# **The Song of Songs**

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# Foreword<sup>1,2</sup>

...... Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. (Zechariah 4:6)

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The Spirit has revealed to us: The Spirit is the Word revealed by the Holy Spirit, the revealed Word is the heart of God made known to man, and the revealed Word is a two-edged sword. The "revealed" letter by the Holy Spirit is sharper than any two-edged sword of our lives. Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Therefore, the revelation of the Song of Songs is what God has given to our church of the last days in the fullness of his blessing, and it is the Spirit who will guide us into all the truth. God has opened the Song of Songs by the Spirit, so that each of his beloved ones may be invited to come to meet God. Hallelujah! Thanks be to our gracious God, thanks be to our great King and our beloved, and thanks be to the Spirit of grace who will guide us into all the truth.

Ephesians 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might...

Now let us follow the Spirit to search and learn the Song of Songs, chapter by chapter, and verse by verse.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In this book, at a time the Spirit spoke as a third person, at other times spoke as the first person "I", for he is the beloved. When he spoke in the voice of the first person, it was recorded as "the Spirit of the Lord revealed", and when he gave interpretations directly in the voice of a third person, not all were written as "the Spirit of the Lord revealed". Some were words of the inscriber inspired by the Spirit, others were Scriptures with connected interpretations that were added to make it more understandable to everyone, but all have been carefully prayed for and sealed; also added by the inscriber were the names, places, and historical backgrounds.

<sup>2</sup> In the writing of the Song of Songs, whenever we were questioned by the household of the Lord, we continued to inquire of the Lord. The word of God is like a bread of a thousand layers, that the Lord reveals and supplements deeper and deeper for us, so that we understand and become transparent more and more.

# **Preface**

The Song of Songs is the graceful song of Solomon, but the Spirit has revealed to us: The "revealed" Song of Songs is the song of the graceful songs.

Song of Songs, the "most beautiful song" in Hebrew, the "Song of Solomon" in English, and the "grace" of the Spirit, contains the meaning of the "Most High". The Song of Songs appears to describe the love between Solomon and Shulamite (the root words of both Solomon and Shulamite have the meaning of "peace"), but truly, it has described a Christian, from one being chosen, to one who follows God, who truly knows God, who has experienced all circumstances, who is united with God, and finally who will reach all the fullness and the perfection of God himself.

Behold, a beautiful bride has appeared. This is how HIS church is conformed to the image of the bride. Therefore, this scroll is actually a book that praises the love between God and man as well as the love of death and life between Christ and the Church.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I have built you a bridge to the heavens, for my mystery is more than enough. If you will kneel down and lift up your humble soul to me earnestly, I will open for you a fountain that has been sealed for a long time. I have opened the Song of Songs for you so that you may understand the heart of God. Now that you understand the heart of God, let your heart return, so that you may have a share with God; when you understand the heart of God, be humble, obedient, and faithful; and when you understand the heart of God, accept the teachings of the words, that is, put off the old self, be united with me, become my bride of glory, do what I have done, and join this great harvest in the latter days."

Finally, the Spirit of the Lord warned us, and revealed, "Though opened by the Spirit, the word of God shall still be heard, read, and preached under the direction of the Spirit, otherwise it is merely the letter. It is only by the Spirit that all will come alive."

O my beloved children of God, each of you, holy and beloved, may you truly meet God by searching the Scriptures and by the Spirit! Rebuild and restore a beautiful and intimate, one-on-one relationship with God!

May it be that according to the riches of his glory he may grant us to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in our inner being, that each of us may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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# Chapter 1

1:1 The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's (revelation about God and man).

Which is Solomon's: And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore (1 Kings 4:29). He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish (1 Kings 4:32-33). Though all of these praise the great power of creation by God, they are songs that praise all things, but only the Song of Songs is sung to the heart of God.

The Song of Songs: Song of Songs, a song that sings about the love between God and man, a song that is lovely and most beautiful, is dearly loved by God.

The Song of Songs sings aloud the love of God, the attributes of God, God's desire for man, and man's longing for God.

The Song of Songs sings in the voice of God, and behold, He comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills, seeking and calling for man.

The Song of Songs also sings about those who hunger and thirst for God, hope for God, and cling to God.

That is why the Song of Songs is truly a death and life love song, that sings about love, fellowship, and desire for each other between God and man. This death and life love song has extolled the greatest love in heaven and on earth, for the love of God is strong as death, and out of this love for man, he was dead, and is alive again. When kindled by the very flame of love through the cross, man will willingly respond with his life. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it!

