

Song of Solomon

Chapter 6

I. Son. 6:1- Daughters of Jerusalem to the young woman

A. Where has your beloved gone, O fairest among women?

1. The description of the Shepherd King and His excellencies has begun to spark the interest of those around her. The daughters of Jerusalem were trying to persuade her about how common and non special her love was, but now they are being won over by the young woman's praise the Shepherd King.

B. Where has your beloved turned aside?

1. The question we need to ask ourselves is not where has the Shepherd King turned aside, but where did **we** turn aside? If we have lost sight of the Lord we are the ones who have turned aside because we were supposed to be following Him. The Lord does not turn aside, we do!

2. This is a problem with carnal believers. They think that the Lord has left them, but in reality they have stopped following the Lord! This shows their problem which is their own self centered focus. We need to be Christ focused. We need to repent, connect again with the Lord, and follow Him closely! We need to stay connected to our Shepherd King. Oh, what we forfeit when we leave His path!

C. that we may seek Him with you

1. Those around the young woman were trying to persuade her that her beloved was nothing special. However, the young woman actually has now convinced those around her that He was someone awe inspiring and stirred up the desire in them to seek Him also.

2. When we seek the Lord and speak of Him often, others will be stirred to seek Him also. When we become carnal we tend to encourage others in that attitude as well.

II. Son. 6:2- The young woman concerning the Shepherd King

A. The young lady has been tested by those who would discourage her from seeking the Lord. She passed this test. As soon as she did, she discovered His presence! We will experience this test also. We will be tested by the opinions of man. The Lord waits to see if we will hold to what we know about Him or be led astray by people. We might experience the rejection of man, but we will discover and enjoy the rich presence of our Lord.

B. My beloved has gone to His gardens

1. His gardens speak of the congregations of His people. Each believer has a garden in them. When they congregate they become gardens. The gardens are the congregations of His people.

2. When a believer gets out of fellowship with the Lord, one of the first things to go is church attendance. Many will say to themselves that they can fellowship with the Lord at home on their bed. This is where the Shepherd King found the young lady who had fallen asleep upon her bed at the beginning of the last chapter. This is what got the young woman off track with her lover.

C. to the beds of spices

1. Another reference to the local assemblies of believers that are seeking the Lord. Each believer is a bed of spice. When we gather we become the beds of spices.

D. to feed His flock in the gardens

1. We usually are prone to getting into ditches. One ditch is to attend church but not to seek the Lord privately at home. The other ditch is to ditch church and tell yourself you do not need to go and that you can just spend time with the Lord at home. Neither situation alone is the Lord's will. You need both. Church is where you hear doctrine and gain the **knowledge of God**. At home you take what you learned and by and through it you get to **know God** personally. The knowledge of God and knowing God are not the same! We also need to come to church and add our garden to other's gardens and add our spices to their spices! We share from each other's gardens. Unbelievers who come to our churches also partake of our gardens and spices and receive the Lord for themselves. People cannot partake of your garden when you are home lying in your bed!

E. to gather lilies

1. The Lord gathers up His promises concerning us and shares them with us by His Spirit. **1 Cor. 2:12, John 16:14**

III. Son. 6:3

A. I am my beloved's, and He is mine

1. This is a progression in maturity of her relationship to the Shepherd King. Earlier in the book she proclaimed, "My beloved in mine, and I am His" [**Son. 2:16**] The focus used to be on herself primarily- "My beloved is mine." This was what led to her lapse of fellowship with Him. She is focused on herself and her relationship has become about her and what the Shepherd King does for her. Now that she has properly seen His preeminence in her life she now proclaims, "I

am my beloved's, and He is mine! She reversed the order. We need to do that in our life if we are to experience a deeper walk with the Lord. We are first and foremost His possession. Once this is set in place we can boldly proclaim that He also is mine! **We were created for Him; He does not exist for us!** We often live as if the opposite is true!

B. He feeds among the lilies

1. The lilies are His exceeding great and precious promises to us. The Lord feeds us from the promises of His Word. Have you fed among the lilies lately?

