

Married to Another

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Very few preachers read out of the book of Song of Solomon. One reason is because they feel it's too R rated for its listeners. Some feel embarrassed to read these verses because of its sexual connotations.

But every book of the Bible has a purpose for daily living including this book. This book is about Jesus Christ and His bride. This book is about soul winning. This book is about God teaching us how he feels and defines love for you and me.

So if I have the wrong concept of myself and God's love I become liability to my family and the church. I will look at problems and attacks and relationship issues in a wrong way. I will pray wrong. I will not be a productive soul winner. Look at verse 8 again. Of Song Solomon chapter two

8] Vividly she pictured it the voice of my beloved shepherd!

God does not see you like you see yourself. Because how you see Jesus, is how you will serve Him. And how you see yourself determines how you will serve Jesus as well.

God wants to change some paradigms about how we see His love, and the cross, and how to win souls. Let's continue to read.

Behold, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. This means God has to leap over your mental issues and your psychological and spiritual blockages to penetrate love to you. He wants to reveal a powerful side of himself to you but He has to leap over the mountains and hills of your past and strongholds to get to your heart.

9] My beloved is like a gazelle or a young heart.

God wants to quickly come after you. This is how he feels about you. He is a gazelle running fast and hard after His bride. Behold, He stands behind the wall of our house, He looks in through the windows, He glances through the lattice. This means because of our ignorance and unbelief we can keep Jesus at a distance from Him empowering us to receive love. But notice He is still coming after us. Unlike relatives we fail. Jesus seeks after you despite your feeble attempts to love Him back.

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He is showing us a superior love in Song of Solomon with great passion because He wants to empower us with it. This power is to be used relationally for each other and for no other reason. This superior love is trying to take you somewhere. It not only transforms your inner confidence and self-esteem from your past. But it is trying to use all of your past and personality for the sake of others. Read verse 14-16

Song of Songs 2:14-16 AMPC

[14] So I went with him, and when we were climbing the rocky steps up the hillside.

The climbing here is you and I trying to live for God and winning souls. Life is rocky. This woman is dealing with hard stuff in her life. She is dealing with unfair circumstances. She is dealing with some hard learning lessons and she is finding herself always climbing up in life's circumstances. Yet this verse says He is with her. When she gets to her certain hard place in her journey THEN the lover speaks in a very personal and intimate way to her.

My beloved shepherd said to me O my dove. This is how God sees you in hard places. What is your attitude like in hard places? How is your attitude in hard places towards God...and loved ones... and church friends?

Mine has not been good in times past. When I'm exhausted and feel I have been done wrong by the wrong color of skin, or by my loved ones I do not feel like God's dove. I feel like a crow ready to scratch somebody's eyes out.

Jesus is teaching this woman how to see herself like a dove in hard places. Because if she doesn't she cannot grow to be a productive soul winner.

Elijah had an anointed ministry but not an anointed lifestyle. He pulled down the altars of Baal in a very powerful way. But when Jezebel came after him he ran for 26 miles straight into depression. And right into a cave to feel sorry for himself. He had an anointed ministry but not an anointed lifestyle.

The lover goes on to say in our verse. - **while you are here in the seclusion of the clefts in the solid rock, in the sheltered and secret place of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice**; this isolated time in your life where you cannot talk to a lot of people about past hurts is a cleft I am here with you in. I want to teach you personally how to conquer your private fears and hurts that won't heal.

Then he tells her how he feels about her again and says, **for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely**. This is Jesus telling us to open our mouths in prayer and worship. He wants to hear us in this rocky, secluded place we are all alone. He will empower us with Calvary's crucified love.

So she receives this power and says in verse **15] My heart was touched and I fervently sang to him**. She is ready to now give Him those small things in her private life that is killing her love relationship with Jesus Christ. Like being over judgmental of people at times. Or showing impatience for people and won't let them finish talking before you say something. Or refusing to get help for weak areas you need to grow in.

She says **my desire take for us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards of our love, for our vineyards are in blossom**. These little foxes that spoil intimate love is anything Jesus tonight wants to touch and ask for in these services. Now He may ask for a special fast for you to go on. He may want you to make a vow to give up a hobby or addiction you have to something that you struggle to give up. Because it is spoiling the vine of intimate love He is trying to give you. It could be to increase your holiness standards in your life. To make a daily commitment to a certain time you will pray. All because your Lover has skipped over hills and mountains to reach for you with Calvary's superior love in a special way.

16] She said distinctly My beloved is mine and I am His! He pastures His flocks among the lilies.

You were made for this kind of love. You cannot live without this kind of love. Or your flesh will find substitutes for being satisfied when you are suffering and going through bad times.

God has to change your paradigm about Cavalry's superior love so you can fight properly and deal with the attacks of fear that will challenge your faith for Kingdom building.

