

=FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS=

Lesson 35

Song of Solomon 5

INTRODUCTION: No place in all the Bible gives us as beautiful a picture of the sweet relationship that should exist between Christ and His people as does the Song of Solomon. In the story, the bride represents God's people, and the bridegroom represents the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us notice several things about the relationship that should exist between Christ and His people.

- I. SWEET COMMUNION. Read Song of Solomon 2:6. Notice the sweet words in this verse. One hand is under the head; the other embraces. Here we see the bride and groom in sweet expressions of love. This pictures the Christian who is supposed to have the same type of intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This intimate relationship may be found through prayer. (Teacher, teach the pupils the importance of prayer and the different times of prayer.) This communion also is experienced and enhanced by Bible study and Bible reading. (Teacher, impress upon the pupils the importance of living in the Word of God, reading the Bible, memorizing Scripture, etc.) This communion is also nourished by meditation. Meditation is simply spending time thinking upon God, upon His Word, and upon His things. In other words, there should be a constant closeness to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- II. SEPARATION. Notice Song of Solomon 5:6. Here is a sad verse. The bridegroom left the bride for a season. This is a beautiful picture of the Lord Jesus Christ leaving us to go back to Heaven.
- III. WITNESSING. See Song of Solomon 5:8. While the bridegroom was gone, the bride told of him. (Teacher, turn to such Scriptures as Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15; John 14:12; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; and other Scriptures which teach us that we are to be witnesses of Christ in His absence. We are to tell others about Him as this bride told about her lover while he was away.)
- IV. THE WORLD WONDERS. In Song of Solomon 5:9, the daughters of Jerusalem asked, "What is thy beloved more than another beloved...?" The world looks at us today and asks, "What's so hot about Jesus Christ? What is better about Him than the other religions of the world?" We are always on display. The world watches us. They watch our manners, our behavior, our courtesy, our honesty, our consistency.
- V. STRONGER WITNESSING. Read Song of Solomon 5:10-16. Notice the beautiful description the bride gives of the bridegroom. Ah, she loves him, doesn't she? She makes no bones about telling others what she thinks of him. They may call her a fanatic, but she is in love. They may think she is foolish, but she is in love. They may laugh at her, but she is in love. So she tells others of the wonderful bridegroom that is hers. We too are to tell others of the wonderful Bridegroom that is ours. We too are to tell others of the wonderful Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, not sparing in our description of Him.
- VI. THE CONVINCING. In Song of Solomon 6:1, notice that the daughters of Jerusalem want to seek her beloved with her. She did such a good job of telling of him that others wanted him too. Ah, this is the kind of witnessing we are supposed to do—to convince others of the loveliness of Jesus Christ.
- VII. THE LONGING TO SEE HIM. Notice Song of Solomon 2:6 as compared to Song of Solomon 8:3. Notice the difference in just one word or two. In the earlier verse the arms were about her; in the latter, they should be about her. In other words, she longed to see him. She wanted him to come back; she looked for his coming. Our Lover is away; He too is coming again. We are to long to see Him; we are to look for Him. We are waiting to see Him face to face and to be with Him forever.