

## Song of Songs

### Chapter 5

V 2 : Jesus reveals Himself as the One who suffered in Gethsemane. He calls us to join in the fellowship of suffering. Phil 3: 10. She is asleep in the rest of faith. Now the north wind that she prayed for is coming.

She hears His voice again. She is spiritually awake. Ready. Maturing. Sheep hear His voice. He calls her by 4 names: **sister**- His humanity; **love** – He will suffer all because of His Love; **dove** – singleness of mind and her vision fixed on Him; **perfect one** – maturing now, she has decided to follow.

The knock is God's call to bring a new dimension. He stands at the door and knocks Rev 3:20. Wants her to open for Him.

Long night of agony in the Garden. Dark night of the soul. Embrace the full suffering.

V 3 : She arises immediately. We are covered with Jesus' robe of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10; Zech 3: 1-5; Rom 13:14. *Her robes were filthiness*- Isaiah 64:6 – she does not want to put those on again. She does not want to compromise. I can't go back.

Washed her feet. Spiritual cleansing. Jesus told Peter. Doesn't want to compromise.

V 4 : Grace unlocks her heart. Affects her thoughts and emotions. Now she loves Him and yearns for Him.

V 5 : Jesus helps unlock the door of her heart. Affects her thoughts and decisions. Myrrh – death to self. Embracing the Cross. Fulfills her commitment to go up the mountain of myrrh. Has commitment from Grace now.

V 6 : Now comes a **two-fold test**. He **withdraws** His Presence now *while* she is obedient. Before it was because she was *disobedient*. Now she is obedient and she leaps up. She wants to experience His Presence. This is a discipline. A test of maturity; brings out more yearning from us. Not due to sin. Not from the devil. Dark night of the soul.

He will NEVER leave us or FORESAKE us. Heb 13:5.

Calls out but cannot find Him. Time of testing. Seems to not be hearing us.

V 7 : **Spiritual authorities**. Keepers of the walls. Trying to protect their people. Wounded by friends Psalm 55:12-21. Jesus endured this also. Veil mis her spiritual covering. Paul talks about this in I Cor 11:10.

V 8 : She is lovesick instead of being offended at Him. He wants a bride that will love and follow despite the circumstances. Will she obey and follow even if she doesn't sense His Presence? She responds in love. She asks the daughter of Jerusalem – less mature members of the Church. She does not despise the church that mistreated her.

V 9 : Daughters ask a question. They see that she is lovesick for Jesus in the midst of her difficulties. This provokes them. They see that she is beautiful and they don't really understand it. They don't understand this kind of dedication. They had **other** beloveds. **Other loves more important than Him**. They ask the same question again for emphasis. Spiritual maturity is when He is the most important in your life. "Who do you say I am?" Mat 16:15 Pharaoh asks similar question. Ex 5:2.

People can see how we behave.

V 10-16 : Bride answers with Jesus' Beauty. Uses 10 attributes of the human body each with 2 descriptions. White-dazzling. Fairest of 10,000.

1. Head – sovereign leadership over all. Gold – sign of kingship and riches.

2. Locks – hair – dedication. Like the nazirite vow in Num 6. Young man who is vigorous. Eternal High priest who is eternally vigorous.
3. Eyes - infinite knowledge, wisdom, discernment. Omniscience.
4. Cheeks – emotions. Extravagance of His affection.
5. Lips – His Word. Sweet and pure like lilies. Myrrh- death to ourselves. Embrace the Cross.
6. Hands – Divine activity. Gold and precious stones.
7. Body- tender compassion. Rare like ivory. Beautiful like carved ivory.
8. Legs- walk and administration of His Purposes. Forward. Strength and beauty. Permanent like marble.
9. Countenance – blessing over His people. Lebanon is beautiful tress and flowers. Blesses the people. Like Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6.
10. Mouth - intimacy with Him. Nothing is more delightful than intimacy with God.
11. Altogether lovely – total, incomprehensible Beauty.

This is my beloved Who has condescended to be our friend. Radiant in Majesty but our friend.

Bride gives a testimony to the immature believers. She just wants to talk about Him.

She focuses on Him instead of her test. Not focused on herself. Sees His Beauty instead.

Chapter 6: V 1: The daughters see that the Bride has intimacy with Him and that she knows what they **DO NOT** know. Now they ask a second question, Where is he that we may seek Him, too. We want what you have. We want to know Him like you do.

Question changes from what is He to where can we find Him. They don't want to serve and know Him from a distance anymore.

They call Him "your Beloved" because He is not **their** Beloved yet. They see her as someone very special. They want to seek Him with her. Because of her proclamation. They are now willing to let go of their other beloveds.

The Bride's testing has led to others being radically changed. When we love and follow in all our difficulties others are affected. The Bride (the Church) is always being tested.

V 2 : He has gone to His garden – the Church. Spices are graces He pours out on the Church. Whole Church and local churches. Feeds His people there. Each spice bed is unique. He is the Fragrance. Each ministry is unique.

She gives the same answer that he did in Chapter 1.

V 3 : She totally belongs to Him. Total commitment.