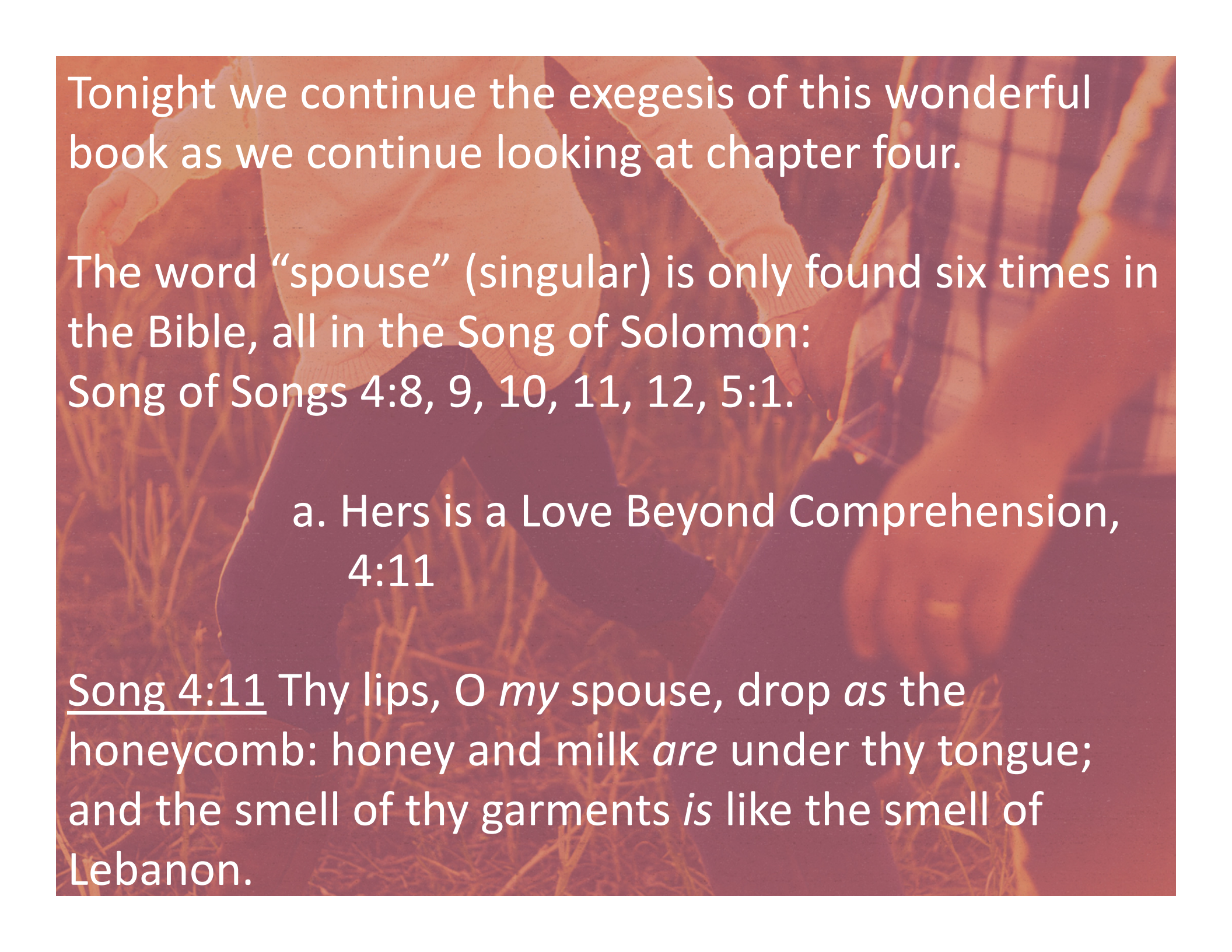




## C. The Pilgrim Responsibility of the Shulammite, 4:7-15

1. Her Person, 4:7
2. Her Position, 4:8
  - a. The Peaks to be Climbed by Faith
  - b. The Perils to be Considered by Faith
3. Her Passion, 4:9-11
  - a. Hers is a Love Beyond Compulsion, 4:9
  - b. Hers is a Love Beyond Comparison, 4:10





