

## Song of Solomon 4:7

*“Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.”*

Aye, there are many products on the chemist’s shelves to take your pimples away. As a teenager when you began to notice the pimples you were at great pains to restore your face from all the red spots.

Strangely enough that is what Solomon highlights as he describes the conversation flowing from the Master. With great picture language he describes the Bride in terms that at times are embarrassing to the modern reader. But the mind of the Bridegroom is so taken up with the One He loves that there is nothing bawdy or common or vulgar about the description that is being related.

Yes, the language is intimate, ... but then, it is the language between two people who are very much in love with each other. So far, the Bride has been doing most of the speaking; here, in ch. 4, however, it’s the Bridegroom, and He uses the language of love to describe the depth of His feeling for His Loved One. ... Does it not bring a warmth to your heart, believer, that ...

- \* God loved you so much that He sent His Son to die for you on the cross of Calvary?
- \* God loved you even before the foundation of the world and He brought you unto Himself?
- \* He loved you even before you loved Him?

And here, in this chapter of the Bible, we get another glimpse using the language of love of the relationship between the Saviour and the saint. ... *First of all, He says ...*

### **SHE IS PRETTY**

*Thou art all fair,*

- \* The word that is so obviously central to the whole of the Song of Solomon is the word “love”.
- \* The Bride and the Bridegroom are so absolutely taken up with each other.
- \* We have noticed too, though, that there is a certain degree of distance, - separation, - between the two,
  - \* 2:9, behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, showing himself through the lattice.

- \* The Bride is so looking forward to being reunited with her Bridegroom.
- \* I want to ask a question here:
  - \* are you looking forward to meeting the Lord Jesus in glory?
- \* When you love someone you don't want to be away from them,
  - \* ... is there something inside you that craves the presence of the Saviour?
- \* The Bible tells us that we are going to meet Him in the air, and we shall be with Him forever, ... are you looking forward to that?
- \* *What if you are not?* What if I'm talking about something for which you have no feelings?
- \* What if you have no understanding of the love that is being described here between the Bride and the Bridegroom?
- \* Perhaps you are not saved, and the love that you say you have for Him is mere, fickle superficiality?
- \* Perhaps you are a backslider, and your love for Christ is not what it used to be?
  
- \* Here's a Bride and she's pretty, - so pretty.
- \* As the Bridegroom examines her with such careful tenderness His attention is totally arrested as He concentrates upon Her beauty.
  
- \* It's important to notice, too, that He speaks in language she understands, - He doesn't confuse her with some foreign or obscure language,
  - \* Doves (v.1), - 2:12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, ... 14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice.
  - \* Goats (v.1) and Sheep (v.2), - 1:7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon.
  - \* Fruit (v.3), - 2:3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
  - \* Gazelle (v.5), - 2:7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please. (also vv. 9,17)
- \* ... And when she hears how He speaks of Her it warms her heart.

**SHE IS PRECIOUS***my love;*

- \* She belongs to no-one else, - She is His, and not another's.
- \* There is no-one else with whom they share their special relationship of absolute love.
- \* When you love someone as the Bride and Bridegroom love each other and then you turn away and share that special love with someone else *it automatically makes you an adulterer!*
- \* But the attention of neither of these Two deviates from the love they have for each other.
- \* God says to His Church,
  - \* "I am the Lord your God (Ex. 20:2)
  - \* Hosea 11: 4 "I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. ... 14: 4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely."
  - \* Jn. 3:16
- \* Yes, they were totally taken up with each other.
  - \* The Bride has said, (1:4) "Draw me, ... after thee"
  - \* The Bridegroom replies, (4:8) "Come with me, my spouse"
- \* Just as much as the Church yearns to be in the immediate presence of the Lord Jesus Christ He yearns to be with her,
- \* She is altogether precious to Him,
  - \* 4:9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes.
- \* Believer, you are so precious to the Lord Jesus Christ, - you are not an outsider, you are part of His Family.
- \* If you are precious to nobody else, it doesn't change the fact that you are precious to the Saviour,
  - \* 4: 10 How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!
- \* And He mentions the garden (v.16),
- \* It was in the Garden of Eden, - the first garden that was adorned with all the beauty, - that the relationship began.
- \* That garden was precious to God (cf. Gen.2:7,8,9).
- \* Here in the Song of Solomon, the garden is occupied again by the One He loves.

- \* But, don't read too fast, notice what He says about this garden,
  - \* This time the garden is "inclosed" (v.12), sealed, locked up!
- \* No-one will be there that ought not to be there!
  - \* Unsaved one! You'll not be there unless you repent of your sins and look to Christ for salvation for the Bible says,
    - \* Rev. 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.
- \* No sin will make the mark of hell in this garden, ... because it is protected, *and She's precious!*

### **SHE IS PERFECT**

*there is no spot in thee.*

- \* And why is it that there is no flaw in her? How is she so perfect?
  - \* Eph. 5:25-27 Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
  - \* Rev. 1:5 Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.
  - \* Ps.103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
- \* Don't dare anyone tell me that I'm old-fashioned because I believe in a God whose love for the sinner never changes.
- \* God's love depends on His goodness and not on the world's distortion of love that has crept its way into the Church.
- \* For the person who has experienced the Saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ this statement can truly be made,
  - \* *there is no spot in thee.*
- \* Your sin has been dealt with by the shedding of the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ,
  - \* At Calvary your sin was piled on the back of the Saviour,
  - \* He answered for your sin and for mine, and it is only because of that that He can look upon us and say,
    - \* *there is no spot in thee.*
- \* Through Christ, and through Christ alone, we have entered into the most holy and perfect intimacy, ... that will be fully realised when we stand someday before the Throne of grace.

- \* Believer, God the Father searched you and He found you; through the work of the Holy Ghost He made you to recognise the all sufficient sacrifice, all-sufficient atonement, for your sin in Christ Jesus.
- \* Every sin that you have ever committed has been washed away; and God, the great Judge, looks at you and says,
  - \* *“Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.”*

**CONCLUSION.** In v.16 we find the Bride. She has been listening so intently to all the words of the Master. *His words are precious.* Her reply was so beautiful and the importance of her words can never be fully stated,

4:16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

She has been encapsulated with His words. And she is conscious of the changes in temperature and she doesn't want to blow hot and cold for God. It's no good sitting back on the good times and allowing something to creep up on us unawares. She wasn't prepared to become so lackadaisical in her love for Her Bridegroom and in how she presented herself before Him. And she calls for the "north wind" to blow upon Her garden. In like manner the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ constantly requires the wind of the Holy Ghost to blow through their life and rid out all the cobwebs and dirt that gather.

What have you learned from God's Word this morning? We have seen a very simple picture, but yet, ... so profound,

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;  
He took the burden to Calvary, And suffered, and died alone.

When with the ransomed in Glory His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me.

How marvellous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be,  
How marvellous! How wonderful! *Is my Saviour's love for me.*