Hidden Mysteries of Heaven's Kingdom Realm Part-6

This series, "Hidden Mysteries of Heaven's Kingdom Realm – Pt. 5, is to unfold & explain Heaven's Kingdom from a Biblical perspective that enables us to believe it and receive it. Thus we are being transformed by the Spirit of the Lord & God's Word.

The Hidden Mystery of Divine Romance

Before continuing our Ephesians study, let's see through the eyes of the writer of the **Song of Songs** (or **Solomon**) how God sees His redeemed. The **TPT Introduction** to **Song of Songs** gives us this Purpose: "In reading this Shulamite's journey, the storyline's purpose is often missed or overlooked. I believe the Holy Spirit has hidden within the Song of Songs an amazing story – a story of how Jesus makes His bride beautiful and holy by casting out her fear with perfect love. This sent-from-heaven revelation is waiting to be received with all its intensity and power to unlock the deepest places of our hearts.

"Most of the earliest church fathers – including Origen, Gregory of Nyssa, Augustine, and Jerome – viewed the Song of Songs as a clear representation of Christ and His bride, presented in deeply symbolic and allegorical teaching.

"Unfortunately for some, the Song of Songs has become merely a book expressing sexuality, with hidden meanings and symbols of sensuality. … They find it difficult when others see the symbols and apply them to the spiritual journey every believer must take as we move further into the passionate heart of our heavenly Bridegroom. Their fear is that we "over-spiritualize" the Song of Songs. How hard that would be! How wonderfully spiritual and holy is this song of all songs!

SS 1:2 TPT reads, "*Let Him* smother me with kisses – His Spirit-kiss divine**. So kind are your caresses***, I drink them in like the sweetest wine****."*

*The footnotes on **SS 1:2** say, "To enter the doorway of Jesus' heart we must begin by saying, "*Let Him."* We only bring Him a yielded heart and must *"let Him"* do the rest. God's loving grace means that He will be enough for us. We can "*let Him"* be everything to us. We don't begin by doing, but by yielding."
**"This Spirit kiss is what made Adam, the man of clay, into a living expression of God. Dust & deity met when the Maker kissed His Spirit wind into Adam. The Word of God is the kiss from the mouth of our Beloved, breathing upon us the revela-tion of His love."
***"Or "*Your breasts"* or "*Your loves."* This speaks of His saving love, keeping love, forgiving love, and embracing love. The love of Jesus cannot be singular; it is so infinite it must be described in the plural.
****"There is a wordplay in the Hebrew, similar to a pun. The word for "*kisses"* & the word for "*take a drink* [wine]" is nearly the same. The implication, as seen by ancient expositors, is that God's lovers will be drunk with love, the intoxicating kisses of His mouth [see **Eph. 5:18**]. The Hebrew word for "kiss" is *nashaq,* which can also mean "to equip" or "to arm (for battle)." We need His kisses to become equipped warriors for Him."

The Bridegrooom-King to the Shulamite Bride

In the **Spirit-filled Life Bible note** on chapter **4:9-5:1**, it reads, "Man's deepest need is to experience the oneness of authentic love in a dependable relationship. The endearing terms **sister** & **spouse**, used of the Shulamite, depict an enduring mutuality & permanent oneness."

Jesus Brings Many Sons to Glory

As I said earlier, **SS 4:9-10 TPT** personalizes the relationship of the Beloved & the Shulamite, as it speaks of the Bridegroom being the perfect King, Jesus, & the passionate lover, Shulamite, being Christ's body.

4: 9a TPT *"For you reach into My heart. With one flash of your eyes I am undone by your love, My beloved, My equal, My bride.**
*** Heb. 2:10 TPT** says, "*For now He towers above all creation, for all things exist through Him and for Him. And that God made Him, pioneer* (or "*trailblazer*" or "*forerunner*") *of our salvation, perfect through His sufferings* (**Phil. 2:7-8**)*, for this is* ***how He brings many sons and daughters to share in His glory****"* (**TPT note: "**or "*bring many children into His glorious state."* Grace gives us the glory that Jesus has. Although it is true that God will not share His glory with another (**Isa. 42:8**), but in Christ, we are not "*another*; we are one with Him. See also John 17:22; Rom. 8:29-30.")."

