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Welcome

Pray –

Evil men and women are in charge of the country now, but God is not mocked.

- We pray and ask God to intervene in the mix
- Man has free will
- Like the Word was read into the hearing of the kings of old, I believe God read His word into the governmental record (House Armed Svc Committee)

<https://rumble.com/v4gg4o0-the-unforgiving-debtor-matt-gaetz-tears-into-sec-def-lloyd-austin-over-hypo.html>

Review

(cast of characters)

Last week was deep because it combined a revelation of Christ as it pertains to the Daughters of Jerusalem

We'll briefly look at the more involved in case you missed some, but spelled out more

- **Explain slide**

Mary was a type of Bride

Martha was a type of Daughters of Jerusalem

Mary was intimate, valued intimacy, relationship, *know Him*, Valued the God of the work

Martha was busy, valued the work of God

Mary caught things Martha had no chance of seeing

Mary's works are remembered 2,000 yrs later,

Mary's works resulted from the revelation she had

Martha's works were busy and controlling

These two show us which is more important

The work of God or

The God of the Work

Which one is real? The work of God – the real one(s) IS intimacy with Christ.

- Could Mary help doing what she did?
 - Did the pastor have to tell her to go get an annual salary's worth of ointment?
 - How did she know to blow this much money on this occasion?
- Martha was busy about being busy at Lazarus' death, Mary was absorbed in the loss (unaware Jesus came)
 - that's why Mary didn't go when Martha did – was unaware (Jn11:28)
- Mary fell at Jesus' feet while Martha met Him and gave Him a piece of her mind
- Mary led Jesus to the tomb
- Mary never considered the smell of a 4-day old corpse
- Martha sought to PREVENT Jesus' intentions – even His command (the stench)

To whom was Christ the Son of the Living God revealed more?

Why?

Which one was more effective in this short timeslice we're looking at?

Why is it that the American church 'Amen's' this and yet prayer meetings are attended by a smaller percentage of people compared w/ those who give a large portion of money to the church?

POINT:

- The daughters of Jerusalem are interested in the work of God
- The Bride is interested in the God of the work

THE KING

Solomon became king, and the king gets anything he wants (ref. David & Bathsheba)

Obviously, if anyone knew that it would be Solomon (Bathsheba's son)

Why not just go get her? After all, he ended up with 700 wives and 300 concubines

From Dr. Guynes

1. She was a village girl working on one of the farm holdings belonging to the King. She was not of royal blood and to make her queen would be a breach of royal ethics
2. Second, the King's marriage to this Shunammite village maiden would do nothing for the kingdom. Royal marriages in those days had more to do with political concerns than with love or personal attraction.
3. Third, and perhaps the most important reason, Solomon loved Abishag and wanted her love reciprocated voluntarily.

Song 6: ⁸ "There are sixty queens and eighty concubines, And maidens without number; ⁹ But my dove, my perfect one, is unique: She is her mother's only *daughter*; She is the pure *child* of the one who bore her. The maidens saw her and called her blessed, The queens and the concubines *also*, and they praised her, *saying*, ¹⁰ 'Who is this that grows like the dawn, As beautiful as the full moon, As pure as the sun, As awesome as an army with banners?'

It is said that this may have been King Solomon's only true love

- He obviously saw her in service as a nurse, to his dad but he'd have killed him if he made advances.

The 1st few years of his reign were probably busy; David having been old in bed for x years?

- Once the dust settled, he turns his attention to Abishag.
- The love of his life is at stake, he makes a plan to win her.
- This plan parallels the plan Jesus made to win us!

He disguised himself as a lowly shepherd near her working

Song 1:7 "Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, Where do you pasture your flock, Where do you make it lie down at noon? For why should I be like one who veils herself Beside the flocks of your companions?"
8 "If you yourself do not know, Most beautiful among women, Go forth on the trail of the flock And pasture your young goats By the tents of the shepherds.

Clearly she fails to recognize who this dude is.

Solomon is a type of Christ

- Christ our King came to earth clothed as a man
 - to win the heart of His bride
 - to prepare her for His return (Song 3:7)

Abishag is a type of the Church or of the Bride of Christ

- His bride basically didn't recognize Him

The Song gives deeper insight into the Gospel but the Gospel needs to be understood before seeing the deeper aspects of Song. Scripture interprets Scripture – that's why we can use conjecture to say Solomon disguised himself.

Anyone see the movie, Coming to America? (it's crude!)

The King had absolute authority and could have just sent to get Abishag to force her to be His wife. Christ could have demanded our worship / betrothal, but He chose to win us by becoming one of us

She felt comfortable, even loved around Him – protected, loved and provided for.
Very much unlike her brothers who were “angry with her” / was rejected by her friends

She looked forward to the visits of this new young shepherd who came in the early spring(s)
He was so full of energy running down the mountains to get her, calling & singing to her as he came

They developed a powerful relationship between them but Solomon needed it kept quiet for the time being.
This went on for perhaps 2-3 years? Nobody knows
They spent special times together alone to share their thoughts and expressions.

Sometimes she wanted to find him but couldn't so she asked essentially, “Where do you work at??”

Allegorically, she is saying Essentially, “I want to be where YOU are. I'm no longer satisfied just hanging out with/gleaning from others who know you”. (flocks of your companions)

- Allowing others to feed/minister to you is good, but not forever.

So she asks, how do I get to you?
His answer is immediate

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Taylor:

The Lord instructed her to search out those who are of “like spirit” to Him, who truly know and walk with Him (footsteps of the flock). She is to find and follow them, as they will lead her to Him (the shepherd's tent), rather than to themselves.

If you are seeking after me but don't know how to get there, go where others have gone before you who have already found me.

1 Cor 11: ¹ Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.
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Phil 4: 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

NOTE – in the Song are several voices. It's like Bohemian Rhapsody – who sings, “Galileo”?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ9rUzIMcZQ&t=3m14s> 3:14 mark

Trivia – “Down Here” – lead signer Marc Martel? Like a doppelganger. Performed this and it's excellent!

So who is singing?

I have always used the 1977 NASB translation of the bible my whole life.

Even in what I'm studying I've found nothing that I question; unlike other versions where it can be confusing.

Best alternative: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=song+2&version=NASB>

- Appears to be a 1977 version online
- Contains the speaking parts separated out (show example?)

THE PARABLE

Read Guynes, P. 17-21: Requires 7 Minutes