

Song of Solomon

Chapter 5

I. **Son. 5:1- The Shepherd King to the young woman**

A. **I have come to my garden, my sister, my spouse**

1. We are God's garden
 - a. **1 Cor. 3:9-** We are the cultivation of the Lord
 - b. **John 15-** We are His vineyard
2. Again the terms my sister and my spouse speak of the dual relationship we have with Jesus Christ. We are His siblings and bride.
3. The Lord wants produce from His garden on the inside of us.

B. **I have gathered my myrrh with my spices**

1. The Lord gathers not only the spices that come from our lives which are the product of His Spirit and nature in us but he also collects our suffering and tears. Myrrh speaks of suffering.
 - a. **Ps. 56:8-** He collects our tears in a bottle.
 - b. Walking in the path of the Lord will put us in suffering's way- **2 Tim. 3:12**
 - c. Paul endured great suffering but he also experienced great comfort in the Lord- **2 Cor. 1:5**
2. We saw that in chapter 4:16 that it takes two winds to bring forth the spices of Christ from us- The North wind which is the wind of God's blessing and the South wind of trials and tribulations from the enemy and the world. The Lord does not take the sufferings of his beloved lightly. Every suffering and every tear is gathered and recompensed.

C. **I have eaten my honey with my honeycomb**

1. This verse is speaking of communion and fellowship with Christ. We partake of Christ's myrrh, spices, honey, and wine and milk and the Lord in turn receives these back from us in the form of faith, worship and praise. Faith, worship, and praise are as sweet honey to the Lord. He enjoys and receives it from us!

D. **wine with my milk**

1. This speaks of our prosperity
2. God delights in the prosperity of His servant- **Ps. 35:27**
3. Jesus shares our joy with us when we prosper in soul and naturally!- **3 John 2**

E. **Eat, O friends**

1. We are called the friends of God- O, what a blessed thing to be the friend of the Lord!

2. Again this verse speaks of our communion together with the Lord. We are to eat of the Lord's bounty. Eat in the Bible has to deal with faith. Faith comes from meditating the Word and faith comes by releasing it out of our mouths. Eating has to deal with the movement of our mouths. The Hebrew word for meditate means *to utter*. Both eating and speaking deals with the opening and closing of our mouths. This is why eating is likened to receiving from God by faith.

3. God has given us His Word to feed on.

4. Abraham was called the friend of God. **James 2:23** We as believers we are seen as the children of Abraham [**Gal. 3:29**] and thus we also are the friends of God. Jesus showed His great love for us because he laid down His life for His friends. **John 15:13**

F. **drink, O beloved ones**

1. Drinking from Christ comes from participating in the Holy Spirit.

2. We drink in Christ by communion with Him

3. When we pray in the Spirit we drink from the Spirit of Christ.

4. We are God's beloved. **1 John 4:1**- When you know you are the Lord's beloved you will come and freely drink from Him!

II. **Son. 5:2- The young woman to the Shepherd King**

A. **I slept but my heart is awake**

1. There are times in every believer's life that they will begin to take the Christian life for granted and become spiritually lazy and fall asleep. This is usually after a season of plenty as we saw in the last verse. We can enjoy the blessings of the Lord and stop seeking the Blessor and Giver of the gifts. There are many believers that are sleeping today. When a Christians ceases to spend time with God in prayer and in meditation of the Word they will look just like the world and fall asleep.

2. Notice it says I slept **but my heart was awake**. This speaks of a carnal believer. They are asleep but they are alive on the inside. When you are asleep you appear to be dead even though your heart is awake [it goes on beating]. Unbelievers are spiritually dead. A carnal believer that is asleep looks just like an unbeliever who is dead. It is hard to pick out someone that is silently sleeping among those who are dead. They all look the same. You have to get real close to see signs of life. When a believer ceases to draw from their union with Christ they will look just like an unbeliever. God calls them asleep. We need to wake up!