By the Song of Songs God has revealed to us: He wants his children of all the earth to build a relationship with him in which we love and kiss each other, are members of one another, and know each other, and that all shall be of one piece with him, in complete agreement, in perfect harmony. As it was said in the Song of Solomon 8:6-7, "Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the

LORD. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised."

Therefore, Song of Songs is a noble song in the sight of God. The Spirit worked through us and revealed, "For this reason when you worship God in spirit and truth your life will flourish; when you sing many songs of praise to God, God is with you; when you are calm and come with singing, you will be healed, and your spirit shall be released." When you worship in spirit and truth, it was seen in the Spirit that the hand of the Lord took away your burdens, and he said, "I will bear it for you." Such is the love of the bridegroom for the bride, and such is the Song of Songs.

When you understand the heart of God, you will share everything with him. To build a good relationship with God, pour out your soul before him. This is the true meaning of the Song of Songs.

Let us sing! Let us praise! Let us enter the worship in heaven!

The Spirit sang: Let us sing the songs of heaven, for the gate of heaven is open. Behold, all his angels praise him, all his hosts extol him. Glad is the heart of the heavenly Father, for all of his household have returned, singing and making melody to the LORD with their hearts, sharing the great love of the LORD! For whose name is worthy of praise, but Jesus? What other gods is worthy of worship, but Jesus? While the sun endures, and as long as the moon, and as long as we are here by God's grace, for us to live is to worship him! Here it is filled with all the fullness of God!

# 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine;

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: By the letter it appears to describe Shulamite's desire for Solomon, but it is a parable for the desire and hunger and thirst for the love of God by the children who have the life of the Lord.

Let him: This is hope, desire, and prayer.

The growth of the life of a Christian begins with faith in the Lord and desire and hope in the Lord. This also is the beginning of an inner life.

Of his mouth: The Spirit asked us, "What is in his mouth?" We said, "There are breath, life, words, and spirit in his mouth." The Spirit added, "In his mouth there is also authority and power. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. As the word left his mouth, the dead are raised."

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: that is, to be with God face to face, and to have fellowship with God. This makes it clear that when you hunger and thirst for God, his Spirit comes in, his breath comes into you, and his life enters into you.

If you give a pledge to understand the Scripture, and cry aloud to God (Ephesians 1:17), the Spirit of truth will make it clear to you. At this time, it was seen in a vision: Jesus broke his words and fed us bit by bit; and while he fed us, little by little the Lord

poured his breath, his Spirit, his life, and his power into us. If each day we have such fellowship with the Lord, each day there will be living water and power from the Lord flowing into our womb.

How does God kiss us? When we read the Scripture, pray, and call out to the Lord, his breath will come into us, so will his Spirit, and he will also break up his words and feed us little by little. For men to eat the word of the LORD is to kiss him, and to live by the word of God is life and might.

How do we kiss God? When we think of him, desire for him, return our heart, have fellowship with him with our heart, and thirst for him with our soul, is when we kiss God.

For your love: We asked, "What is your love?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I lay down my life for you, and you live for me. Such is the love between you and me."

Is better than wine: Wine represents the gift from the Spirit, a precious gift from the heavenly Father to man.

Who does not rejoice at the gift of the Spirit? Who takes no pleasure at the precious gift from the heavenly Father? Yet, can this precious gift be compared to the love of Jesus who for our sake died and was raised?

For your love is better than wine: The Spirit of the Lord asked, "Today, if you are offered the precious gift for my love, do you accept?" We answered, "No, Lord, for your love is better than wine."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "If a man sees my gift and blessing<sup>3</sup> as of more value than me, how he will be pitied! Does he not know that he who finds me finds all things?"

1:3 your anointing oils are fragrant; your name is oil poured out; therefore virgins love you.

Your anointing oils are fragrant: This is the lived life, the anointing oils of life. Just like our Lord Jesus, in that same year, being crushed and broken, and willingly submitted to the will of God, then there was anointing oil poured on his head. Psalms 141:5 Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness; let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it. Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds.

The anointing oils of the Lord are fragrant, as the fragrance of life, for out of the life that is struck and shattered will flow the anointing oils of life. Where the anointing oils drip, there is life; where the anointing oils are dropped, there is it shaken; and where there are anointing oils dropped, there is restoration! This is the anointing oils of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Gifts are good, precious gifts are good, all that come from God are good. Yet only the love of Jesus - the Son of God, who laid down his life and shed blood for us, is the most precious! Therefore, "You shall earnestly desire the spiritual gifts", but "I will show you a still more excellent way", that is, "love"! (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:1)

restoration, of unity – united with the heavenly Father, united with men, and united with all things. Your anointing oils are fragrant, O Lord, how can we *not* love you!