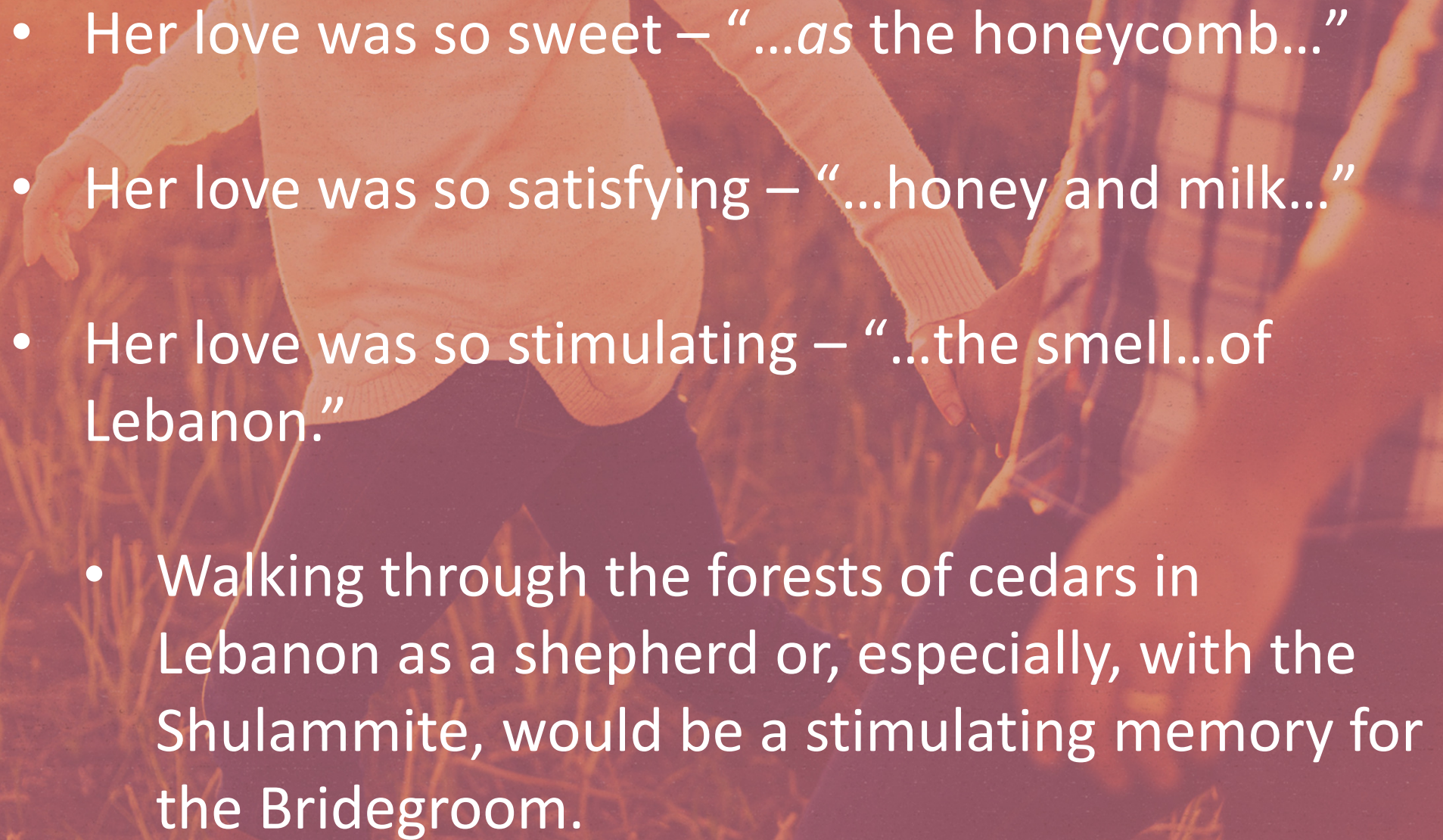
Tonight we continue the exegesis of this wonderful book as we continue looking at chapter four.