- a. **Eph. 5:14**- Awake O sleeper, and arise from among those who are dead!
- b. **1 Cor. 15:34**- Awake to righteousness, and do not sin!
- c. **Rom 13:11**- It is high time to wake up!

B. it is the voice of my beloved

1. Thank God for the faithfulness of our Shepherd King. He awakes us out of our sleep with His voice!
2. The Lord's voice is heard in many ways- some ways are louder than others! Jesus is having to shout at some Christians to wake them up! Some people do not wake easy! Some people will only wake up when their lives get bad enough. This is when they hear the Lord shouting at them to wake up and to return to communion and faith in Him.
3. Jesus is our beloved. We are His beloved. God wakes us up to reveal His love to us. He wakes us up to commune with us. If we will come back to Him as our first love then we will be wide awake and see the goodness of the Lord.

C. He knocks, saying, "Open for me my sister, my love."

1. The Lord's voice is the sound of Him knocking at our heart's door.
2. The Shepherd King is now married to His young bride. Why does He not just come in? Is not the bride His? It is because the Shepherd King will not force Himself upon us. He will not force us to love Him and receive from Him. This is why He stands outside the door and knocks. The door must be opened from the inside. The door of our heart must be opened by us on the inside. If we will let the Lord inside our hearts He will commune and minister to us His love. Jesus lives in our spirit, but He desires to enter into all the secret compartments of our heart. Jesus may have free reign in one compartment but He is left outside of another. There is no compartment that Jesus is content to remain outside of. He will stand and knock until the very last one has been opened to His presence and love.
 - a. **Rev. 3:20**- Jesus stands outside the door and knocks. He wants to come in and commune with us!

D. my dove, my perfect one

1. We are seen as a dove. The dove is a type of the Holy Spirit. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We have the nature of the dove on the inside of us. This produces in us dove's eyes. A dove is gentle and white [holy]. We again need to see ourselves as He sees us and it will cause a transformation in our lives.

2. perfect one- This is how God sees us! Oh, if only we would acknowledge this and accept it as reality. Then we would speak this often and see it manifest in greater degrees in our lives

a. **Hebrews 10:14**- We have been perfected forever by the offering of Jesus Christ

b. **Col. 2:10**- We are complete [perfect] in Him

c. **Philemon vs. 6**- our faith will become effective in the acknowledging of every good thing in us through Jesus Christ.

E. For my head is drenched with dew, my locks are wet from the damp of the night

1. The head in the Bible speaks of authority.

2. Dew in the Bible speaks of blessing and that which brings forth the harvest and growth

3. When we will submit to God's authority in our lives we will experience all manner of blessing and growth. His head is drenched with dew! When we walk by faith in His Word we are submitting to His authority. Faith and obedience are synonyms in the New Testament. When we believe, trust in, and draw upon the finished work of Christ then we will be drenched with dew from His head!

4. Dew forms in the night time just before the dawn. The church reigns in Christ's stead during the night. Jesus will bring the day. He will reign in the day. This means that we Christians who are living right before the coming of the Lord if we will walk in faith will experience an outpouring of the dew of Christ and see wonderful harvests personally and of souls into God's kingdom.

F. The Shepherd King is standing outside the door right before the dawn and has dew in His hair. He wants to come in and commune with His love. But she is asleep and self absorbed. This speaks of the Laodicean church. The modern church is asleep and must be awakened. It is luke-warm and does not want to rise to answer the door or heed the knocks of the Lord.

III. Son. 5:3- The young woman to the Shepherd King

A. I have taken off my robe

1. Christians who are asleep have taken off their robe. As believers we are clothed with the robe of righteousness. **Is. 61:10**

2. When we become carnal we stop drawing upon the righteousness of Christ and thus stop living in righteousness. We take off the robe and lay it down to sleep. As Christians we do not lose righteousness

in **position** but we can take off the robe in our daily **condition**. We do this when we become carnal and fall asleep!

