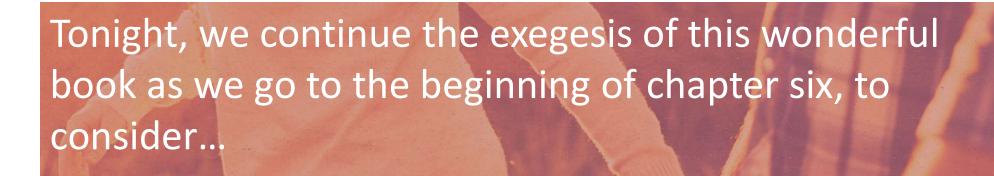


Let's review what we have covered thus far in this wonderful book of the Song of Solomon. I. AN HOUR OF TROUBLE, 1:1-8 II. AN HOUR OF TEMPTATION, 1:9-11 III.AN HOUR OF TENDERNESS, 1:12-2:7 IV.AN HOUR OF TRUTH, 2:8—3:5 V. AN HOUR OF TALK, 3:6-11 VI.AN HOUR OF TOGETHERNESS, 4:1—5:1 VII.AN HOUR OF TESTIMONY, 5:2—6:3 A. The Dream of the Beloved, 5:2-9 1.It Was a Dream of Excitement, 5:2 2.It Was a Dream of Excuses, 5:3-4b 3.It Was a Dream of Exercise, 5:5-7 4.It Was a Dream of Exhortation, 5:8-9





C. The Departure of the Beloved, 6:1-3

In the beginning of chapter five the Shulammite rejected the Beloved and He left. While searching for Him, she gave testimony of His greatness to the daughters of Jerusalem.

- 1. The Response of Those Who Listened to the Shulammite, 6:1
 - a. The Question They Put to Her, 6:1a "Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women?
- In chapter five, the Shulammite answered the question about what made her beloved so special. She gave an extensive, and complimentary reply.

Song 5:9 What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us?

- The daughters of Jerusalem then asked, "Whither is thy beloved gone..."
- The next statement is the quest they proposed to her...
 - b. The Quest They Proposed to Her, 6:1b "...whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee."
- After the Shulammite expressed that her love for her husband was deep and genuine, they agreed to search for Solomon with her.

 By application, when a believer's life genuinely reflects love for the Savior, those who see such a godly testimony have a curiosity to want to know more about Him.

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

 The faithful believer should be "salty" enough to create a thirst in others for Christ.

Col. 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

2. The Response of Those Who Listened to the Shepherd, 6:2-3

a. I Know Where He Is, 6:2

Song 6:2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

- The bride, the Shulammite, knew where to find her Beloved Whom she claimed as hers.
- Every believer should know where to find the Lord Jesus Christ.
- As in Gen. 3:8, the Beloved enjoyed fellowship within "His garden."

Gen. 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

- The last part of <u>6:2</u>, represents fellowship of the Beloved within His churches.
- A "church" is His bride, body, and building His institution that He started during His earthly ministry. (See Luke 6:13, 1 Cor. 12:28.)

Jer. 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

b. I Know Whose He Is, 6:3

Song 6:3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

Song 2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

- Notice the reciprocal relationship "I am beloved's, and my beloved is mine..."
- A truly spiritual relationship with Christ is one which is a "know so" event.

1 Jn. 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Psa. 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Growing in grace produces a peace that passes understanding.

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

 Peace within the soul of the believer produces assurance of salvation.

Isa. 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

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

We are His sheep and He leads us beside the still waters.

Psa. 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

 A believer growing in grace will also grow in assurance of fellowship with Christ.

Psa. 100:3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Col. 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Heb. 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Conclusion

Jn. 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Col. 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

1 Cor. 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