The word “spouse” (singular) is only found six times in the Bible, all in the Song of Solomon:  
Song of Songs 4:8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 5:1.

a. Hers is a Love Beyond Comprehension,  
4:11

Song 4:11 Thy lips, O *my* spouse, drop *as* the honeycomb: honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.



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- Her love was so sweet – “...*as* the honeycomb...”
  - Her love was so satisfying – “...honey and milk...”
  - Her love was so stimulating – “...the smell...of Lebanon.”
  - Walking through the forests of cedars in Lebanon as a shepherd or, especially, with the Shulammite, would be a stimulating memory for the Bridegroom.



## 4. Her Protection, 4:12

Song 4:12 A garden inclosed *is* my sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

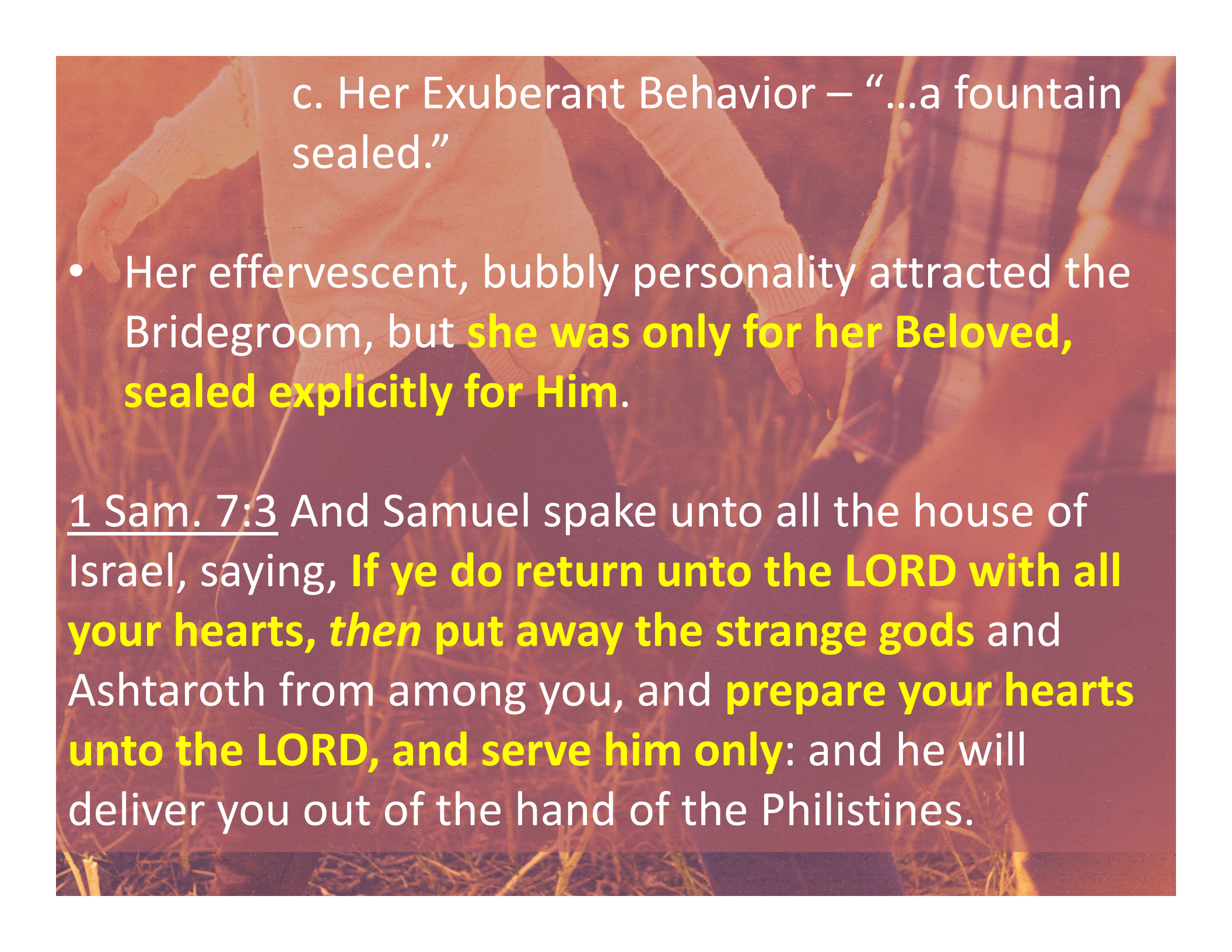
a. Her Exotic Beauty – “A garden inclosed...”