3. Jesus tells the Laodicean church to put back on their white garments because they are naked. **Rev. 3:18**

B. How can I put it on again?

1. Many carnal believers say that it is too difficult to live righteous. They say, "how can I put it on again!"

2. If they would just realize that they are to put back on the robe just like they put it on at first when they got saved. It is by placing their faith in the righteousness of Christ that has been given to them as a gift of grace and act upon it in faith. When we realize that we are righteous by grace we will then live righteous. If we try to become righteous through our works it becomes impossible to get the robe on again! Many believer's take off their robes because they get into legalism and into works. You do not have to be in gross sin to take off your robe of righteousness.

C. I have washed my feet, how can I defile them

1. Basically what the young woman is saying here is that she really does not want to do what it takes to get up and answer the door! She has to get dressed and be willing to get her feet dirty in rising and open the door. This is really a bad attitude for a new bride. She is basically saying, "Sorry dude, I can't answer the door because I am too tired to get up and put my robe on and really do not want to walk across the dirty floor! We often have this attitude toward the Lord. Our precious Lord deserves much more!

2. We can get this way with the Lord. We get too lazy to open up the Bible or to kneel on the dirty floor to pray and open the door of our heart. It is too inconvenient; we have other things to do! Oh, if we would have a revelation of Who is standing on the other side of the door, we would let nothing keep us from opening the door to Him!

3. We need to walk through the dirt of our life and answer the door. We often let the dirt of our life keep us from answering the door.

4. The young woman said she did not want to experience dirty feet. Washed feet speaks of having a clean lifestyle. Many people in legalism appear to have a clean lifestyle. However, they are unwilling to come into close communion with the Lord because they will actually been seen as defiled. Many Christians are content comparing their lives with others instead of comparing them to the Lord. When we enter the presence of the Lord we enter into His light

in which all is exposed and open. Many want to trust in their apparent clean feet and not have them actually defiled in the Lord's presence.

IV. Son. 5:4- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. My beloved put his hand by the hole of the door

1. She has not answered His knocks. He now stoops down to look through the key hole. When someone does this they place their hand by the key lock as they endeavor to peer in through the key hole.
2. He is hoping He might get a glimpse of His love, and that maybe she will of Him.

B. My heart was moved for Him

1. She was moved that He was going to such lengths to be with her.
2. It should move our heart when we see the lengths Jesus has gone to win us at the cross and what the lengths He goes to reach us and speak to us during our self absorbed lives. He is always seeking to get our attention. If we would but look in the circumstances and communications of our day we will see glimpses of Him trying to look in on us and get our attention.

V. Son. 5:5- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. I arose to open for my beloved

1. We must be willing to arise to open up for our beloved. We must wake up and arise.

B. and my hands dripped with myrrh

1. Myrrh again is connected with sorrow and inward pain.
2. To arise and open the door for the Lord we must first experience repentance and sorrow
 - a. **2 Cor. 7:9**- Our sorrow leads to repentance
 - b. **James 4:9**- Turn your laughter to sorrow

C. and my fingers with liquid myrrh

1. liquid myrrh was the purest of myrrh. This speaks of genuine and godly sorrow. There is a worldly sorrow and there is a godly sorrow. This speaks of a godly sorrow. Godly sorrow leads to repentance and to the fellowship of the Lord.

D. on the handles of the bolt

1. godly sorrow works repentance that shows in our actions. The young woman was moved to get up and open the door. When we have godly sorrow and repentance towards the Lord we will wake up and open up our heart and seek the Lord.

VI. Son. 5:6- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. I opened to my beloved, but my beloved and turned and was gone

1. When we have separated ourselves from the Lord we expect that everything in our life will automatically be the same as it was before we left the Lord. No, it takes time to get back to where we were. We actually lose ground spiritually when we turn away from communion with the Lord

2. Often people repent from their way and come back to the Lord because situations in their lives have gone bad. When they come back to the Lord they think everything will automatically change for the better. This does not always happen.

