

Song of Solomon Chapter 4

I. Son. 4:1- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Behold, you are fair my love. Behold, you are fair

1. Again and again the Shepherd King wants the young woman to see herself like He sees her.

2. It will only be when we start believing about our self in our heart and seeing our self the way Christ sees us, that we will be transformed into that image.

a. **2 Cor. 3:18**- We take on beauty by beholding the glory of the Lord in us, not all the ugliness of our flesh!

3. Meditation on the epistles will show us how God sees us!

B. You have dove's eyes behind your veil

1. The dove is a type of the Holy Spirit. The church has dove's eyes. They are able to behold Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have spiritual perception to see God.

2. What will hinder our spiritual sight is a veil. This represents the Law. When we try to relate to God based upon our performance and our self efforts to be like Him then we will be blinded to Christ and His grace.

1. **2 Cor. 3:16-18**- When we turn to Christ the veil is removed. We can only see the glory of God and are transformed by it when we have the veil removed and look with unveiled face.

C. your hair is like a flock of goats

1. Try telling this to your girlfriend! This does not sound like much of a compliment, but it is!

2. The goats spoken of here had a shiny black coat which was beautiful in the sunlight.

3. Hair on a woman represents her submission to authority.

a. **1 Cor. 11:10-15**

4. One of the things that is so beautiful about a Spirit controlled believer is that they are submitted to the Lordship and the authority of Christ. Christ bestows upon us glory and beauty when we submit to Him. At salvation we submitted to Christ as Lord and we received beauty in our heart. To the degree we submit to His Lordship in our daily life will be the degree of glory and beauty we will exhibit.

D. that appear on Mt. Gilead- appear- lit. *come down from*- Like flowing hair.

1. Mt. Gilead- This mountain means the "*hill of testimony*". We give no greater testimony to Christ as when we submit ourselves to His

Word and Will. God gives grace to the humble and to those who submit to Him. Faith is ultimate submission to God. **1 Peter 5:5** This grace becomes a visible testimony to the greatness of God.

II. Son. 4:2- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Your teeth are like shorn sheep that come up from the washing

1. Another thing you probably should not say to your wife or girlfriend!
2. A sheep that has had its dirty excess wool shaved and then was washed after that to remove any ground in dirt was very white and clean. All the filth has been removed.
3. We are like these sheep in Christ. We have had what is unclean cut away [our old man] and we had our sins washed away from us. We are clean before the Lord by His finished work and blood.

a. **Colossians 2:11**

b. **Rev. 1:5**

4. When we meditate and chew on the New Covenant of grace we will see true holiness come forth in our lives

B. Every one of them bears twins, and none are barren among them

1. This means that the young woman had no missing teeth, which was common in ancient days.
2. Each white tooth represents a believer. When we stand together we are a defense against the enemy, just as our teeth guard our mouth. It is important to attend church and stand next to a fellow believer. It provides you and them strength. It is noticeable when you are missing just like when a tooth is missing!

III. Son. 4:3- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Your lips are like a strand of scarlet

1. This speaks of her red lips
2. strand of scarlet- These are the same Hebrew words used of Rahab in the book of Joshua. The spies told Rahab to put out a strand of scarlet fabric out of her window. This would be a symbol that she was to be protected from destruction, judgment, and death. The strand of scarlet represents the blood and suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ. Rahab was placing her faith in the Lord and by this she came under the protection of the Lord and was saved.
3. The believer's lips should never cease to speak of and lift up the finished work of Christ in redemption. Our mouth is to be like a strand of scarlet that releases our faith in His shed blood. This will put us

under divine protection and blessing not matter what is happening around us.

B. and your speech is lovely

1. When we speak of the work of Christ on our behalf our speech becomes lovely. When our speech releases faith and worship our speech is lovely. This Hebrew word also means what is fitting.

a. **Ephesians 5:4**

b. **Ephesians 4:29**

C. your temples are like a piece of pomegranate

1. The temples speaks of one's mind and thoughts

2. a pomegranate when opened will reveal white seeds bathed in a deep red juice. The seeds are our thoughts. A believer's thoughts should be bathed in the blood of Jesus. Our thoughts should focus upon the Lord and His redemption. Our thoughts should always be upon the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what produces life and godliness.

a. **Romans 8:5**- A mind set upon the Spirit [thoughts bathed in the blood of Jesus] produce life and peace (wholeness) in every area.

