

**"My beloved is mine, and I am His"**

What a powerful confession from the heart of the bride, speaking of her union and relationship with the bridegroom. This should be the confession of every one of our hearts, as Christians regarding our relationship with Christ.

In her confession there is confidence and security, but there is also intimacy, possession, ownership, and trust. She repeats this in Song 6:3:

"I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine"

Since I read this passage and began considering it for this evening, I have asked myself several times if the bride's confession is my confession! Is this the language of my love to Christ? Do I have this kind of relationship with Christ? Is He my trust, my confidence, and the security of my soul? I never want to heartlessly "parrot" passages like this to myself...NO!

The bride's words "should" echo and resonate in our heart's beloved of God! But if you and I are honest with ourselves, we know that our hearts are NOT ALWAYS where they should be...

BUT THIS is the beginning of getting ourselves where we should be...

**You've heard of the "FELT PRESENCE" of Christ; well, what the bride describes here in her faith is "FELT SECURITY", "FELT CONFIDENCE", and "FELT LOVE" ALL of these SHE HAD "in Christ".**

Let me put the bride's words another way: I KNOW that Christ is MINE, and I KNOW that I am Christ's!

A moment ago, I said of the bride, that her words communicate "ownership"; "My beloved is MINE, and I am His". I OWN Him as MINE, and He OWNS me as His!

When I say I OWN Christ, understand that I am not saying that I own Him in such a way as to disrespect Christ or diminish His Lordship and Divinity and Highness; NO! Think of these passages in regard to ownership:

Psalm 73:25-26: "Whom HAVE I in heaven BUT THEE? And there is none upon earth that I desire BESIDE THEE. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and MY PORTION forever";

"Hearken unto the voice of my cry, MY KING, and MY GOD", "O LORD MY God, in thee do I put my trust", "The LORD is MY Rock, and MY Fortress, and MY Deliverer; MY God, MY Strength, in whom I will trust; MY buckler, and the horn of MY salvation, and MY High Tower", "The LORD liveth, and blessed be MY Rock", "Thou art MY King, O God", "The LORD is MY Shepherd". Thomas' confession when Jesus showed Himself to him: "My Lord, and My God"!

Do you OWN God like this? Do you OWN Christ in such a way that He wants to be OWNED, possessed, and loved? "MY beloved is MINE"!

EVERY ONE of us, children of God ought to be able to SAY THIS from our hearts! Our Christianity, our relationship with Christ should,

YES, be the product and produce of our faith in Him, but there should also be heat, and an active, fervent love flowing from our hearts for Christ!

This love for Christ IN US should be growing and abounding. Like the love that we so often read of from the bride toward the bridegroom in this beautiful Song! We should not be feelingless, emotionless, dull, and heartless as believers!

But if we're honest with ourselves, we know that SOMETIMES, we are just that! ALL of us as believers are negatively affected by the fall, we all have feet of clay, sin still plagues and besets us, and we are vexed by the filthy conversation of the wicked every day.

This is why deliberate and habitual "spiritual cultivation" of Christ in your heart is so important, so that YOUR HEART WILL BE GOOD GROUND; READY to receive a steady and daily diet of the good seed of the Word.

O that the Words of Christ would (EACH DAY) be prayerfully planted in our hearts, watered and fertilized by meditation!

If we don't eat the Word, and then by OBEDIENCE TO IT, DIG OUT and REMOVE the hard, cold, stony places in our hearts; if we don't UPROOT the briars and weeds of sin and worldliness... if we don't DO THIS with hearts that confess, "I AM HIS", then we will be cold and dull in our hearts toward Christ our Lord!

Our hearts are the spiritual gardens of our lives; what comes out of our hearts ~ our garden depends on how much work we're doing in it?

Is your heart weeded, is the soil softened and watered and fertilized with God's truth, prayer, meditation? Or is your heart untended, hard, full of weeds and briars?

"My beloved is MINE", should rejoice our hearts and be the ROUSING ANTHEM of our souls!

### **Let's finish with: "I am His"!**

To be owned by Christ should be the greatest comfort to our souls! Don't forget that this is the bride's confession... is it yours? Can you say this by faith? DOES {"I am His"} spring forth from your heart?

EVERY HUMAN needs to know, whether lost or saved that THEY ARE the property of God their Creator! Ezekiel 18:4:

"Behold, all souls are mine"; Numbers 16:22, 27:16: He is "the God of the spirits of all flesh"

Christian it should warm your heart to say: "I am His"! The bride's words should be the desire of your heart, her words speak of a most blessed spiritual union, an intimate relationship, a possession like no other, a trust, security, and ownership! That is...I am purchased!

Ezekiel 16:8, Malachi 3:16-17, John 10:14, 27-29, 17:6-10, 1 Corinthians 3:23: "Ye are Christ's", and then, 1 Corinthians 6:20: "For ye are bought (purchased, redeemed) with a price"

Beloved, our faith in Christ, our Christianity is to be REAL and LIVED out in our lives in the world! We are not to be like SOME (in the world) who profess Christ and only "parrot" the faithful and true sayings of Christ!

By this, I mean, their mouths are filled with Christian sayings, and passages from the Bible, but they have no heart for that which they speak! You can train a parrot to say anything, but the parrot knows nothing of what they are repeating!

Remember, some just repeat and "parrot" God's good sayings with their mouths, but their hearts are far from God.

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If this be true of you, THIS will also be KNOWN of you!