B. My heart went out to Him as He spoke, I searched for Him but did not find Him.

1. Sometimes the Lord will not let things change in your life to see if you really want Him or just your situation to change. He wants us to really follow Him and seek Him out of love, not just because of what He can do for you. He is not doing this because he has been hurt by your behavior; He is doing it for your own good!

2. Often we must hang on to His spoken Word in times in which we cannot seem to find the Lord or experience His moving in our lives and situations.

C. I called to Him but He did not answer me

1. Sometimes it feels like the Lord is gone and He is not listening to us. But He is. The Lord hears the faintest cry. He wants to see if you will continue to follow Him or turn away when you do not see any immediate change of circumstances. This is the maturing process of following the Lord. When we are babies in the Lord it seems that we get immediate responses to our call much like parents with a new born child. However, when we get older, parents can hear the cry of our selfishness and in wisdom do not answer right away. Although, the child cries most vehemently, the wise parent does not answer. This is the maturing process of the child. The Lord is all wise in His dealings with us. We must have our soul weaned from the flesh and rest in quietness and trust in the Lord.

VII. Son. 5:7- The young woman

A. The watchmen who make the rounds of the city found me and struck me, and they wounded me

1. Again the watchmen represent the ministers of the Lord. They are set as watchmen to lead people to Him.
2. It says here the watchmen found her and beat her up. She had been out of fellowship with the Shepherd King and was seeking to be restored, but the watchmen instead of helping her they beat her up!
3. This is a grievous happening even today. Ministers are beating up Christians who are trying to break out of sin and desire to get right with the Lord again. They are berating them and judging them. The church is the only army that shoots its own wounded!
4. Many ministers preach the Law instead of grace. They preach rules instead of love. They injure believers instead of healing them! This angers the Lord.

B. The keepers of the wall took my veil from me

1. Keepers are another picture of the Lord's ministers.
2. The veil was the young woman's covering. This speaks of the rejection of the ministers and churches which are a spiritual covering to a believer. This means they disassociate themselves from what they call a "sinner" and take their covering from them.

VIII. Son. 5:8- The young woman [believer] to the daughters of Jerusalem [carnal believers]

A. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem

1. The daughters of Jerusalem represent carnal believers

B. If you find my beloved, tell Him I am lovesick

1. She professes to others around about how she really feels about the Shepherd King
2. When we share intimate things about our relationship with God, some will not appreciate it or understand it.
3. **Matt. 7:6-** To not give [or share] what is holy [to you] to the dogs. Dogs in the New Testament speak of legalistic people because they will not appreciate grace and love and they will even persecute you for seeking either one! **Phil 3:2**

IX. Son. 5:9- The daughters of Jerusalem [carnal believers] to the young woman [believer]

A. What is your beloved above more than another beloved?

1. Unbelievers do not have an appreciation for the person of Jesus Christ. They really do not see how He is any different than any one else.

2. Carnal believers also live their lives in such a way that makes this same statement. They treat the Lord no different than anyone else. Carnal believer's valuation of Jesus Christ differs little to unbelievers in practice and principle. They will treat some people even better than the Lord!

B. O fairest of women,

1. They are saying this in a mocking way because she has been telling them what her lover has been saying to her. Those of the world and even worldly Christians will mock us if we start telling them what the Word of God has to say about us. They will mock us if we say we are holy, loved, and righteous.

C. What is your beloved above more than another beloved?

1. They repeat this over again. They are trying to convince her that her beloved is not so special. The world will do this to us. The world's message to us over and over is that God is nothing special, if He exists at all!

2. If we keep listening to the world we will start to believe it!

3. Often times carnal believers can start treating Jesus as common and unexciting. This comes from a distant relationship with Him. The nearer you come to Him, the more you will be overcome with awe until you reach His immediate presence and then fall before Him as one who is dead. **Rev. 1:17**

X. Son. 5:10- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. Instead of listening and believing what the daughters of Jerusalem were saying she started recounting how great her Shepherd King was. We need to testify to the greatness of Jesus Christ! We need to say it over and over again until others believe it!