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

A. Your neck is like the tower of David

1. This is another top ten things not to say to your wife or girlfriend!

2. The neck is what connects our body to our head. We as the church are the body of Christ and Christ is our head. What connects us to Him is faith. Our faith is as a tower for all to see.

B. which are hung a thousand shields

1. Faith is seen as a shield for the believer. **Eph. 6:16**

2. The mighty ones of David's army hung their shields on the tower of David. David was a type of Christ in the OT. We are Christ's army and we all hang our shields of faith upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. one thousand is a figurative number in the Bible for something that is innumerable or is of a vast multitude. The body of Christ is of a vast number in which all our faith hangs united upon Christ. When a body of believers comes before God in faith then great power is released in their behalf. This is why we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

C. all of them shields of warriors

1. We are soldiers in an army, not vacationers on a cruise ship! There is warfare going on. Are you at your post?

V. Son. 4:5-The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Your breasts are like two fawns

1. The narrative just before speaks of the believer as a warrior.
2. The breastplate of a believer is made of two fawns- **faith and love- 1 Thess. 5:8**
3. As breasts nourish the young so we nourish others also by our faith and love.

B. twins of a gazelle

1. the gazelle is Christ. A gazelle is the epitome of grace. Our faith and love are the offspring of the grace of Christ.

C. that feed among the lilies

1. Our faith and love must be fed daily among the lilies which are the promises of the Word of God.

VI. Son. 4:6- The young woman speaks to herself

A. Until the day breaks and the shadows fade away

1. The night speaks of the church age, and the dawning of the day speaks of the 2nd coming of Christ
 - a. **Romans 13:12**
 - b. **2 Peter 1:19**

B. I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense

1. The mountain of myrrh is Mt. Calvary where Jesus suffered for us. Myrrh represents suffering and this substance was often given to a sufferer. Jesus was offered Myrrh on the cross but refused it so He could fully take the wrath and suffering we deserved. **Mark 15:23**
2. the hill of frankincense is another term for Calvary. Frankincense is one of the most aromatic fragrances on Earth when put to the fire. The fire of God's judgment fell upon the Lord Jesus Christ in our behalf and a sweet and soothing aroma of His perfections ascended to the Father in our behalf. This smell was one of acceptance in our behalf. **Eph. 5:2**
3. Until Christ is revealed from heaven the church must continually go to Calvary and place their faith in His finished work done there. Our old man [identity] was crucified there in and with Him, and all our sins and transgression were paid for and forgiven by His shed blood. This is what has provided our freedom from sin, Satan, and the world. [**Romans 6:6-7, Col. 2:13-15, Gal. 6:14**] We must stand on the victory ground of Mt. Calvary or we will not experience the resurrection power of Christ flowing in and through us. Resurrection power will only issue forth from faith in the finished work of Christ

upon the cross. If we try to do for ourselves [i.e. struggle to get free from sin, earn God's blessings] what Jesus accomplished for us at the cross, then the Spirit of resurrection will not work in us.

VII. Son. 4:7- The Shepherd King to His bride

A. You are fair my love

1. Again and again the Lord wants us to see ourselves through His redemptive work. If only we would cast our eyes upon Christ then we would see ourselves because we have been united to Him and share His nature. [**Ephesians 4:24, 2 Peter 1:4, 1 Cor. 6:17, 2 Cor. 3:18, 1 John 4:17**]

2. However, religion and legalism teaches that we must closely examine our natural lives and find all the ugliness we can and work to rid that from our lives so we might be right and clean before Him. If this is the way to true godliness than Christ died in vain! **Galatians 2:21**

3. We must regularly remind ourselves by verbally acknowledging we are loved by God. This will cause our faith to become strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

B. There is no spot in you

1. This is the evaluation of the Shepherd King about His young love.

2. This is the evaluation of our Shepherd King the Lord Jesus Christ concerning you as a believer in Him. God sees you without spot through the blood of His Son.

