

# Christ my Beloved – Song Series

## Lesson 10 – Christ Pursues His Bride

**Text:** Song of Solomon 2:14

### **Introduction:**

1. Comparison between Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon:
  - Ecclesiastes pictures the life unsatisfied with the things of this life - *“Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:”* (John 4:13)
  - Song of Solomon pictures the life satisfied in Christ - *“whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst”* (John 4:14)
2. **This Lesson:** The Bridegroom admires His bride and seeks fellowship and communion with her

### **I. Her Title – ‘dove’ (14a)**

- A. The Groom has previously praised her for having “doves eyes.”
- B. The dove pictures the Holy Spirit - believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, thus they are precious and attractive to Christ.
- C. The dove pictures Purity
  - a. The dove is faithful to one mate and will grieve deeply when that mate is lost.
  - b. Doves love cleanliness, carefully cleaning all dung out of their nests. By choice they eat grain (rather than worms or rubbish) and are innocent and harmless. (Masters) The spiritual chastity of the believer is attractive to Christ.
- D. The dove pictures Peace – doves are simple, peaceful and restful (Matt. 10:16). They are not quarrelsome and contentious like some other birds. This is another distinguishing mark of the believer. He is restful and peaceful with other believers, possessed of an agreeable disposition, not giving in to fits of temper and passion.

### **II. Her Position (14b)**

#### **A. Safety & Security**

1. The cleft rock – a picture of Christ, cleft for us on Calvary.  
Illustration (Moses): Exodus 33:22 *“And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:”*
2. The hidden stairs – a picture of the believer’s life hidden in Christ.  
Col. 3:3 *“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”*

#### **B. Shade & Shelter**

1. The cleft rock & hidden stairs speak of a place of comfort
2. Isaiah 32:2 *“And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.”*

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3. John 10:27-28 *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.”*

### III. Her Appeal (14c)

#### A. Her face is beautiful – He desires to see it

1. The beauty Christ sees in us is the beauty of salvation which He has bestowed upon us: Psalm 149:4 *“For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.”*
2. Does Christ occupy our focus and attention or are our eyes diverted to other things? Are we committing spiritual adultery? (James 4:4)
3. Ezekiel 6:9 *“And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and **with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols:** and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.”*

#### B. Her voice is sweet – He desires to hear it

1. Christ seeks the attention and fellowship of the bride - John 4:23 *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.”*
2. Our Prayers are sweet to Christ: Rev. 5:8 *“And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and **golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.**”*
3. Our Praise is sweet to Christ: Psalm 147:1 *“Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.”* Psalm 22:3 *...“O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”*
4. Illustration: The importance of communication in a marriage (husband & wife)
5. Challenge: Do whole days go by where our Saviour does not hear our voice? Does He hear our voice regularly in our praises & prayers? Do we take the time to say, “My Jesus I love thee I know thou art mine, for Thee all the follies of sin I resign...”

**Conclusion:** How is our communion with Christ? Are we responding to His call to fellowship? Do we praise Him? Do we pray?