B. We also need to keep a proper view of the Lord fresh in our own lives. We do this by verbally praising His many attributes which the young woman will begin to do all the way unto the end of the chapter.

1. If we are going to provide a defense for the Lord and speak of His greatness and what sets Him apart it behooves us to know Him well!

C. My beloved in white and ruddy

1. White speaks of His utter purity and Holiness. He is the Son of God!

2. Ruddy speaks of **blood flushed cheeks**. David who was a type of Christ was said to be ruddy also. [**1 Sam. 16:12**] Ruddy speaks of the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He came and took upon Himself **flesh [cheeks] and blood [ruddy]**.

E. Chief among ten thousand

1. **chief**- This word means "*a standard bearer*"- Jesus is the standard bearer for righteousness, truth, and salvation. He holds preeminence among men. [**Col. 1:18**] He is not just a prophet, good man, or good teacher. He is the very Son of God.

2. "**ten thousand**" is a term that speaks of something innumerable. There has been an innumerable amount of humanity come and go, but Jesus is the preeminent One out of them all and the only hope of salvation for each and every one.

F. Now the young woman is going to describe the different attributes of her Shepherd King to the daughters of Jerusalem. The descriptions find their fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ. The description of attributes will alternate between the Deity and humanity of the Lord Jesus. They describe His intense loveliness.

XI. Son. 5:11- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. His head is as the finest gold- His Deity

1. Head again speaks of authority
2. Gold speaks of divinity in the Bible
3. Jesus has divine authority over the souls of men- both saved and lost- for He died for them and purchased them with His blood

B. His locks are wavy, black as a raven- His humanity

1. This speaks of Jesus bearing the authority of Adam upon Himself. Jesus took within Himself Adam and took on Himself His death in order to free us. A raven is an unclean bird. Black in the Bible speaks of death. Jesus took authority over the fall of mankind. He took the fall for us so that we could experience a risen new life! Jesus took the waves of God's judgments for us and as us, so we could receive the waves of His grace in our lives!

XII. Son. 5:12- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. His eyes are like doves- His Deity

1. The Lord Jesus eyes are all seeing through the Holy Spirit. The dove represents the Holy Spirit.

B. by the rivers of waters- His humanity

1. This is in connection to our Lord's human eyes. His eyes flowed with streams of tears over us.

a. **John 11:35**

b. **Hebrews 5:7**

C. washed in milk- His Deity

1. This speaks of the center of our eye encompassed by the white of the eye.

2. Milk speaks of richness and fullness. Jesus sight was always on the richness and fullness of God. He always had a Divine perspective in all things.

D. fitly set- His humanity

1. As jewels are set in sockets, so the eyes are set into sockets

2. Jesus as a man always set His eyes towards what was fitting for His relationship with God and others.

3. O, how we must fitly set our eyes in this day we live in. There is an abundance of things that beg for our vision that are all together unfitting and unbecoming for a saint of God to behold. We must guard our vision and fitly set our eyes.

XIII. Son. 5:13- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. His cheeks are like a bed of spices- His humanity

1. His cheeks speak of the face of His humanity. He took on a human face. Praise His name! It is great to have a Savior who has skin on!

2. Spices speak of the perfections of the man Jesus. He is the only perfect man that ever lived. Jesus lived thirty three years before He gave His life for us. Why did He not die as a baby for us? Why did He not bare our sins when He was three? It was because we not only needed forgiveness, but we needed to be given righteousness! Jesus lived His entire life under the Law of God. He fulfilled every commandment in motive and action. He achieved perfect righteousness as a man. He did this for and as us! He died on the cross for our sins, but He also lived a perfect life for us, so it would be imputed to us as righteousness! His perfect life was imputed to you at the cross, and His righteous life was imparted to you at the new birth!