Song of Songs 3:7-10 AMPC

[7] Someone answered Behold, it is the traveling litter (the bridal car) of Solomon. . Solomon here is Jesus Christ. He is coming after his bride in the wilderness of life.

Sixty mighty men are around it, of the mighty men of Israel. These men represents Gods angels defending and protecting love between you and Jesus.8] they all handle the sword and are expert in war; every man has his sword upon his thigh, that fear be not excited in the night. These men are here to handle your fears when Love is being attacked.

9] King Solomon made himself a car or a palanquin from the cedar wood of Lebanon. 10] He made its posts of silver, its back of gold, its seat of purple, the inside of it lovingly and intricately wrought in needlework by the daughters of Jerusalem. God is showing us just how expensive love is so you don't throw it away when the enemy comes after you.

This is a different kind of love than any other love you know of:

- Humanism love has conditions and manipulates you.
- Humanism love is based on meeting other people's expectations or you don't get love back from them.

It's not like brotherly or family love. Where you can actually become an enemy to God by trying to love your relatives or children more than Jesus can. I have been guilty of this with my wife and my children. I have tried so hard to please them, or prove my love that when I didn't get love back I became angry. I became controlling. I began to tell them all of the stuff I did for them that they were not appreciative about. This is not how palanquin bed love looks like.

Lot's definition of family love lead them to utter destruction. He loved his family. He cared deeply for them. But they loved their city, their culture and their family get always more than they did the crucified love of Jesus Christ. He despised the sacrifices his uncle Abraham made for daily living because he had the ring paradigm of love. It cost him his whole family.

We can confuse organizational love for this kind of love as well. Where the opinions of the officials are more important than Gods voice of obedience in my private life. I'm not suggesting to be an independent renegade. I'm saying no option should be above what God says about you.

Look what Paul says about this in:

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 AMPC

[1] AS FOR myself, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony and evidence or mystery and secret of God concerning what He has done through Christ for the salvation of men in lofty words of eloquence or human philosophy and wisdom; [2] For I resolved to know nothing (to be acquainted with nothing, to make a display of the knowledge of nothing, and to be conscious of nothing) among you except Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and Him crucified.

You cannot separate the cross and His love. They are intrinsically inseparable:

- The power from on high to experience love was strictly so we will take up our cross to follow Jesus.
- To give this kind of love through relational sacrificing.

This palanquin love empowers us to willingly give ourselves for each other because it's a power that comes from the cross of Jesus Christ.

His love will never fail.

It only works when we use the power from the cross to release it. Look at **Romans 6:1-6**

Romans 6:1-7 AMPC

[1] WHAT SHALL we say to all this? Are we to remain in sin in order that God's grace (favor and mercy) may multiply and overflow? [2] Certainly not! How can we who died to sin live in it any longer? [3] Are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? The death here is the self-centered nature you and I have that is always looking for ways not to die. But love keeps us on our cross. We don't do what we do for the pastor or the organization.

[4] We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death. We are joined in intimate covenant with him. We are tied to this palanquin bed with Christ.

He is asking now are you willing to voluntarily in a non-coercive way submit to relational sacrifices.

So that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, so we too, might habitually live and behave in newness of life. This newness of life is a real joy and strength you receive from being obedient to relational dying. The dying of you getting your way all the time. Dying out to troubling fears and worry that wants to overtake you. We make way too many excuses for living in fear.

5] For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be one with Him in sharing His resurrection by a new life lived for God. [This is a daily continuum of renewing love. Not a onetime credo sacramentalism of an act of doctrine.

6] We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that our body which is the instrument of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. [7] For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from the power of sin among men.

- You get renewed when you choose to tie yourself to one another for sacrifice.
- This kind of love is rooted in cross values.
- It gives us our self-esteem and identity.
- We hold onto love when hell mocks us for sacrificing one for another.
- The power of the cross produced another kind of love we are to be married to.

Any death or relationship hardship done in the purpose of Calvary's love will produce a new anointing in your life. You now have authority over certain levels of demons. Because you're inner character is being transformed and changed for purpose and reproduction.

Romans 5:1-5 AMPC

[1] THEREFORE, SINCE we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us grasp the fact that we have the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). [2] Through Him also we have our access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we firmly and safely stand. And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God. [3] Moreover let us also be full of joy now! Let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance. [4] And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character of this sort produces the habit of joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation. [5] Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

Jesus said it was finished. This word finished in Hebrew is "kala". It means I'm ready for my bride. So when Jesus rose from the grave He went passed the locked doors of the apostles to become intimate with them.

He told Thomas to touch Him. Then Thomas could be made whole from his own wounds. This is married to another.

And no longer married to his unresolved wounds. I know people who never get healed from their wounds. They are married to another.

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David's passion was open to the spirit world both ways.

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