IV. Son. 6:4- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Oh, my love you are as beautiful as Tirzah

1. This book emphasizes time and time again the mutual appreciation of the Shepherd King and the young woman.

2. We need to see just how lovely Jesus is, and once we have this in view, we can properly appreciate His view of us. As we behold Him we are transformed into the same image by the Spirit of God. **2 Cor. 3:18**

3. We must see ourselves as our Shepherd King speaks of us. He says we are beautiful.

4. **Tirzah**- Heb. *delightful*- This city was known for its beautiful situation. This was the chief city of the Canaanites which were heathen. Israel took over this city and it became the Lord's. We used to be of heathen origin but now we have been redeemed and made beautiful for God.

5. This is the first time the Shepherd King has seen the young woman since she had strayed from Him. Instead of a look of anger, he gives her a look of love and speaks gracious words to her.

B. comely as Jerusalem

1. outwardly Jerusalem was not a beautiful city. What made it beautiful was that it was the habitation of God. God made this city beautiful! We might not look beautiful on the surface, but if we are born again we have been made beautiful because we are the habitation of God! God makes us beautiful!

C. awesome as an army with banners

1 The church is not only the bride of Christ, but we are army of Christ. **2 Tim. 2:3-4, Eph. 6:10-17**

2. banners speak of victory and conquest. His banners over us is love! We are the conquest of Christ and in Him we are made more than conquerors and victorious over sin, Satan, and the world.

V. Son. 6:5- The young woman to the Shepherd King; then the Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Turn your eyes from me

1. Here the young woman is speaking to the Shepherd King. We must remember this is the first time the young woman has saw her love since she has been estranged by her own carelessness and slumber. She is anxious about His response and has readied herself for censure from Him. Instead of this, her Shepherd King looks lovingly at her and calls her beautiful! This baffles her and confuses her! This is the same way with the Lord. When we sin or fall away from the Lord we think that He has nothing but censure and anger for us when we see Him again. However, he looks lovingly at us. The disciple Peter was anxious about seeing the Lord again after betraying Him, but Jesus met Him with love and kind words. It is the goodness of God that leads us to repentance! **Romans 2:4**

2. When we get into sin our heart condemns us. **[1 John 3:20-21]** We turn from God and do not want Him to see us. Adam and Eve hid after they had sinned. We often try to punish ourselves for our sins. This is the height of pride! Jesus paid for our sins. We must accept His forgiveness and goodness. Many reject God's goodness because they feel they don't deserve it. **WE DON'T DESERVE IT!** That is what grace is all about. When we try to earn the goodness of God by our performance then we are in pride and legalism. This displeases the Lord. Stop hiding yourself from God's eyes! Let Him look fully at you. It is the shining of His face upon you that brings the blessings and freedom you so need. Accept His words of love and grace.

B. they overwhelm me- Lit. Hebrew and NASB- *they confuse me*

1. His loving gaze after her sinful and self absorbed time confused her. She was ready for rebuke and she received love and kind words! O how the love and grace of God astounds us! It truly is amazing grace!

C. your hair is a flock of goats- repeated from Son. 4:1

1. What he says now to the young woman is an exact repeat of what he had already said of her earlier before she strayed from Him. We must understand this wonderful fact- God does not change His view of us in Christ! This is because He sees us in Jesus Christ. We have

His righteousness. His righteousness never changes. Our performance fluctuates, but the righteousness of God never does! God sees us the same before we sinned, during our sin, and after our sin. Our sin does not change God's opinion of us, it changes our opinion of God! Sin does not change God's stance towards us! Sin changes our stance towards God!

2. Again, hair represents submission to authority.

3. The goats spoken of here had shiny black coats that shimmered in the sunlight. They were beautiful.

4. Our submission of faith is beautiful to behold- from those in heaven and from those on the earth.

D. that have descended Mt. Gilead

1. To submit we must descend! We must humble ourselves.

2. Mt. Gilead means the hill of testimony. We give no greater testimony to Christ as to when we submit to His authority and Word by our actions and words of faith.

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

A. Your teeth are as a flock of sheep that has come up from the washing- this is a repeat of **Son. 4:2**

1. However in 4:2 he mentions **shorn** sheep. Here he just says sheep. Shorn speaks of having our old sins and nature removed at the cross. We have a change from "shorn" sheep to just sheep now in order to show us that a sinning Christian does not need to be forgiven again or be saved again. Complete forgiveness of sins took place when we got saved. When we got saved our old sins and old nature was cut away [shorn] from us. When we sin we are called to repent on our side- which means to change our mind, but we have already been forgiven of our sins [from God's side] and do not need to be reborn again with a new nature!