- The Bridegroom expressed his bride’s beauty, like a garden, **that is for him alone.**

b. Her Exhaustless Bounty – “...a spring shut up...”

- Like a spring, she was wonderfully **giving of herself to him.**



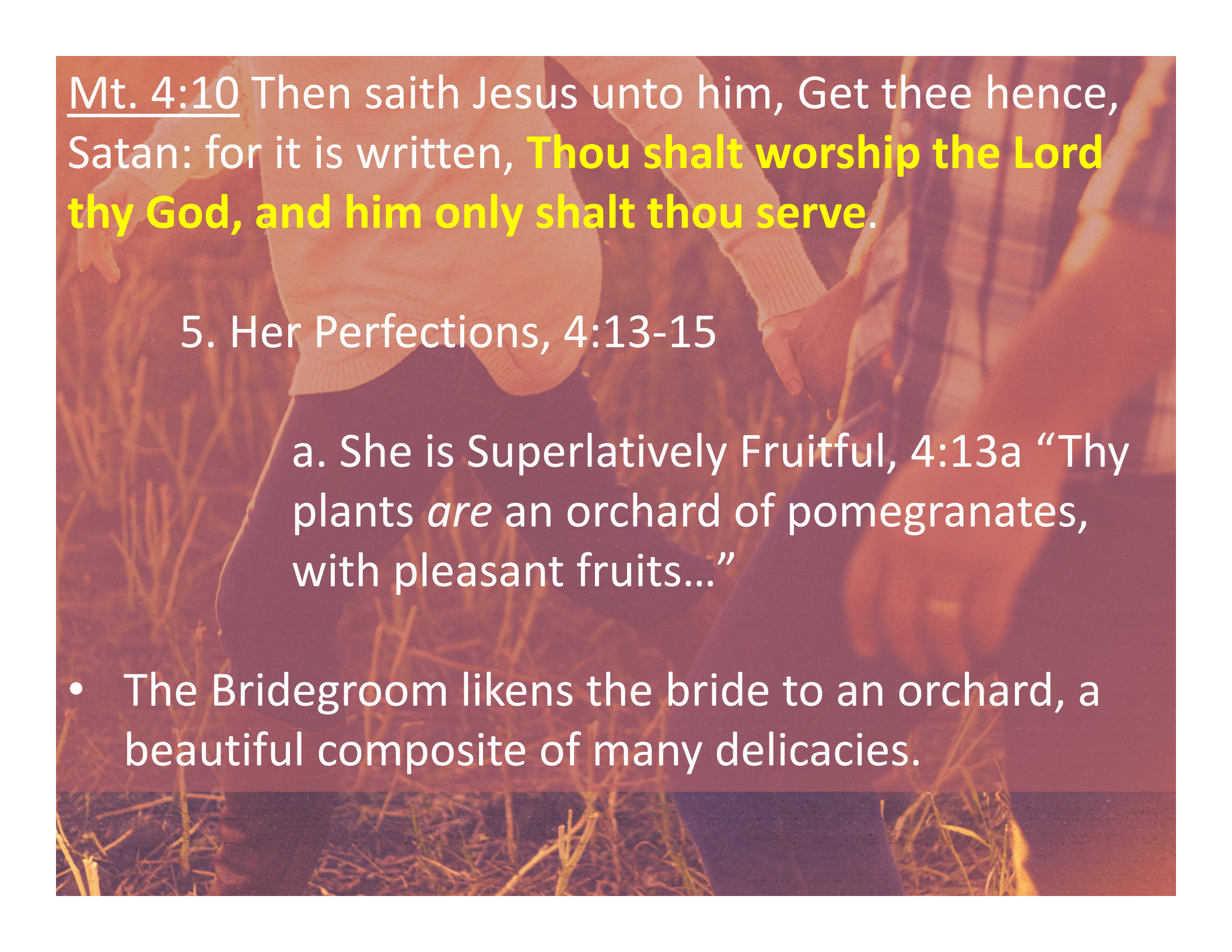


c. Her Exuberant Behavior – “...a fountain sealed.”

- Her effervescent, bubbly personality attracted the Bridegroom, but **she was only for her Beloved, sealed explicitly for Him.**

1 Sam. 7:3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, **If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only:** and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.





Mt. 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, **Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

## 5. Her Perfections, 4:13-15

a. She is Superlatively Fruitful, 4:13a “Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits...”

- The Bridegroom likens the bride to an orchard, a beautiful composite of many delicacies.



Original Word: פָּרְדֵּס

Transliteration: pardes

Definition: a preserve, park (**Heb. word only used in two other places → “paradise.”**)

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6508.htm>

Nehemiah 2:8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's **forest**, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.





Eccl. 2:5 I made me gardens and **orchards**, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits:

b. She is Superlatively Fragrant, 4:13b-14  
“...camphire, with spikenard, 14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:”

- The Shulammite’s presence overwhelmed the Bridegroom with all of her pleasantries – imagine the Lord’s view of a faithful bride, without spot, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)!

**A church should be a wonderful “garden of faithfulness” FOR HIM to enjoy!**



A romantic couple is shown from the waist down, holding hands in a field of tall, dry grass. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, creating a soft, intimate atmosphere. The man is wearing a light-colored sweater, and the woman is wearing a plaid skirt. Their hands are clasped together in the center of the frame.

4:13 Thy plants *are* an orchard of...

1. Pomegranates
2. pleasant fruits
3. camphire
4. spikenard

4:14

5. Spikenard
6. Saffron – one ounce requires 4,000 blossoms. (Only found here in the Bible.)
7. calamus
8. cinnamon
9. frankincense
10. myrrh
11. aloes
12. all the chief spices



A person wearing a white sweater is holding a small plant in a field of tall grass. The image has a warm, orange-toned overlay.