a. **Ephesians 1:4**- God sees you holy and without blame

b. **Jude 24**- Christ will present you blameless to God

c. **Ephesians 5:27**- we will be presented to Christ without spot or wrinkle

3. We must realize that what God sees and speaks is ultimate reality. If God looks at us and says we have no spot in us, then that is the truth. To say otherwise is to say God is a liar which is utter foolishness and pride. True humility says and believes what God says. Jesus says to the believer that there is no spot in you. It is up to us to affirm that evaluation and accept it as our own. This evaluation is from God's spiritual view and not from a natural or carnal view. We need God's view. This comes from dove's eyes.

3. Most believers try to clean up their wrong actions in an effort to be without spot. Our lives are cleaned up not by effort but by faith in the finished work of Christ. When we believe we have been made holy and clean through the blood of Christ and speak and act upon that

fact then the power of the Spirit of Christ will progressively sanctify and cleanse our lives. However, we will never come to a place where we are without spot in our performance. It is only by receiving God evaluation of us in Christ will we experience this reality in greater dimensions in our lives.

VIII. Son. 4:8- The Shepherd King to His bride

A. Come with me from Lebanon, my bride

1. This is the first time the young woman is called His bride. The marriage as taken place in the last verse.

2. **Ephesians 5:27**- The church is presented to the Lord Jesus Christ as a bride without spot or wrinkle after the judgment seat of Christ in which all the works of the flesh are burnt and all that is left is what glorifies God. **1 Cor. 3:10-15, Rev. 21:9**

3. We will come back with Christ at His second advent. The rapture takes place before the 7 year Tribulation period. During this time we are going through the Judgment Seat of Christ. At the close of the 7 year period we are married to Christ and return to the Earth with Him and will be joined by natural Israel to celebrate the marriage supper of the Lamb. Matthew 25:1-10

4. Lebanon means "exceeding white"- This represents Heaven itself- God's dwelling place is where we have been during the Tribulation Period. God's dwelling place, Heaven, is exceedingly white and holy.

B. with me from Lebanon- This is repeated that we will come back with Christ from heaven, the place that is exceedingly white.

C. look from the top of Amana

1. "Amana" means truth. In heaven we will get to see things in the clarity of the truth or how things really are. We will be able to look down upon the Earth during the Tribulation and see the truth. Those upon the Earth will be taken over by the lie. **2 Thess. 2:11**

D. from the top of Shenir and Hermon

1. "Shenir" means *snowy mountain*. This is another description of Heaven. Snow is very white. Heaven is a place of holiness and purity. In heaven we will see all things in purity and in truth.

2. "Hermon" means a *peak or summit*- You can see most clearly from a high vantage point. In Heaven we will be able to see from the very peak and summit of all existence to observe all things as they are.

E. from the lion's dens

1. Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. He is seen as a lion. The righteous also are seen as lions. **Prov. 28:1**

2. Heaven is the habitations of the lion's - the righteous - believers.

F. from the mountains of leopards

1. Leopards is another description of believers

a. **Is. 11:6**- The **wolf** will lay down with the **lamb**, the **leopard** will lay down with the **goat**.

1. In scripture wolves and goats speak of unbelievers and lambs and leopards are contrasted to them and picture believers.

b. **Jer. 13:23**- A leopard cannot change it's spots. Only God can do this miracle. This speaks of a sinner that has received a new nature by the miracle working power of God.

2. Heaven therefore is the habitations of leopards- redeemed sinners turned saints who have had their spots changed and removed.

IX. Son. 4:9- The Shepherd King to His Bride

A. you have ravished my heart my bride, my sister

1. Again, the young woman has now called His bride. The wedding as taken place.

2. Not only is she called His bride but she is also His sister- The scriptures teach that because we are believers we are siblings with Jesus Christ. We are the children of the same God. This is the dual relationship we have with Christ.

3. the word ravished in Hebrew means to "stir the heart". We stir the heart of Jesus. This is what led Him to come to the Earth and die upon the cross. We stirred His heart. As a believer you stir His heart. Many believers feel they stir God's heart to anger but in reality His heart is stirred with love, compassion, and goodness towards you.