4:9b *"You leave Me breathless – I am overcome by merely a glance from your worshiping eyes, for you have stolen My heart."*
TPT note (c) "Or "*You have ravished My heart."* This is the Hebrew word *libabthini,* which is taken from a Semitic root word that means "*to tear bark off of a tree*." He is saying that your loving eyes of worship have uncovered His heart and laid it bare, making Him vulnerable to you. What a description of what happens to Jesus when He looks into your eyes. Your worship brings to Him such an ecstasy and delight that it becomes hard to even imagine. Yet God has placed inside of you the ability to ravish the heart of your King – not someday in heaven, but now, even when you feel incomplete and weak."
SS 4:9c *"I am held hostage by your love and by the graces of righteousness shining upon you."* **TPT note:** "Or "*the jewels of your neck*[necklace]." These divine jewels are the beautifying graces that the Holy Spirit gives to us. They are the graces of righteousness given to the redeemed bride of Christ."

4:10 TPT *"How satisfying to Me, My equal, My bride. Your loves is My finest wine – intoxicating and thrilling. And your sweet, perfumed praises – so exotic, so pleasing"*

The Wonders of Christ's Love Working In Us

Eph. 1:8-9 TPT *"This* superabundant *grace is already powerfully working in us* (or "[*is*] *lavished on us"*), *releasing all forms of wisdom* (**Eph. 1:17-18; James 1:5-7**) *& practical understanding.* **9.** *And through the revelation of the Anointed One, He unveiled His secret desires to us – the* ***hidden mystery*** *of His long-range plan, which He was delighted to implement from the very beginning of time*." In the NT, God's former divine secret is now a truth fully disclosed so that we can understand it & apply it to our lives by faith in God's grace!

God's Sovereign Power to Fulfill His Detailed Plan

V. 10 TPT *"And because of God's unfailing purpose, this detailed plan will reign supreme through every period of time until the fulfillment of all the ages finally reaches its climax – when God makes all things new in all of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ."* **NKJV** reads, *"That in the* ***dispensation**** *of the fullness of the times He* (God) *might gather together in one all things in Christ..."* **SFLB note: "Dispensation"** is not a restricted period of time. It references the fact God has a plan to **gather together** the fragmented & alienated universe, so that human history ultimately culminates in achieving His purposes."

V. 11 TPT *"Through our union with Christ we too have been claimed by God as His own inheritance**. Before we were even born, He gave us our destiny* (or "*estate"*)*; that we would fulfill the plan of God who always accomplishes every purpose and plan in His heart* (**NKJV** *"according to the counsel of His will"*)*."* ***NKJV note: "Counsel of His will** signifies God's eternal and unchangeable plan. Repeated reference to God's will (vv. 1,

5, 9, 11) establishes the confidence [for us] of strong purpose and solid ground for living."

God chose the Jews to be the first to believe in the Christ

V. 12 TPT *"God's purpose was that we* Jews, *who were the first to long for the messianic hope, would be the first to believe in the Anointed One and bring great praise and glory to God!"*

V. 13 NKJV *"In Him you also* trusted, *after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were* ***sealed*** *with the Holy Spirit of promise.*" ***"You were sealed"*** may refer to justification. However, **SFLB note** says, "Justification brings acceptance; sealing brings authority (**John 3:33-34**). This verse, therefore, may refer to **Acts 19:1-6**, where the Ephesians, who had already believed, received the fullness of the Holy Spirit after Paul taught and ministered to them." [There ***sealing*** means they received **authority**!]

V. 14 NKJV *"Who* (or "*which"*) *is the guarantee* (or "*down payment", "earnest") of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."* **SFLB note: "Guarantee** literally means "deposit," down payment," or "first installment." The Holy Spirit invested in us is God's title to possessing us entirely and forever."

Let's take God at His Word about His love for us and live holy, blessed, overcoming lives filled with the Holy Spirit of grace!

Let's Focus on God's Love & be Filled with Joy

Joy springs from love (Gal. 5:22 ' ***fruit of the Spirit*** **'),** which is followed by ***peace****,* then ***longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*** **23.** ***gentleness, & self-control.*** *Against such there is no law.* **24.** *And those* who are *Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.* **25.** *If we live in the Spirit, let us also*

walk in the Spirit. **26.** *Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."*