HER VIRTUES – 8 Virtues (Character Traits) the Beloved Calls Forth & Activates in His Bride – Song 4:1-5

1st Virtue You Have Learned to Discipline & Consecrate The Focus of Your Attention

Son 4:1c ... Your EYES are DOVES behind your veil

• You have matured past the distractions of sin, flesh, & the world. Ecc 12:13 Your gaze is fixed Deut 6:5 Heb 12:12

2nd Virtue You Live a Set Apart & Consecrated Life

Son 4:1d ... Your HAIR is like a flock of ewe goats descending down from Mount Gilead

- David grazed his flocks on Mount Gilead; 1Pet 2:9. Your dedication is a testimony of your spiritual maturity. Heb 12:11
- You now have become His 'living sacrifice' (Rom 12:1), a 'set apart' pleasing aroma to God. 1Pet 1:16

3rd Virtue You Accurately Divide the Word

Son 4:2 Your <u>TEETH</u> are like a flock of shorn ewes coming up from washing. Each of them has a twin, and none among them is missing.

- You accurately divide the Word, which cleanses you of worldly & fleshly inclination. 2 Tim 2:15 Heb 10:22
- This "cleansing" also bears much fruit and multiplies His kingdom " Each of them has a twin," 1Ti 4:6b; 15-16

The first 3 Virtues are an expression of the Shema Deut 6:5-9 your life is a living testimony to the Gospel of His Kingdom.

4th Virtue Your Communications are Redemptive

Son 4:3a Your LIPS are like a strand of scarlet thread

- You avoid godless chatter; your communications testify to the redemptive blood of Yeshua. 2Tim 2:16 Eph 4:25
- Like Rahab's "strand of scarlet thread" (Josh 2:18), the "blood on the door post" can be traced from Gen to Rev.

5th Virtue Your Words are spoken in Truth and Love

Son 4:3b ... And your SPEECH is lovely.

- Akin to the "strand of scarlet," your words are birthed from the intimacy of your relationship with Yeshua. Sng 1:2
- You speak His Truth in Love Eph 4:15. Your words draw and awaken others to His love. Sng 7:9b; Eph 4:29

6th Virtue Your Thought Life is Obedient to Messiah

Son 4:3c ... Your <u>TEMPLE</u> is like a slice of pomegranate behind your veil.

- Your inward thought life is rooted in the abundance of His redemptive, resurrection life. Phil 4:8
- Just like the 'red strand' in every seed of a pomegranate, so too your thought life is a seed bed of testimony.

7th Virtue Your will has become a Steadfast, Tried & Tested Stronghold, of His Will

Son 4:4 Like the tower of David is your <u>NECK</u>, built for weapons. A thousand shields are hung on it—all shields of warriors.

- Your Davidic obedience to the Lord is steadfast and unshakable. Psa 59:18 "...not as I will, but as You will." Mat 26:39
- Tried & tested, you have sufficient spiritual maturity (weaponry) to stand firm against any enemy assault. Eph 6:13-20

8th Virtue You have put on the Breastplate of Righteousness Eph 6:14

Son 4:5 Your two breasts are like two fawns, like twin gazelles grazing among the lilies.

- 1Th 5:8, 'let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith & love...'
- Faith, the inward substance of spiritual life (Heb 11:1-2), & Love, the outward evidence of that substance (Rom 5:5; 13:10), work together to empower your ability to discern with wisdom.
- Your delight is anchored in the fear of Adonai. Isa 11:2-4b; Jas 1:5; Phil 1:9, 10

HIS ATTRIBUTES – The Bride's Holy Spirit Empowered Confession of Faith – Song 5:10-16

Each statement represents a distinct attribute of the Lord's personality. Every unique quality of His person imparts His Life and healing to a dark but lovely soul. These passages reveal the depth of her intimacy with Him. Her testimony is a picture of a Bride prepared, a soul equipped to abide in any and all circumstances. Remember, these statements are revelations the Holy Spirit recorded for us: a detailed portrait of the Bride's relationship with the Beloved.

Introduction The Unparalleled Stature of His Divinity and Humanity

5:10 My beloved is DAZZLING and RUDDY, STANDING OUT AMONG TEN THOUSAND.

He is luminous; radiating the splendor of the Father's glory, the perfect union of Divinity & humanity. None can compare. 1 Sam 16:12

His Divine Leadership

His Eternally Potent Dedication

5:11 His HEAD is purest gold, His HAIR is wavy, black as a raven.

- The prefect Son of the perfect Father, His leadership is impeccable. Col 2:9
- His dedication to His Father & His redeemed is eternally potent, steadfast, and vigorously unwavering. Heb 13:8

His Pure Omniscient Gaze

5:12 His EYES are like doves beside streams of waters, washed with milk, mounted in their settings

His Omniscience is pure, without distortion. He precisely interprets knowledge through the purity of His own covenant heart. Col 2:3

His Fragrant Passionate Emotions

The Omnipotent Word of His Power

5:13 His CHEEKS are like a bed of spice, towers of sweet-scented perfume. His LIPS are lilies, dripping with liquid myrrh.

- His Feelings are vast; they are fragrant, invigorating, soothing, and life giving; they irresistibly draw us as they permeate the atmosphere. Ex 34:6-7
- The purity & fragrance of His Gospel (The Word) leads us to untold depths of intimacy and resurrection power. Her obedience, when anchored in His Gospel, becomes an overcoming force against all darkness. Jon 7:45-46

The Divine Perfection of His Works; Service (Government) His Tender Compassions

5:14 His HANDS are rods of gold set with jasper.

His ABDOMEN is carved ivory Inlaid with sapphires.

- He oversees the movement (government) of His Father's Kingdom with Divine clarity and perfection. The Works of His hands are precise, intimate and intentional, never random, never by chance. Ezk:1:16
- His compassions are rare, pure, intimately precise, and so very valuable and costly. Mat 9:36

The Divine Administration of His Sovereign Will

The Impartation of His Life/Light

5:15 His LEGS are pillars of marble alabaster set on bases of pure gold. His APPEARANCE is like Lebanon excellent like the cedars

- His Administration is golden: unwavering and pure. His Counsels resiliently stand and they are eternally sure. Isa 46:10
- His <u>APPEARANCE</u> is as awe-inspiring and majestic as the "Cedars of God" and the "King of Mts," Mt Lebanon. The Stature & Majesty of her Beloved far surpasses that of common man. Isa 57:15

The Kisses of His Mouth are Most Intimate

5:16a His MOUTH is sweetness.

10 Nothing is more eternally penetrating and powerfully transforming than when God allows our heart to unite with His. The Kisses (revelations) of His mouth are most sweet!

He is Altogether Desirable

Php 3:8

5:16b Yes, he is TOTALLY DESIRABLE. This is my lover! Yes, this is my friend O daughters of Jerusalem!

The Beloved wholly and utterly inspires love! HOW DESIRABLE it is to know Him! HOW DESIRABLE it is to be His!