

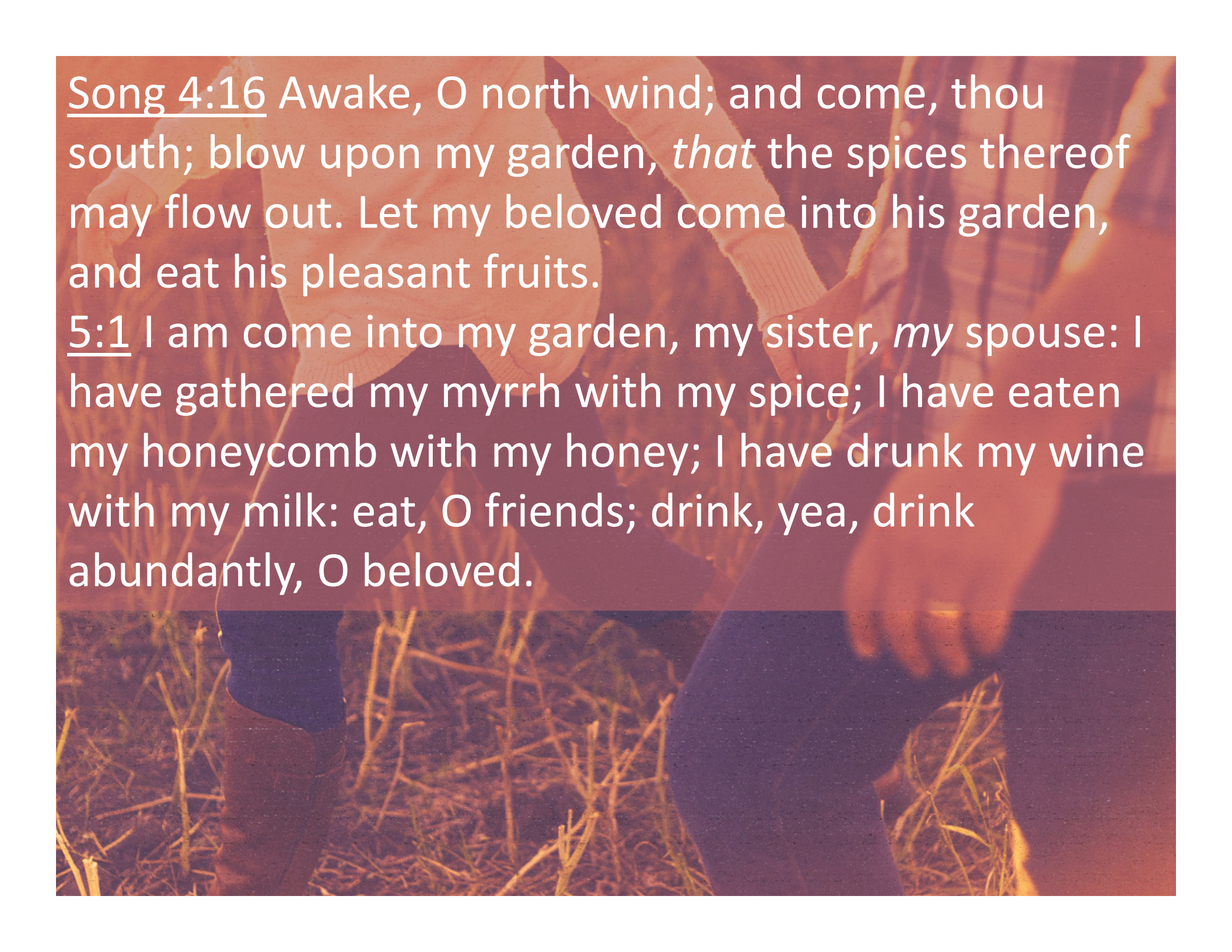


Love Story



A STUDY OF THE SONG OF SOLOMON

4:16-5:1



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5:1 I am come into my garden, my sister, *my* spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.



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

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

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



Tonight we continue the exegesis of this wonderful book as we finish chapter four and begin chapter five.