2. When we repent of our sins we are washed in our conscience. **[Heb. 9:14, 10:22]** The blood of Jesus **continually** washes us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:7**

3. A washed sheep was very white. God sees us as righteous and holy through Jesus! We need to get that vision as well!

4. When we get our mind renewed that we have had our nature changed from a pig to a sheep we will cease going back to the mud. Sheep occasionally gets dirty and some may even fall in the mud on rare occasion, but no sheep likes the mud. They desire to be clean and stay clean!

5. The washing of the water of the Word of His grace will keep us living clean and righteous lives.

B. Every one bares a twin, not one is barren

1. In the ancient world it was very common to have missing teeth. The young woman had a full set of white teeth.

2. We have a complete righteousness. Nothing is missing in our salvation! We must chew on this night and day. When we do we will not experience barrenness in our lives.

3. Legalism teaches people to whiten their teeth, but they cannot fill in our missing teeth! It cannot make up for our incompleteness and unrighteousness! We have been given a full set of white teeth when we got saved. We have been made complete in Christ! Chew on that!

VII. Son. 6:7- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. like a piece of pomegranate are your temples

1. Again a pomegranate contains white seeds in deep red juice.

2. The temples speak of our thought life. We are to have white seeds- righteous thoughts- that are bathed in the blood and redemption of Jesus! When we think about what Jesus has done for us and obtained for us, then our temples are likened to a pomegranate!

VIII. Son. 6:8- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. There are sixty queens

1. **sixty** is ten times six- Ten speaks of judgment and six is the number of mankind. This speaks of God's judgment of the nations of the earth when He returns to the Earth.

2. **queens**- A queen speaks of a co-ruler. God rules in the heavens, but nations rule on the earth. The more prominent nations are referred to as queens and the lesser ones are referred to as concubines. Queen nations will be sheep [believers] and enter into the Millennial reign of Jesus and concubine nations will be the goat nations and be removed from the earth. **Matthew 25:32-33** [see **Jesus' use of nations in vs. 32**]

B. concubines- Solomon at the end of his life had collected 700 wives and 300 concubines. He states that he has at this time in his life 60 wives and 80 concubines. He is just getting started!

1. 80 is forty times two. Forty is the number for testing. Two is the number of division. God will test all the nations and divide them at His coming into two groups- goats and sheep. The goat nations will be at His left and be removed from the Earth. The sheep nations will enter

into the Millennial reign of Jesus. **Matthew 25:32-33 [see Jesus' use of nations in vs. 32]**

2. Today we have 194 recognized nations on the Earth. God recognizes only 140 [60 +80] of them however. Some nations have splintered themselves off of existing nations outside of the will of God. I believe America was separated from Britain by the will and hand of God and is thus recognized in these 140. Some of these 140 will enter into the Millennial reign of Jesus and some will be removed from the earth at the return of Jesus Christ.

C. and virgins without number

1. the inhabitants of all the nations- Just because they are referred to her as virgins do not make them innocent or pure.

IX. Son. 6:9- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. **My dove**- My Spirit indwelt one

B. **my perfect one**- God sees us individually and as the church as undefiled through the blood of Jesus Christ. We have been made perfect in Christ. **Heb. 10:14**

C. **she is the only one of her mother**- The mother of the church is the grace of God.

1. There is only one way of salvation and it is by grace through faith. Grace is the only mother that will bring forth spiritual children of God. Religion will not and cannot!

D. **the favorite one of the mother who bore her**- the word "favorite" is from the Heb. **bar**- *which means clean and pure*. Grace makes sinners clean and pure through the finished work of Jesus and the blood of the New Covenant.

E. Although the nations of the world rule in their own sphere there has been no world empire since Rome fell. The only world empire right now is the church of Jesus Christ. There will be no world empire as long as the church is here. We are ruling this dispensation of grace. We are reigning as the offspring of God on the earth in Christ's absence. When the church is raptured, then the revived Roman Empire under Anti-Christ will rule the earth.