B. Banks of scented herbs- His humanity

1. The cheeks are the banks for the stream of our mouth and words.

2. The speech of Jesus was scented herbs. The flow of words from Jesus was a river of fragrance.

3. When our tongue is Spirit controlled we will have fragrant speech. Many sadly have foul speech. **Eph. 4:29** We need to wash our mouth out with praise and thanksgiving! **Heb. 13:15**

C. His lips are lilies- His Deity

1. Lilies here are very white. This speaks of the Divine source of Jesus' words. They were the words of God.

D. dropping sweet smelling myrrh- His humanity

1. Myrrh is obtained from piercing a certain tree which issues forth tears of sap. These harden. When burned myrrh sends off a lovely smell. Myrrh in the Bible is always in connection with intense suffering. Jesus was offered wine mixed with myrrh at the cross.
2. The fire of God's judgment fell upon Jesus and a sweet smell was given off.
3. Even experiencing the bitterness of the cross the words of Jesus were most sweet. He prayed for forgiveness for those who crucified Him. He shared the hope of eternal life with one of the thieves', and he made provision for His mother. Then He uttered the most sweet words of all- **IT IS FINISHED [PAID IN FULL]** Hallelujah!

XIV. Son. 5:14- Young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. His hands are as gold rings set with beryl- Deity

1. Hands speak of works- Jesus did the Divine works- Although Jesus lived and operated as a man, the work done through Him was from God as a source.
 - a. **John 14:10-** The Father does the works..
2. Again gold speaks of what is Divine in nature and origin
3. Beryl is one of the foundation stones of the Heavenly Jerusalem

B. His belly is bright ivory overlaid with sapphires- His humanity

1. ivory is a very brittle substance- This speaks of the human body and nature which is very fragile.
2. ivory is white, which speaks of Jesus' sinless human life
3. sapphires- these gems sparkle in the light. Jesus natural life sparkled with the light of God and gave witness of God to His generation.

XV. Son. 5:15- Young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. His legs are pillars of marble- His humanity

1. Legs speaks of a person's walk
2. Jesus walk was utterly stable. He walked upon the pillars of truth and love.
3. The marble here was bleached white marble. White speaks of the sinless walk of Jesus

B. set upon sockets of fine gold- His Deity

1. Jesus walk was divinely ordered.
2. Gold speaks of Divinity

3. Jesus human feet were firmly placed into the sockets of Divinity- Jesus was the God/Man. Jesus was God walking upon the Earth. He operated as a man anointed by the Spirit of God, but we must not lose sight that He was also God in the flesh.

C. His countenance is as Lebanon- His Deity

1. Lebanon is a type of heaven. Lebanon means- *exceeding white*. See note on **Son. 4:8** for more on Lebanon.

2. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus' countenance shown as bright as the sun. [**Matt. 17:12**] Jesus revealed the glory of His person, who is very God.

D. excellent as the cedars- His humanity

1. Cedar is natural wood- This speaks of the humanity of Jesus

2. Cedars are excellent in strength and stature- Jesus' walk was strength at it's fullest and best and He walked taller than any other human person of history. Jesus is the largest human figure of all of history.

XVI. Son. 5:16- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. His mouth is most sweet

1. Jesus no longer walks upon the Earth in a human body. We cannot see Him today directly working and walking.

2. However, He has left one part of Himself here! He left His words. Once we recognize these as the Word of God they will be most sweet to us. They will empower us to do the works of Christ and walk in His footsteps.

B. He is altogether lovely

1. This the summary of all that has been spoken of the Lord. He is **ALTOGETHER** lovely! Is that the view you have of your savior? If not, draw closer to Him, dear saint. Get a closer look!

C. This is my beloved

1. This majestic God-Man is also the one who loves you with an everlasting love!

D. and this is my friend

1. We can move from just being loved by the Lord to being His friend. We do this by communing with Him and doing what He says.

a. John 15:14

2. Are you friends with God at this moment friend? Do you know Jesus as this chapter describes Him. If not, sink to your knees and call upon Him and He will reveal Himself to you.