D. The Promised Rapture of the Shulammite, 4:16-5:1

1. The Shulammite's Plea, 4:16

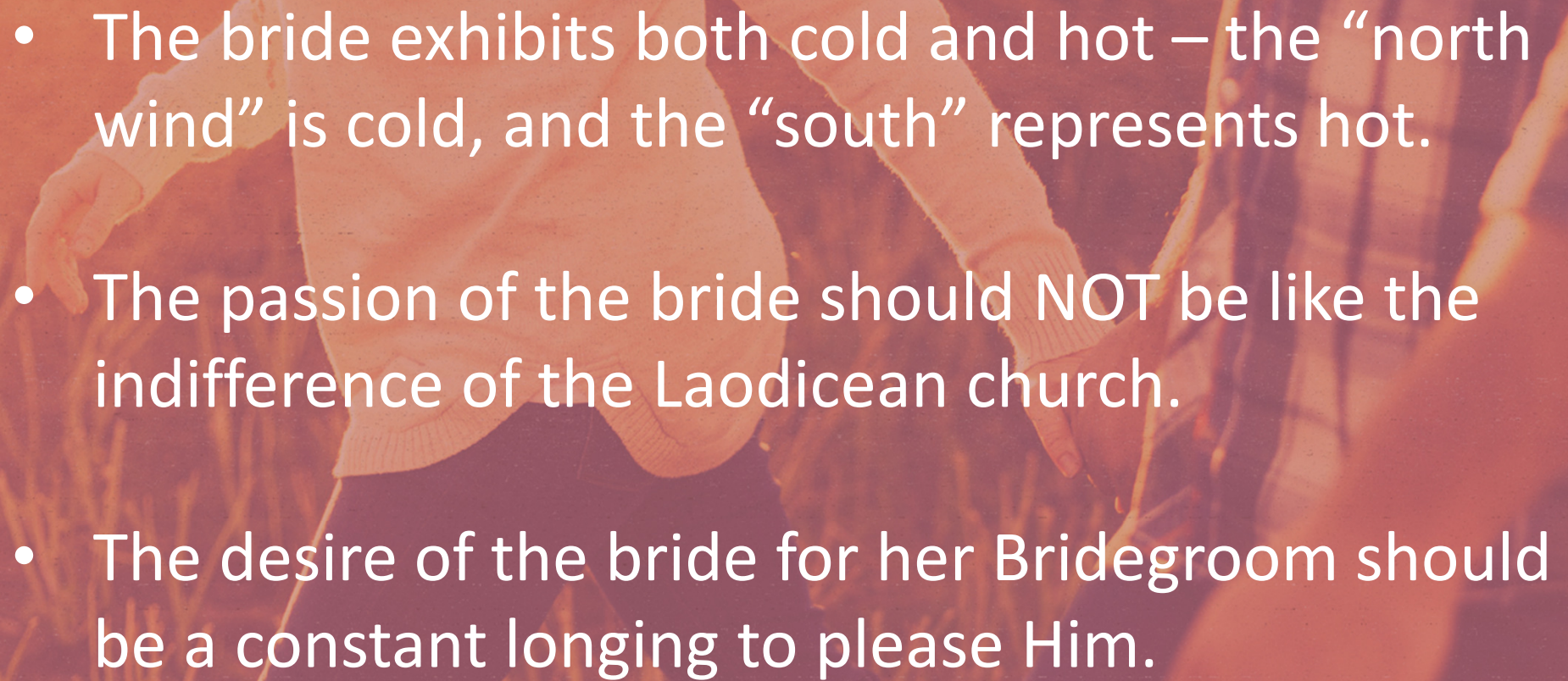
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- Love is mutually expressed by total surrender to each other, a mutual vulnerability dependent upon loving trust of acceptance.

Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

a. Her Constant Desire – “Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, *that* the spices thereof may flow out...”

Rev. 3:15 I know thy works, that **thou art neither cold nor hot:** I would thou wert cold or hot.

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- The bride exhibits both cold and hot – the “north wind” is cold, and the “south” represents hot.
 - The passion of the bride should NOT be like the indifference of the Laodicean church.
 - The desire of the bride for her Bridegroom should be a constant longing to please Him.



“I Am Thine, O Lord”
(a.k.a. Draw Me Nearer)

Fanny Crosby
(1820-1915)

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

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b. Her Consummate Desire – “...Let my beloved come into **his garden**, and eat his pleasant fruits.”

- The bride is completely giving herself to the Bridegroom.



Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

- What would the Lord do through a local church that is truly submissive to Him?