F. **the daughters saw her, and blessed her, yea the queens and concubines, they praised her**

1. At times the world have noticed the church's good works and praised us, but the fulfillment of this verse is when we come back to the Earth at the end of the tribulation. The world will behold and

praise the church then. All will marvel at Jesus Christ at this time because He will be glorified in His saints- the church- **2 Thess. 1:10**

2. The church is separate from the nations of the earth. The nations will go through the Tribulation period while we are in heaven for seven years going through the Judgment Seat of Christ. **1 Cor. 3:10-15** We will return to the earth with Christ and we will behold the judgment of Christ upon the nations. **Matthew 25:32-33**

X. Son. 6:10- The daughters concerning the young woman

A. Who is she who looks forth as the morning

1. The words look forth in Hebrew means to peer down from a window to something below. The church will peer down from heaven upon the nations during the Tribulation period.

2. When the church returns with Christ to the Earth it will be the dawn of the day.

B. Fair as the moon

1. The church is compared to the moon because the moon does not produce light, it only reflects the light of the sun. The church does not produce it's own light. We only reflect the light and glory of the Son!

2. The moon rules the night. The church rules over the darkness of this world giving it it's only light to see. Once the church is removed [as the moon is obscured] it will leave the earth in total darkness. This will give Satan and the Anti-Christ opportunity to reveal themselves and do their work.

C. clear as the sun

1. The word clear in Hebrew means pure. The light that comes from the church is as pure as the Son, because it is His light we are reflecting and not our own!

D. Awesome as an army of banners

1. Again the church is also an army.

2. The banner over us is love. Christ conquered us with His love. He has also made us victorious which a banner is a sign of in the military world.

3. The church will rule and reign with Jesus over the nations of the world. **Rev. 5:10**

XI. Son. 6:11- The Shepherd King

A. I went down to the garden of nuts

1. The garden of nuts is the church! I could go with that in so many ways!

2. The nut harvest was right at the end of the winter [spring in Jewish thought] and ushered in summer! Remember in Jewish thought there are only two seasons- spring and summer.

3. The church is living in the season of winter. Jesus' return will begin summer. The Shepherd King is inspecting the church to see if it is ripe and ready for harvesting!

B. to the blossoms of a the valley

1. The time of Christ's coming is blossoming. Things are ripened for His return.

C. to see whether the vine has budded

1. The vine is the church. Jesus is the vine and we are His branches. He is inspecting the church to see if we are ready for harvest.

D. and the pomegranates have bloomed

1. The believer's are pomegranates. This fruit is filled with white seeds that are washed in deep red juice. We are the blood washed redeemed! I believe that there will be a great revival in the church and a remnant in the church will blossom with spiritual vitality. Unfortunately, many in the church will become more worldly, become more carnal, or fall way altogether. **2 Thess. 2:3-** *[Some have translated this verse as "the departure" - referring to the rapture of the church- however, the Gr. word **apostasia** is never used in this sense. It is always used in the sense of a departure from the accepted norm or the commonly accepted teaching.]*

XII. Son. 6:12- The Shepherd King

A. Before, I was aware, my soul had set me over the chariots of my noble people

1. Jesus said he did not know the day or hour of His return. However, as He beholds the church, His soul at the right time will be stirred to get His chariots ready to come get His noble people! He will come to take away His bride!

XIII. Son. 6:13- The Shepherd King to the young woman - His bride

A. Come back, come back, Shulamite

1. Jesus will call to His bride at the rapture- Come back, Come back with me Shulamite.

2. Shulamite- This is the feminine form of Solomon. This is the first time she is given this name in the book. The church is wedded to Christ and shares His name.

B. That we may gaze at you

1. The church will be taken to heaven and adorned for her groom the Lord Jesus Christ. All of heaven will gaze at us! We will dazzle all of heaven! His grace and love will shine forth in it's strength!

C. what would you see in the Shulamite, the dance of two camps?

1. Again, Shulamite is the feminine form of Solomon. She is wedded to Solomon and shares His name. We are wed to Christ and share His name.

2. God sees His Son in us. Jesus sees God the Father in us. What do you see in you?

3. dance of two camps- The church is two camps. One camp is in heaven and comprises those who have died and gone on to be with the Lord. The other camp is alive on the earth and awaits the coming of the Lord. When we are united the two camps with dance and rejoice together. What a family reunion that will be ready. I can't wait, can you!