B. **with one of your eyes**- one eye speaks of single vision towards the Lord. We are to look solely to Christ in faith. When we do this His heart is stirred towards us.

C. **with one link of your necklace**- Again the neck is what connects the body to the head. The neck and a necklace speak of the beauty of faith in the Lord. The word "one" again is used to speak of a single unmixed, undiluted and unfeigned faith in the Lord Jesus. This type of faith stirs the Lord Jesus Christ.

X. Son. 4:10- The Shepherd King to His bride

A. How fair is your love my sister, my spouse

1. Our love in Christ is lovely because it is God's love.

a. **1 John 4:19**

2. Again the dual relationship of a believer to Christ- He is our sibling and husband

B. how much better than wine is your love

1. we see in **Son. 1:2** that the Lord's love is better than wine to us. Here we see the Lord views our love to Him as better than wine. There is nothing that delights His heart more outside of His Father's love for Him than our love for Him.

C. and the scent of your perfumes, than all the spices

1. We are scented with the perfumes and spices of Christ. **Son. 3:6**

2. We have nothing that we do not first receive from Christ. We give out what we have been given.

3. The more time we spend in the presence of the Lord the better we smell. How do you smell today?

XI. Son. 4:11- Shepherd King to His bride

A. Your lips, my spouse, drip as the honeycomb

1. **Prov. 16:24**- Pleasant words are like the honeycomb- When we speak of Christ and His finished work it is pleasant and sweet to our soul. When we are in intimate contact with Christ our words are turned from bitter to sweet.

B. sweetness to the soul and healing to the bones

1. **Prov. 15:30**- Light rejoices the soul, and good news brings healing to the bones. The light of the gospel -good news- bring sweetness to our soul and healing and wholeness to the foundation [bones] of our life and body.

2. Those that live under the principle of law have a bitter soul and healing seems to be out of their reach.

C. Honey and milk are under your tongue

A. milk and honey speak of prosperity in all aspects. God called the nation of Israel into the Promise Land that flowed with milk and honey. **Ex. 3:8**

B. Notice that prosperity is right under our tongue. If our life is lacking it is because we have not used our tongue properly.

C. We must use our tongue to confess our identification with Christ and His finished work. We must release our faith by using our tongue to claim what belongs to us in Christ.

D. and the fragrance of your garments are the fragrance of Lebanon

1. Our garments speak of our righteous deeds and actions. They are to carry the fragrance of Lebanon. We saw in vs. 8 that Lebanon means exceeding white. This is a term for heaven and holiness.
2. This means that when we spend time at God's throne we will come away with the fragrance of Heaven upon our lives. Our actions will be anointed with the fragrance of Heaven and of Christ. Living from our union with Christ brings His fragrance out in us.

XII. Son. 4:12- The Shepherd King to His Bride

A. an enclosed garden is my sister, my spouse

1. A believer is an enclosed garden. A born again believer has a garden in them! Paradise is in Heaven. When we got saved Paradise was put within us. We have the Garden of Eden within our Spirit where we commune daily with Christ.

a. **2 Cor. 4:7- We have treasure in an earthen vessel**

2. Ancient gardens were walled in for protection. Our born again spirits are walled in by God and protected from contamination.

a. **2 Cor. 1:22-** We have been sealed [fenced in, protected] by the Spirit of God

3. We can feast continually from the garden put within us and from the Tree of Life in the midst which is Christ. Praying in Spirit is one way we do this.

a. **Prov. 15:15**

B. A spring shut up, a fountain sealed

1. This means our spring and fountain is private property and not open for the public.

2. Our born again spirit is God's sole property. None other can occupy it.

3. Our spirit is seen as a spring and a fountain

a. **Prov. 4:23, John 7:38-39, John 4:14**

4. We can draw upon this well to get wisdom and guidance

a. **Prov. 20:5**

b. A good way to do this is by praying in the Spirit

XIII. Son. 4:13- The Shepherd King to His bride

A. Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates with pleasant fruits

1. The pomegranate is a fruit that when it is cut open is filled with deep red juice. This speaks that the fruit that comes from our lives is based in the finished work of Christ and by His shed blood. It is

through the death of Christ that we died to our old identity and by His blood we have been cleansed from our sins and iniquities.