James 4:7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God.** Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



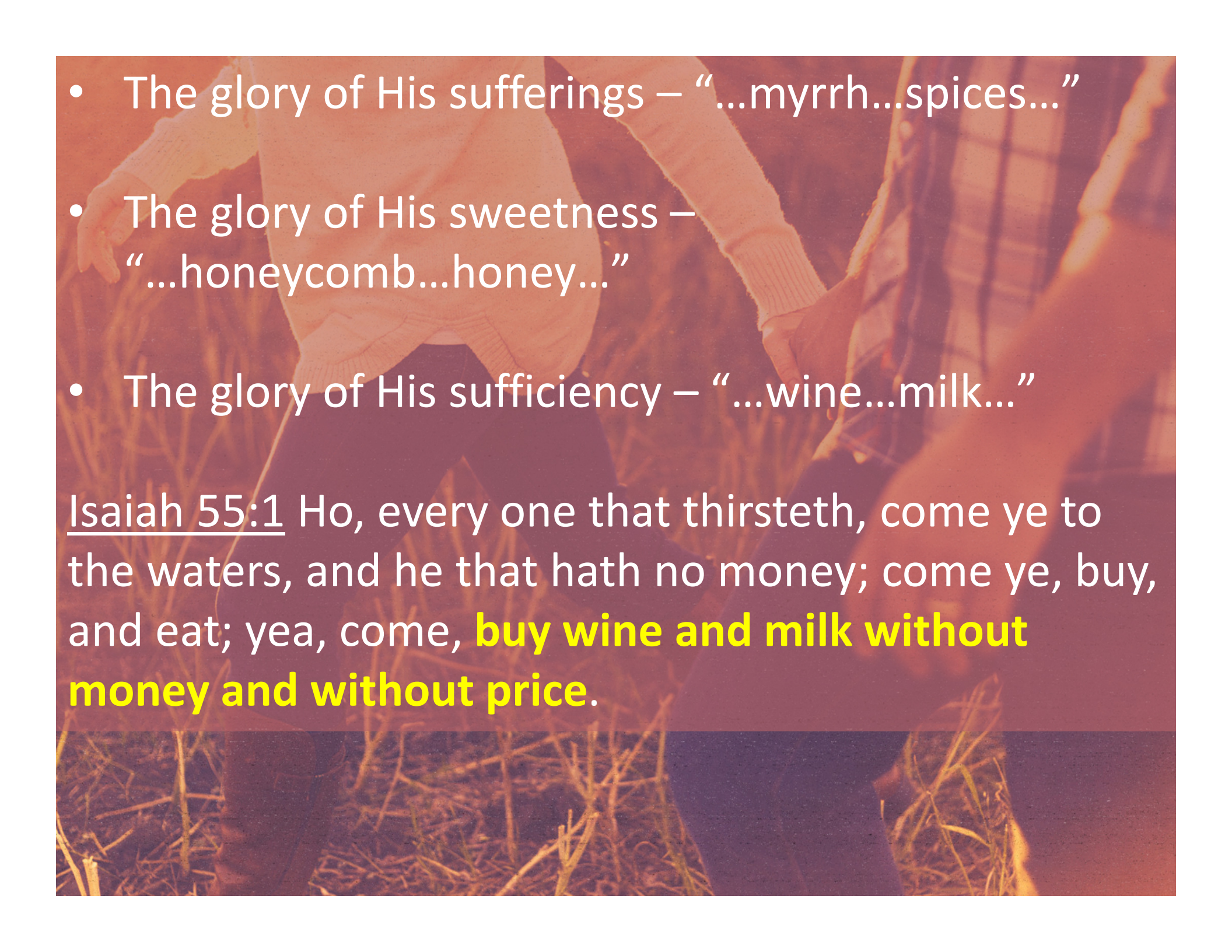
2. The Shepherd's Pledge, 5:1

a. His Great Expectation

i. Marital Bliss – “I am come into **my garden**, my sister, *my spouse*...”

Hebrews 13:4 **Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled**: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

ii. Millennial Bliss – “...I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk...”

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- The glory of His sufferings – “...myrrh...spices...”
 - The glory of His sweetness – “...honeycomb...honey...”
 - The glory of His sufficiency – “...wine...milk...”

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, **buy wine and milk without money and without price.**



b. His Great Exaltation – “...eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.”

