

Our passage this evening begins with an exclamation from the bride "The voice of my beloved!" It is as if He had returned to her from being away...and as she sought Him and waited for Him, He spoke to her.

One thing is VERY OBVIOUS... when He spoke, she knew His voice, His Words TO HER were the joy and rejoicing of her heart! Oh, that it would be so with you, child of God, that when the Lord Jesus speaks personally and intimately to you, it would be the joy and rejoicing of your heart!

Psalm 119:111: "Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart!"

Jeremiah 15:16: "Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy Name, O LORD God of hosts"

The Greek word for "voice" is phone pronounced ("fonay") but spelled exactly like our English word phone.

The point emphasized here is that the bride HEARD the voice of her beloved, and so I ask myself this question...do I hear the voice of my Lord in His Word, in the preaching, and in my meditations in His truth?

You can open God's Word and read it with a natural mind AND NOT BY FAITH in the Person of Christ whom it represents, (but when you read it like that, you will NOT hear from Christ), He will not speak to you.

Or you can open up God's Word and read it by faith and with an expectation of hearing from Christ and He will speak to you!

Jeremiah 29:13-14

Song 5:2, John 10:1-5, 14, 24-27, 3:29

Beloved does God speak to you in His Word? Can you say with the Psalmist: "I rejoice at thy Word, as one that findeth great spoil"!

**Let's move on the (2:10): if He spoke to you, thou fairest among women, what did He say? "My beloved spake, and said unto me, rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away" ...He His call to her in (2:13)!**

There will be "A DAY" when we will follow the Lord Jesus out of this world, that is certainly one comforting application here, but I also see the Words of the bridegroom and of Christ to be spoken in the continuing present, always and "every when"!

In your Christian life and in your devotions and fellowship with Christ, does your faith lift you out of this world and into His holy presence?

Colossians 3:1-3, Ephesians 2:6, Mark 6:30-32

Children of God, if you would hear from Christ, you must come apart with Him daily, you must ascend out of this world to Him, and from the busy-ness of life; "you must rise up and come away with Christ"!

Do you know what it is to be aloft with Christ in His Word, after hearing His voice, when He speaks to you?

I want to live above the world saith the old hymn writer... but know this, you won't if your head is always nailed to the earth like Sisera's was.

Rise up, my love, saith Christ, my fair one, and come away with me!

**So, we have the bride HEARING the voice of the bridegroom, but there is also this, she knows Him so well and NOW she tells us what He is like:**

He is like a roe (or roebuck) which is a type of deer or gazelle, and he is like a young hart or a male deer leaping upon the mountains and skipping on the hills.

1<sup>st</sup>, the bride heard His voice, and we should hear the Words of Christ to us, and then, the bride could see what He was doing, and beloved we ought to see what Christ is doing in our lives... What did she see?

Song 2:8: "He cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills"

Mountains are often spoken of in the scriptures as great enemies or great trials or difficulties. We all face mountainous trials and difficulties in our lives, which discourage us, cast us down, and very often, daunt our faith. Oftentimes, we look upon them as unmovable and too high for us to overcome... But we must look to our great King and His promises to us when we are faced with great difficulties: 1 John 5:4-5

In Song 2:8: We read of the bridegroom and our Christ, coming to us, LEAPING and SKIPPING across the mountains and hills of trouble and difficulty like a Roebuck or a Young Hart speeding to our aid and help.

In Psalm 46, the Psalmist teaches us that our God is "a very present help in trouble": Luke 18:8, Christ told us that God will avenge His own elect speedily, which cry day and night unto Him! Jeremiah 51:25, Zechariah 4:7, Isaiah 40:3-4, Mark 11:20-23

**And then, finally this evening, there were times when the bride had to look hard to see the bridegroom's presence with her:**

The Lord Jesus taught us in the scriptures that if we would HEAR Him and See Him, we must have "eyes to see Him and ears to hear His voice".

Song 2:9: He was standing behind our wall, He was looking through a window, and shewing Himself through the lattice.

He was never far from her, and He is never far from you child of God!

But sometimes there are walls in our hearts that block Christ out; we must always be pulling down these walls between us and our Lord! 2 Corinthians 10:5

Christ is always beholding us, looking through as from a window or through the lattice.

**Do you hear the voice of your Lord each day? Do you know His voice? Does He speak to you in the Word?**

Do you rise up and come apart (EACH DAY) from the busy-ness of this life and this world to be with Christ?

Do you trust that your Lord will come when there's trouble, and He will leap upon those mountains and great difficulties in your life?

Last, know that He is never far from you child of God! But also, break down the walls that are in your heart, those sins which block Him out and rob you of communion with Him.