2. On the basis of our faith in what was done at the cross and only on that basis will the Spirit of resurrection flow in us to produce the fruit of Christ. It is from the life of Christ in our spirit that we bear spiritual fruit- **Gal. 5:22-23**- This is the fruit of the Holy Spirit born through our human spirit. This is what Paul referred to in **Gal. 2:20**- I have been crucified...Christ lives in me.

3. The word "orchard" is the Hebrew word for paradise. Again, the fruit from a believer's life come from the paradise within Him. We are to bear heavenly fruit!

B. Fragrant henna with spikenard

1. The word henna here is the Hebrew word **kopher**- This Hebrew word is translated as a ransom and covering for sin in the OT. The word also is used for the henna plant. Again this reveals that all produce from a believer's life is rooted in the redemption found at Calvary.

2. Spikenard is connected with death. Jesus was anointed with pure spikenard before He was crucified. **Mark 14:3**

3. A growing trend is taking place in the modern church. We have largely lost our moorings. The connection of the believer's life and blessings are no longer taught to be in direct connection to the finished work of Christ on the cross and the subsequent union with have with the resurrected Christ within us. We have lost the simple pathway to holiness and fruit bearing- reckon our self to have died with Christ, and reckon our self alive to God through the Lord Jesus Christ living through us. In its place we have been given principles, steps, and rules to follow and do to achieve our dreams and get the best life has to offer us. This is a grievous error.

XIV. Son. 4:14- The Shepherd King to His bride

A. Spikenard and saffron, Calamus and cinnamon, With all trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, With all the chief spices

1. These all are products of the Lord Jesus Christ and are connected with His perfect life, sacrifice, and death for us.

2. We are in union with Christ and therefore we put forth His fragrances. This sweet and soothing fragrance of Christ is what calls forth the acceptance and blessings of God to the believer. Christ is the sole cause for our blessings and faith and faith based actions are the means they are appropriated.

3. We cannot find these on the grounds of our own personal standard of obedience and holiness. They are only found on the basis of Christ's perfect obedience and holiness. It is by the obedience of **ONE** that righteousness comes to us. This only **ONE** is Christ. **Rom. 5:19** It is through the gift of righteousness from Christ that we reign in life. **Romans 5:17** It is Christ living in and through us that brings forth the fruit of holiness in us. If we cling to our old life and mode of living- by the law and self effort- then the Spirit of life and resurrection is hindered from flowing in our lives.

XV. Son. 4:15- The Shepherd King to His bride

A. A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

1. Our garden is watered by the presence of the Spirit of Christ within us.
2. We have a well of life in us. **John 4:14**
3. Our spiritual life is watered from the streams of Lebanon. As we have seen in this chapter Lebanon is a type of Heaven. We have the streams of heaven flowing through us. Oh, how glorious is this Christ and the Christian life. If you cannot say this with exuberance then you lack a revelation of your identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and do not understand your union with the risen Savior. Ask for this revelation and the Spirit will give it. This is why He came! **1 Cor. 2:12**

XVI. Son. 4:16- The Shepherd King to His bride

A. Awake O North wind

1. the North is the dwelling place of God- He dwells in the sides of the North- **Ps. 48:2, Is. 14:13**
2. It takes two different winds to cause spices to flow out of our spiritual garden.
3. it takes a north wind- a wind from God. If God does not blow upon our Garden it will not bring forth spices. This is the principle wind in our lives.

B. Awake O South wind

1. This is the second wind a believer needs to bring forth God's spices.
2. South is opposite of north. South is not a good direction in the Bible. Abraham went south and experienced problems in Egypt.

3. God will allow the winds of the enemy and this world to blow upon us so that what is in us will come to the surface. When trials hit our lives there are a lot of things that come out of us. The thing that God wants to come out of us when the south winds blow is His spices- His character. This will happen when we draw in faith upon Christ in prayer and mediation of His Word in the midst of our trial. His spices will be seen and smelt by all those around us.