Rev. 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

20 **Behold, I stand at the door, and knock:** if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

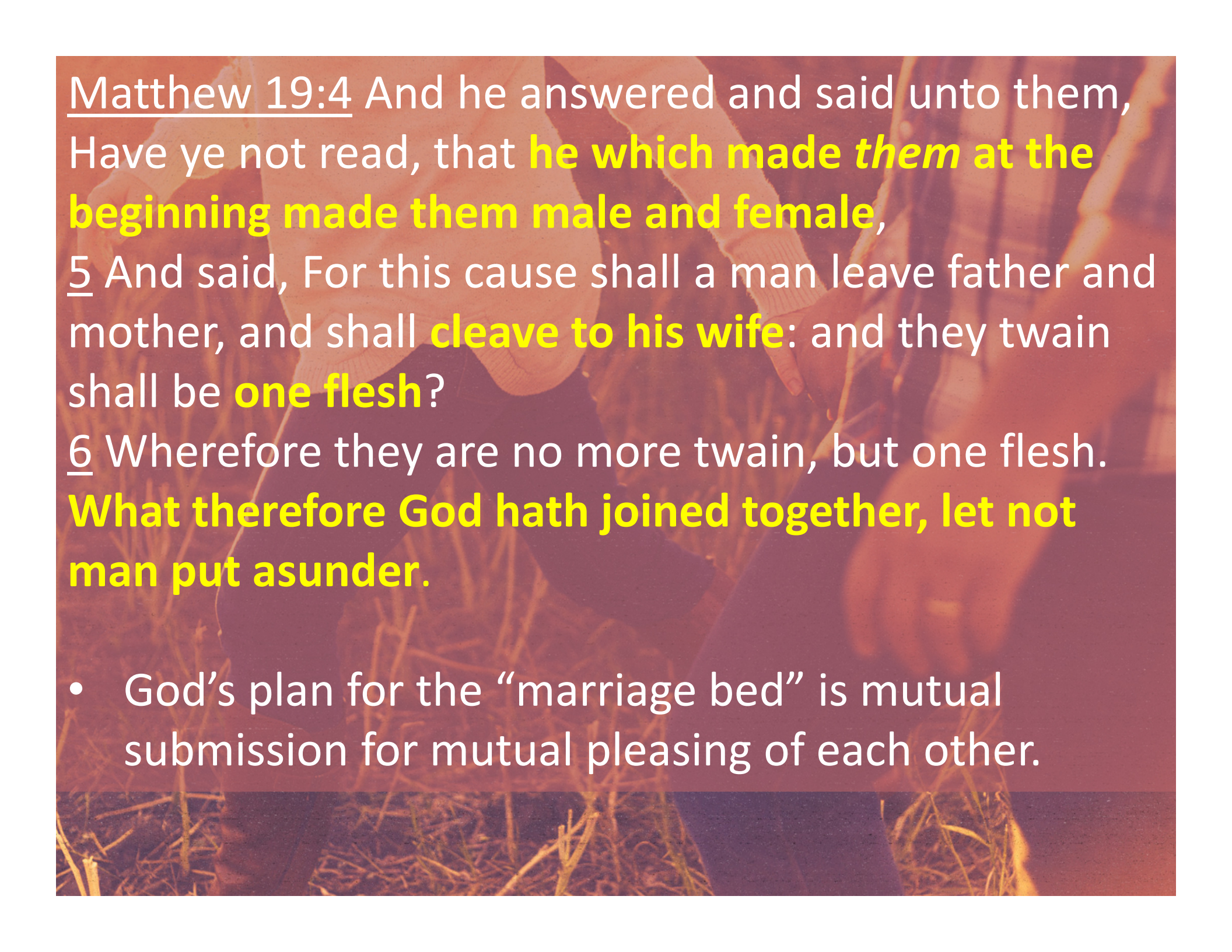
John 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Conclusion

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, **giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life**; that your prayers be not hindered.