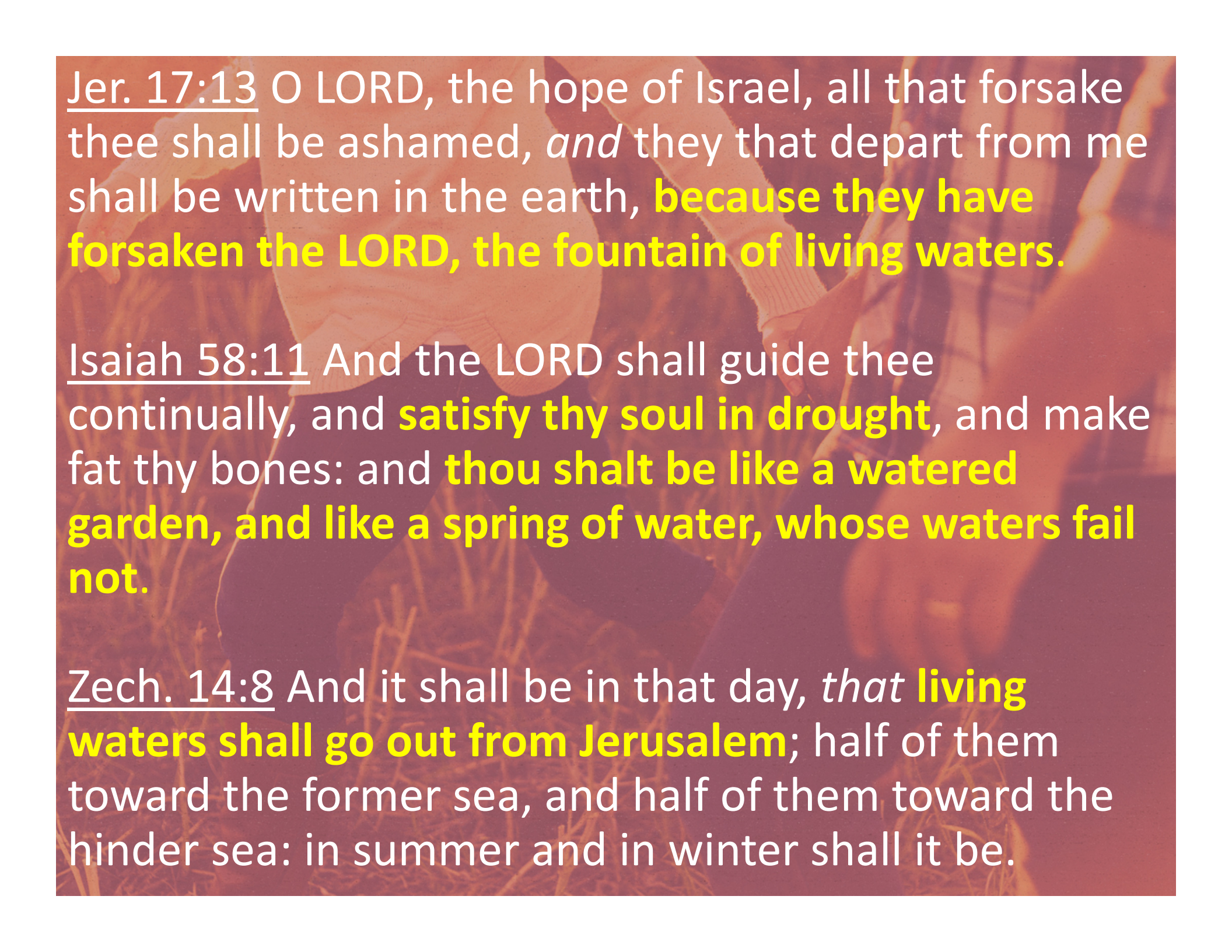
c. She is Superlatively Fair, 4:15

Song 4:15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

Prov. 5:15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

Jer. 2:13 For my people have committed two evils;  
**they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters,**  
*and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that  
can hold no water.





Jer. 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, **because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.**

Isaiah 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and **satisfy thy soul in drought**, and make fat thy bones: and **thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.**

Zech. 14:8 And it shall be in that day, *that* **living waters shall go out from Jerusalem**; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.



The background of the slide is a photograph with a warm, reddish-orange tint. It depicts several hands of different skin tones reaching up and holding a wooden cross. The focus is on the hands and the cross, with the background being a blurred field of tall grass.

## Conclusion

Jn. 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

38 He **that believeth on me**, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow **rivers of living water.**

Jn. 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and **he would have given thee living water.**





Psa. 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks,  
**so panteth my soul after thee, O God.**

2 **My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:** when shall I come and appear before God?

- The satisfaction of the soul is found only in fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ!