

Bible Study Notes: Song of Solomon 6

"Praising The Brides Beauty"

SUMMARY: In this chapter, I. The daughters of Jerusalem, moved with the description which the church had given of Christ, enquire after him (v. 1). II. The church directs them where they may meet with him (v. 2, v. 3). III. Christ is now found of those that sought him, and very highly applauds the beauty of his spouse, as one extremely smitten with it (v. 4-7), preferring her before all others (v. 8, v. 9), recommending her to the love and esteem of all her neighbours (v. 10), and, lastly, acknowledging the impressions which her beauty had made upon him and the great delight he took in it (v. 11-13).

Song of Solomon 6:1 "Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee."

This is speaking of the Bridegroom being gone away for awhile. This symbolizes the Lord Jesus, who is even now seated in heaven at the right hand of the Father. He is building a home for His bride. The world does not understand that He is gone away, and is coming back for His bride. They are constantly asking, "If He is coming back, why has He not already come"? The bride is even now saying, "Come quickly Lord Jesus".

Song of Solomon 6:2 "My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies."

The Garden of Eden was patterned after the garden in heaven, where the tree of life is. Jesus is, even now, there waiting, until the Father tells Him it is time to come and get His bride.

Song of Solomon 6:3 "I [am] my beloved's, and my beloved [is] mine: he feedeth among the lilies."

The bride is not in despair. She knows Her bridegroom is coming back. All Christians who are the bride have taken on the name of their groom. Christian starts with Christ. The girl said that she and her lover belonged to each other ♦ they had given themselves to each other unreservedly. No matter how close we may be to our parents or our best friends, it is only in marriage that we realize complete union of mind, heart, and body.

Song of Solomon 6:4 "Thou [art] beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as [an army] with banners."

Tirzah was a city about 35 miles northeast of Jerusalem. Its name means ♦pleasure♦ or ♦beauty.♦ Jeroboam made Tirzah the first capital of the divided northern kingdom (1 Kings 14:17). ♦

Majestic as an army with banners♦ means that his beloved must have had awe-inspiring beauty, like a mighty army readying for battle. The bride of Christ is spoken of as all believers in Christ. It is, also, spoken of as New Jerusalem. The Scripture above, is the beginning of the groom speaking wonderful things to His bride.

Song of Solomon 6:5 "Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair [is] as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead."

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is victorious, when Jesus is present. Jesus is the victor. No earthly power will be able to withstand the church. The reason being the power of the Lord Jesus Christ in the church.

Song of Solomon 6:6 "Thy teeth [are] as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and [there is] not one barren among them."

We have touched on this before. The teeth are white. This just means they are very fruitful.

Song of Solomon 6:7 "As a piece of a pomegranate [are] thy temples within thy locks."

This, perhaps, is speaking of our mind stayed upon God. God is not interested so much in a church with outward beauty, as He is in its inward beauty. He does not want us to have a form of religion. He wants us to love Him with all our heart, body, soul, and mind.

Song of Solomon 6:8 "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number."

Threescore is speaking of 60. Fourscore is speaking of 80. Solomon never slept with many of the women he claimed as his wives. We have discussed that some of the marriages were for political reasons to keep peace in the land. The queens, concubines, and virgins represent the different types of women. The virgins represent the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Solomon 6:9 "My dove, my undefiled is [but] one; she [is] the [only] one of her mother, she [is] the choice [one] of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; [yea], the queens and the concubines, and they praised her."

Now, we see the "virgins" separated out. They are those who have never worshipped false gods. They are pure. The "concubines", here, speak of the unconverted world. They are aware of Christianity, even though they never became the bride of Christ {Church}. The "queens" represent the natural Israelite that was in power, but was never converted to Christianity.

Song of Solomon 6:10 "Who [is] she [that] looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, [and] terrible as [an army] with banners?"

The queens and the concubines can not believe the virgin is so precious to the Bridegroom. Revelation 19:14 "And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

Song of Solomon 6:11 "I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, [and] to see whether the vine flourished, [and] the pomegranates budded."

The main message to be taken from this, is in the word "I". It shows that she, of her own free will, followed her groom. She was not a bondslave. She had freedom of movement. Christians come to Christ of their own free will. God does not force us to accept Him. He wants our love.

Song of Solomon 6:12 "Or ever I was aware, my soul made me [like] the chariots of Ammi-nadib."

"Ammi-nadib" means people of liberality. This just means that she had freedom or liberty to go and do as she wished. She went wherever she chose to go. This is very

important, because of the freedom we have to receive the Lord, or to reject Him. God does not want us to be like puppets on strings. He wants our love. He wants us to choose to be with Him.

Song of Solomon 6:13 "Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies."

The "Shulamite", here, is speaking of the bride of Christ. Those in attendance are calling her back. She is the church. The two armies could be speaking of physical Israel and spiritual Israel. Luke 15:10 "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."