- Marriage is God's plan – one man and one woman, committed to each other as **husband and wife**, for life.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall **cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**

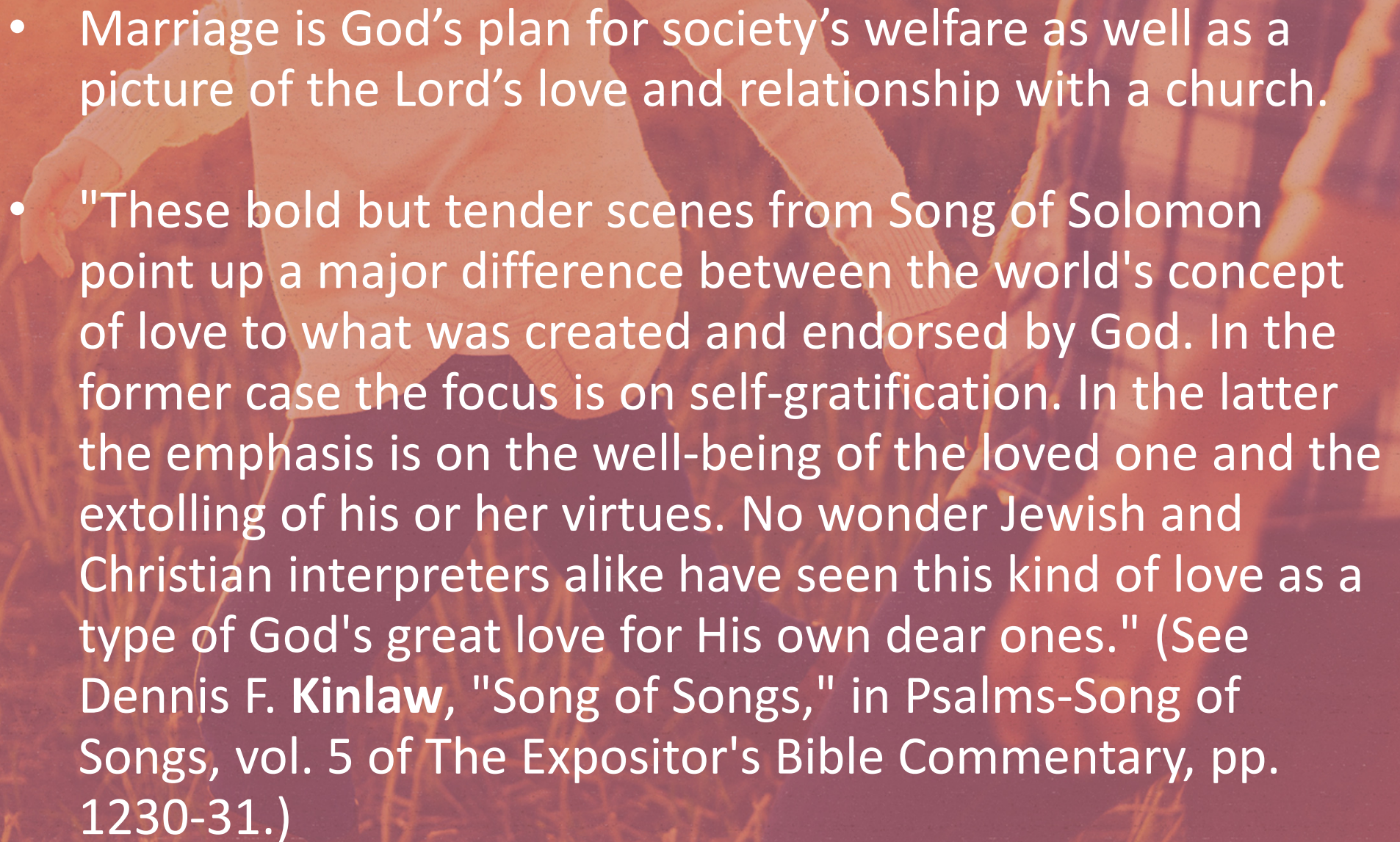


Matthew 19:4 And he answered and said unto them,
Have ye not read, that **he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,**

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall **cleave to his wife:** and they twain shall be **one flesh?**

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh.
What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

- God's plan for the "marriage bed" is mutual submission for mutual pleasing of each other.

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- Marriage is God's plan for society's welfare as well as a picture of the Lord's love and relationship with a church.
 - "These bold but tender scenes from Song of Solomon point up a major difference between the world's concept of love to what was created and endorsed by God. In the former case the focus is on self-gratification. In the latter the emphasis is on the well-being of the loved one and the extolling of his or her virtues. No wonder Jewish and Christian interpreters alike have seen this kind of love as a type of God's great love for His own dear ones." (See Dennis F. Kinlaw, "Song of Songs," in Psalms-Song of Songs, vol. 5 of The Expositor's Bible Commentary, pp. 1230-31.)

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