

The Song of Solomon 7:10-13

We are coming near to the end of the Song of Solomon, and I wonder what you have thought of the book so far. Has it been a real burden listening to all this 'love talk'? Is it real? Or, have you enjoyed looking at the relationship that you have with the Lord Jesus Christ through the medium of this book. I hope it is the latter, ... and that you value and cherish the love that joins you both.

Solomon, in 7:1-9, continues to demonstrate the love between his two principal characters. Symbolically they refer to the believer and the Saviour. Notice that the Lord Jesus again describes, *in glowing and very personal terms*, His Loved One, i.e. His Church. He is again arrested by her beauty (7:1). *Everything* about her appeals to Him. There is nothing about her that disgusts Him. There is nothing about her that repels Him. He is *soaked* in the love that she has for Him, and He has for her. ... And He looks upon her as *His Absolute Possession*.

That is how you are, this morning, if you are a child of God, ... if your sin has been dealt with at the cross of Calvary, if Jesus Christ by His precious blood has cleansed you and the Holy Spirit has brought you into a new and living relationship with God the Father. You have been rid of everything that is offensive to a holy God, and if you have your gaze firmly fixed on Him today, ... you are *His Absolute Possession*. For you, it is Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ *alone!*

That is what we shall be concentrating upon this morning, - the words spoken by the Beloved, the Church, as she enjoys all the attention of the Lord Jesus Christ. **We find her words in 7:10-13.**

Is this the way you love the Saviour? Born again believer, do you know that without you, the Church of God would not be complete? You examine yourself carefully as we look together at the Word of God today.

SHE LOVES HIS COMPANY

vv.10,11

I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me. Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

* She has no doubts about her relationship, ... every bone in her body, every thought in her head, tells her that she belongs to her Beloved.

- * It's not as if she loves Him, ... and her love is not being reciprocated, ... her love is not being reciprocated.
- * The love that they have for each other leaps out from the page.
- * It's a question that has to be asked, do you have any doubts that the Lord Jesus Christ loves you?
- * We are talking here about the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, and I'm asking you, do you have any doubts that He loves you?
 - * He, of Himself, chose to enter this world of sin, ... and remember that sin repels Him.
 - * Out of all that is sinful God chose you unto Himself,
 - * He had the Gospel of Saving Grace brought to your attention,
 - * He started you to think about your sin,
 - * He was active as your sin began to sicken you and to disgust you.
 - * He caused you to cry out for mercy and forgiveness, and by the grace of God you are saved for all eternity.
- * *God did that! God did it for you!*
- * Do you still have any doubts that the Lord Jesus loves you?

- * What if I'm speaking about something that, as yet, hasn't penetrated your soul?
- * What if I'm talking about a love you know nothing about?
- * Well, today, you can know the love of God in your own heart.
- * Is it happening in your heart that the reality of God is becoming plain to you?
- * All this talk about God, and Jesus, the Holy Spirit and salvation by God's free grace is starting to make sense,
- * Well, you can know this love, if you would believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your own and personal Saviour.
- * It doesn't call for you to become a better person and join a church before you make this decision, ...
- * You make this decision, ... and then everything else will fall into place, ... and then you will understand why this woman in the Song of Solomon loves her Master so deeply.

- * Yes, the Beloved loves His company, and she is altogether aware that He desires none other, ...
- * and it's not a love she *used* to have, and it has grown cold, ...

- * No! it is a love that is growing moment by moment.
- * Are you looking forward to seeing Him?
- * Can you see into some time in the future when He will lift you up to meet Him in the air? ... when you stand around His throne with your loved ones in Heaven and you sing the *Redemption Songs* with the finest of choirs?
- * Do you notice something else here too? ... Her love is not a secret love; it's not something she hides, or keeps from those around her.
- * She's not ashamed of her love for the Master, because she takes Him with her, ... out into the countryside and into the villages.
- * She wants everyone to know she's in love with Jesus!
- * She's so proud of Him, and she wants to be seen in His company.
- * Are *you* proud of Jesus? You don't keep Him at home, or, even worse, you don't keep Him just for church?
- * Are you and Him in full view to the people around?

Ah, **she loves His company**. Something else, too, ...

SHE LOVES HIS CONVERSATION

vv.12,13

Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves. The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

- * As they would have been walking through the countryside I have no doubt at all that she would have done plenty of talking! 😊
 - * She would have pointed out to Him the vineyards,
 - * She would have taken Him over to see if the grapes were ripe,
 - * She would have asked Him for his comments,
 - * "What do You think, Jesus, what do You think?"
 - * ... And she would have listened attentively to His reply.
- * Then they would have gone over to the orchard of the pomegranates, - that small bush with its orange-shaped fruit, - to see if they were in bloom.
- * It's only a very small tree, and if they wanted to get any shade from the sun they would have had to get even closer together.
- * ... and as they walked together their relationship deepened.
- * They spent the night in the villages;

- * Notice, ... they had got up early to go out to the vineyards, - all of their time was taken up with their love for each other, ... their relationship.
- * Do you remember when you couldn't wait to be with your boyfriend/girlfriend, ... that's what it was like here.
- * The time they spent together and spoke together deepened the love each had for the other.
- * How does your love for the Saviour today compare with the love you had for Him yesterday, ... and the day before?
- * As you listen to His conversation in His Word, does it warm you heart and cause you to love Him more?
- * *She loved to hear Him speak!*
- * ... and notice too , *that He loved to hear her speak,*
 - * 8: 13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it.
- * She never grew tired of speaking with Him, and He never grew tired of listening.

CONCLUSION.

- * Is this how your relationship with Christ is?
- * Is the love between these two people similar to the love that you are sharing with the Saviour.
- * He, as it were, has taken you from the business of the city out into the openness of the countryside,
- * Yes, He has spent the darkness of the night with you, just as He spent the hours of darkness with her,
- * He has walked with you, and you have known He is there.
- * Since you accepted Him as your Saviour, there has never been a time when you have turned round to speak to Him and He hasn't been there, ... *never!*
- * Evaluate your relationship with Him, - your love for Him.
- * Make you sure you have it in your heart to increase the love you have for Him.
- * This woman here, she has saved/stored up every fragrance, every delicacy, for the One she loves,
- * She dare not, - she would not, - share it with another ... for **she loves His company, and she loves His conversation.**

May God bless His Word to each of us today.