

Song of Solomon 8

Jesus Come Quickly

- **Chapter 7:** What do you see in me?

Song 7:1 How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O **prince's daughter!**... The fragrance of your breath like apples, 9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine.

- His desire is **toward her** as God's desire is **toward us...His Bride**

When we really understand God will never leave us nor forsake us...**we run to Him**

Psalms 18:29 ...by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall.

- **Supernatural Ingredients** of an enduring godly relationship

1. Forgiveness
2. Selflessness
3. Humility
4. Dying to self

- **2nd Honeymoon begins**

I. Reunited Longing for Heaven

1 Oh, that you were **like my brother**, Who nursed at my mother's breasts! If I should find you outside, I would kiss you; I would not be despised. 2 I would lead you and bring you Into the house of my mother, She who used to instruct me. I would cause you to drink of spiced wine, Of the juice of my pomegranate.

- **Like my brother?** Oh... that I could really see/touch you Lord

We long to be with Jesus...

2 Corinthians 5:2 ... **in this** [body] **we groan**, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven... **8** ... to be absent from the body and **to be present with the Lord**.

Romans 8:23b... we **ourselves groan** within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body **25b**... we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

- To See Him as He is/be like Him

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall **see Him as He is**.

- **Beauty unimaginable.** God knows beauty
- Longing for final state w/Jesus...yet **we have work to do here**

Philippians 1:23b... [I...] desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

We know that we know that we know...we belong somewhere other than here

- **Pilgrims/Sojourners:** Just passing through

Genesis 47:9 [First mention: Jacob to Pharaoh] The days of the years of **my pilgrimage** are one hundred and thirty years... [Not as long as...] the years of the life of my fathers in the days of **their pilgrimage.**

Psalm 84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose **heart is set on pilgrimage.**

- **Heroes of the faith:** Pressed on **because they knew** there was something more...

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were **assured of them**, embraced them and **confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

- **Not of this World:** Longing to be w/Jesus the true reality
- **So...** We're not to get caught up in the world...

1 Peter 2:11 ... I beg you as **sojourners and pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, **12** having your conduct honorable...

- **This Earth:** Bus stop on the way to final destination...

Psalm 39:12 [David] Hear my prayer, O Lord, And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For **I am a stranger with You, A sojourner**, as all my fathers were.

Psalm 23:6 [David] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And **I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**

- Bride longs for Jesus/He longs for her...

John 14:2b... I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and **receive you to Myself**; that where I am, there you may be also.

- **Spiritual:** We long to be with Jesus in our final state/final destination
- **Physical:** Bride Longs for her Husband....

(To the Daughters of Jerusalem)

3 His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me. **4** I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, **Do not stir up nor awaken love** Until it pleases.

- **Charge to young women:** Wait until marriage/Wait for right one
Sex in marriage between one man/one woman
Only God ordained Sexual Relationship...and the best. Why?
- No guilt/No shame/No consequences

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

SUMMARY Longing for Heaven

Psalm 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire

besides You.

II. Love Renewed

A Relative

5 Who is this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; There she who bore you brought you forth.

**I remember you... your different now!
You must have matured. No... I am Born-Again**

- Relatives want to give credit to natural maturity **and yet...**
- Maturity cannot make the supernatural changes **only Jesus can make**
 1. **Delivers** from Drugs, Alcohol, Pornography

2 Samuel 22:2 ... "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and **my deliverer...**

Psalm 40:17 ...I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

2. **Wisdom**

Acts 4:13 ... Now when [religious leaders] they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they **had been with Jesus.**

Psalm 119:98 You, through Your commandments, make me **wiser than my enemies;** For they are ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers...100 I understand more than the ancients [aged], Because I keep Your precepts.

3. **Discernment:** Right/Wrong/Good/Evil
 4. **Discretion:** When to do/say...when not to do/say
 5. **Humility:** Supernatural change not natural maturity
- **Leaning on her beloved:** His shoulders are strong enough...

1 Peter 5:7 cast... all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Woman need men with the shoulders of Jesus

1 Peter 3:7 [Men] honor [your] wife, as to the **weaker vessel,** and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- **Where are the men today?**
 1. Lead their wives/families
 2. Sacrifice wants/desires for **good of the family...**

Genesis 18:19 [God reveals to Abraham plans for destroying Sodom] For I have known [Abraham], in order that he may **command his children and his household** after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do **righteousness and justice**

- **Men:** We are responsible for the **next generation...**

Deuteronomy 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

- **Men: Step up to the plate...**

1. Not a kid any more
2. Stop being silly/selfish
3. Offended/Weak

Be a man that your wife/kids can lean on
Even as you both lean on Jesus

The Shulamite to Her Beloved

6 Set me as a seal **upon your heart**, As a seal **upon your arm...**

Bride to Husband: Set a seal upon your heart **for all to see**
IOW's: Remember that you are mine/Make it known to others

Her love is so total and so strong that she wants their mutual possession of each other to be as lasting as life. It is a strongly poetic demand for 'until death do us part.'" [Kinlaw]

- **Bride:** You are my proprietary property/My brand/Exclusive rights belong to me...

1 Corinthians 7: 4 The wife **does not have authority over her own body**, but the husband does... the husband **does not have authority over his own body**, but the wife does.

- We belong to one another and to God...

Acts 20:28b ... He purchased [us] with His own blood.

