

The expressions of love communicated between this man and this woman IS THE LOVE that exists between Christ and His church!

If you are a child of God, this love should not be foreign to you, it should be "active and fervent" IN YOUR HEART toward Christ, and...YOU SHOULD KNOW IT personally by faith and experience from Christ.

THIS LOVE is presented to the eyes of our understanding as a love story between One Man and One Woman. I do not believe this to be written literally of Solomon or of his relationship with one of his "many wives".

1 Kings 11:1-8, Nehemiah 13:26

Solomon was a man "who loved many strange women", women, who drew his heart away from the LORD his God, nonetheless, he was inspired by the Holy Spirit to WRITE of THIS sincere and singular love between Christ and His church, "THIS LOVE" which, I do not believe he EVER experienced in the fairest and most beautiful of any of his 700 earthly wives or princesses.

Text: Song 1:1-6, although we will not make it past (V3).

Some of the main characters in this Song of Songs:

O thou whom my soul loveth; Him, whom my soul loveth; my Beloved and my Friend; my love, my fair one, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, these I believe to be the "Lord Jesus Christ".

O thou fairest among women; my spouse, O my love; my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled; O princes' daughter, these I believe to be "the church".

Sincere believers, lovers of Christ and Christ alone, "the virgins".

We will read of those who seem to be true believers, and yet, they do not yearn after Christ like the bride; these are outer court and not and not inner sanctuary Christians, babes in Christ; "daughters of Jerusalem"!

There are those who are called to watch for enemies within/and outside the city, (Jerusalem), as applied to us, "watchmen" in the church.

These profess faith in Christ, but they are "actually" enemies to the bride, these false brethren are called "my mother's children".

As we open the Song, the woman/the spouse is speaking of her beloved:

She refers to His kisses, His love, His Name, (His Name) she describes as ointment that has been unsealed and poured out, which gives a sweet fragrance, (His fragrance)!

Because of her love for Him, she is able to naturally and spontaneously speak of Him and describe all that she loves about Him. Her words are like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

She then expresses her desire to be "drawn" to HER BELOVED, after which time she will run after Him. And finally, she speaks of being brought into His intimate presence, "into the King's chambers".

Song 1:2: "Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth"

There is no doubt in my mind (at this point) that she KNOWS and has EXPERIENCED the love of the One whom she calls Her Beloved! And yet, as the Song of Solomon opens, "her beloved" is not with her, hence she breaks forth immediately in her heart, yearning for His presence, and that she would "once again" personally experience His expressions of love to her! One of the expressions of His love is the KISSES of His mouth!

NOTE also that this woman/bride desires the love and kisses of no other, but of this One Man, He is her One true love.

No other love will do for her, no other love can come close to or match the love of Christ! Oh, that we would possess this singular and sincere love for Christ! 1 Corinthians 8:6, John 21: "Lovest thou me more than these?"

Song 1:2B: "For thy love is BETTER than wine". Song 1:4: "We will remember thy love more than wine".

Let me show you an amazing statement made by the bridegroom about the bride's love toward Him: Song 4:10.

Wine is said to "make the heart glad/merry"; yes, wine will cause you to forget your sorrows for a time, (Proverbs 31:6-7), but when its affects pass, your sorrows and heavy heart will still be with you!

The love of Christ is "FAR BETTER" than the best wine, because Christ, in His great love for us, bore our griefs and carried our sorrows to His cross!

Isaiah 53:4-6, Psalm 4:7-8

Once a human soul personally experiences the love of Christ; once Christ loves you first, you cannot but love Him! Psalm 42:1, John 14:21

What is the expression of THAT LOVE? The kisses of His mouth! What are the kisses of His mouth but the gracious words that proceed out of His mouth! Psalm 45:1-2, Luke 4:22, Song 5:16, "never man spake..."

Song 1:3: "Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy Name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee"

When a perfumed ointment sits in a closed-up container, the fragrance is also sealed within, it is only after it is unsealed and poured out that the fragrance will fill the room with its pleasant aroma.

Your name identifies your person, so Christ's Name identifies His Person to our understanding, His Name is His Person. When the spouse said:

"Thy Name is as ointment poured forth"; she might as well be saying, everything about Him is like the fragrance of a perfumed ointment poured forth; His Words, His works, His promises, His graces; everything about Him is sweet and lovely!

Think about it, in Acts 4:12, when Luke wrote there is "none other Name given among men, whereby we must be saved", the context is, there is no other Person, no other Lord, no other Savior of sinners!

When Paul wrote "at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow", understand that bowing to the Name of Jesus is bowing to the Person of Jesus Christ! So, when the bride said: "Thy Name is as ointment poured forth" she spoke of His Person and everything about Him!

Therefore, His Name, "the Messiah and Anointed One" should be the sweetest of all Names to you, child of God.

Like THAT "very costly and precious ointment"; (Mary's ointment), that she poured out of after she broken the box that contained, and then poured it onto the feet of Christ, and the precious fragrance filled the house!

You can't help but think of His "broken" body and shed blood, the sweet savour of His sacrifice, which God the Father delighted in and received for a world of sinners! 1 Peter 2:1-7, 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Close: Song 1:1-3