1 Corinthians 6:19 ... do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own?** For you were **bought at a price**; therefore glorify God in your **body and in your spirit**, which are God's.

Remember you belong to me...

6b... For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

- **A faithful love strong as death:** For better or worse/death do we part?

God is a Jealous God and hates our Spiritual Adultery
His Bride running off with the world, love of money, false-religion

Exodus 20:5 [First mention] ... you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, **am a jealous God**

2 Corinthians 11:2 [Last Mention] For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

- Israel ran after Idols
- Church runs after world/things of the world...

James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us **yearns jealously**"?

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the **love of the Father is not in him.**

- **Cruel Jealousy:** Hard, severe, obstinate, unmoving

There is a jealousy that is good and appropriate in the marriage relationship, and there is another aspect of jealousy that is corrosive and destructive. In the context, it is more likely that this speaks of the unrelenting desire for appropriate oneness that is not broken by a romantic competitor. [Guzik]

- **Are we jealous for Jesus?**

We should have a jealousy in our heart regarding our love for Jesus, hating anything that might come between Him and us. [Guzik]

Listening Jesus demeaned/downgraded/demoted...should cause righteous jealousy in a lovers heart. [NJC]

7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

Those that know true love would not trade it for anything in the world
Despise any Offer

- **Everyone desires to be loved but...**
 1. Love cannot be bought...it must be freely given
 2. Love cannot be received **by demand...**
- God desires his creation to love Him freely

Calvinism is a monstrous heresy claiming man is cruelly unable to freely do what God desires him to do; i.e., choose to love Him by employing the free-will He bestowed to us. Yet, God does not desire robots that are predestined/pre-programmed to mechanically/disingenuously "love Him" ...but desires man to freely respond to the light given by Him to all men [John 1:9] through Jesus Christ and make a choice to love Him...or not. **Anything less would not be true love.** [NJC]

The Shulamite's Brothers

8 We have a little sister, And she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister In the day when she is spoken for? 9 If she is a wall, We will build upon her A battlement of silver; And if she is a door, We will enclose her With boards of cedar.

Flashback: Before Solomon sent his entourage.

- **Brothers of Sister:** We will protect her until she is ready for marriage
 1. **Wall:** If her desire is to keep herself pure...**we will support her**
 2. **Door:** If she is making herself vulnerable...**we will enclose her**

This presents a principle that is often overlooked in the western world and dangerously over-emphasized in other parts of the world: that the **family has a shared responsibility** for the **purity and romantic supervision** of the young of the family. [Guzik]

If she could handle responsibility, they would give it to her; if not, she would be restricted. [Glickman]

- **Special Love between siblings...**

The Shulamite

10 I am a wall, And my breasts like towers; Then I became in his eyes As one who found peace.

I am a wall/have kept myself and have found Peace

- **She found peace:** Peace in waiting on God. Peace in doing things God's way...

We dare not miss the connection between the wise and noble defense of her honor and virginity described in these and the previous verses, and the health and peace she now found in married life. [Guzik]

- Her future husband saw that Peace

11 **Solomon had a vineyard** at Baal Hamon; He leased the vineyard to keepers; Everyone was to bring for its fruit A thousand silver coins. 12 **My own vineyard** is before me. You, O Solomon, may have a thousand, And those who tend its fruit two hundred.

- **His Vineyard/My Vineyard**

Though they are one they still are individuals and [should] value each other's uniqueness; strengths, weaknesses, quirks etc. [NJC]

The Beloved

13 You who dwell in the gardens, The companions listen for your voice—**Let me hear it!**

In other words- when I am far away from you, fill your garden with my name, and let your heart [continue to] commune with me. [Spurgeon]

- In times of blessing/fellowship w/others...**continue to draw close to Me**

Ephesians 6:18 ... pray... always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being **watchful to this end** with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

- Stay close to Jesus in times of blessing. Counterintuitive but true.

The Shulamite

14 **Make haste**, my beloved, And be like a gazelle Or a young stag On the

mountains of spices.

The figures of the deer and the mountains of spices symbolize for the last time the lover and his beloved. Restraints are gone. He is hers and she is his. They are free to pursue those delights of love that [reflect] a love to come for every believer. [Kinlaw]

- Marriage maturing through 8 Ch's of Song of Solomon
- Allegory of our relationship with Jesus

Ephesians 5:31 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

- Husbands love Wife/Wives respect Husbands:
 1. **Seen throughout:** Exception Ch 5
 2. **Resolved:** Supernatural selflessness/Humility as all relationships
- **Our desire for Jesus to come quickly...**

I believe that our [thoughts concerning Jesus' return] may be used as a thermometer with which to tell the degree of our spiritual heat. If we have strong desires, longing desires, burning desires, for the coming of the Lord, we may hope that it is well with us; but if we have no such desires, I think, at best, we must be somewhat careless; perhaps, to take the worst view of our case, **we** [may be] **sadly declining in grace.**" [Spurgeon]

- Bride should be **eager for her Beloved...**

1 Corinthians 1:7 [We should be...] **eagerly waiting** for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly wait** for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Hebrews 9:28b [We are to be...] those who **eagerly wait** for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Titus 2:13 [We look] ... for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...

Make haste, my Beloved!
And be like a gazelle on the mountains of spices!

Revelation 22:17 "...the **Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"** And let him who hears say, "Come!" and let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.... 20 [Beloved's reply] "Surely I am coming quickly." [Bride gets last Word...]

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!