Your name is oil poured out: His name is oil poured out. Before he was crucified, the name of the Lord Jesus was known only in the Judean countryside, like the anointing oils in a jar; when the Lord was crucified, like a flask that was broken, the oil was poured out and flowed into all the earth! This is a praise to the name of Jesus, for there is no other name given, in heaven above or on earth beneath, so that people of all the earth may be saved. Jesus alone, and only Jesus, whose name is the oil poured out!

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "My name is the oil of life poured out on the cross. What I have poured out is life! Life! This is the oil poured out for the sake of my love for you!"

Therefore, virgins love you: "Virgins" are those who do not let their heart turn aside, who are faithful to the Lord, and who are willing to follow the Lord, to walk the path of the cross. The Lord of life has a covenant of death and life with them.

Who can but love him? Everyone who holds a covenant with him loves him! For this covenant was inaugurated with blood, it was a covenant of grace and life, and it was a covenant of marriage.

1:4 Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you.

Draw me after you: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "If I did not draw you after me, could you run? But if you will continually thirst for me and call upon me, I will draw you after me with my love, and I will guide you with my Spirit."

Draw me after you; let us run: When one is drawn after the Lord, so will be many more. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is a life that affects life, the life that brings life." This is to tell us: A man who is drawn by this great love of God will affect many more; a man who has set fire to the torches of fellowship with God will kindle the fire of those around him; a man who runs after the Lord will draw more to run<sup>4</sup>.

The king has brought me into his chambers: "His chambers" are the innermost parts of man, the dwelling places of the Spirit. Here the king has brought his bride to a step higher – to begin to enter an inner life.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will wait for you in my chamber." Then he asked, "What kind of a person will I bring into my chamber?" We said, "The one who has the longing soul." "Chamber" is a place where heart meets heart and soul reflects soul, an

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This is the revelation of Evangelism by example. You words and actions draw others around you to Christ.

innermost place where the heart of the Lord and the Spirit of the Lord await you and me. Such is the return of the soul, to the great shepherd for our soul, and the beloved of our soul. Amos 3:3 Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?

In those years, the people of Israel were disciplined by God so many times, that their heart might return to God, yet still their heart did not return to God, so God struck them with famine and drought, and with mildew and pestilence and disease. But still, they offered sacrifice and ministered according to their own ways, never trying to discern why they had come to poverty in the Spirit, and why there was no rain, whereas it was because that their hearts did not return to the LORD. The aim of the discipline God gave them in those years was to let them return and rest, and prepare to meet the LORD (Amos 4:4-12). Today God has made the teachings of the people of Israel as examples for us, so that we may no longer harden our hearts, but return our hearts and follow the Lord into his chambers, prepared to meet our God, for behold, he is in the chambers, saying, "I am waiting for you."

The Spirit sang: Let my heart return, my spirit soar aloft. Jesus loves me, and he awaits me, and he is the refuge of my life forevermore.

We will exult and rejoice in you: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Life affects life. Do you not know that joy could also be passed along? For it will be like a person entering the chamber, who gathered a holy fruit (that is, accepted my words, and understood my heart), and she was so delighted that she came out and sent portions to everyone, and the whole multitude of them began to rejoice and praise God."

We will extol your love: We will not only exult and rejoice together to receive the beautiful fruit from heaven, but will also extol his love and praise his great love by the cross, for he not only died for us, but also lives for us, and with this deepest love he draws us to Himself.

More than wine: "Wine" represents the gift of the Spirit; "The good wine" refers to the words revealed by the Spirit. Gifts are good, so are the revealed words, so also is every spiritual experience, but there is more gain in the love of Jesus than the gifts of the Spirit or any spiritual experience. When we extol his love, the Spirit of the Lord will be poured out upon us, and we will be filled with the love of the Lord, and with the Lord himself. (At that time a vision was seen: when we thirst for his love more than his gift, our whole body was immersed in the light! And behold, all we saw was light!)

My dear brothers and sisters, what do you thirst for? What will you extol? What does your heart desire? Are you praising the good wine from him, or the love that he has given you?

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I have given you my love, will you give me yours? If you are willing, return your heart back to me."

Rightly do they love you: Here "they" are the virgins, a group of people saved by the Lord, who have offered themselves, and who will live for the Lord. They have been offered their love to the Lord.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This love is a love of giving, a steadfast love, and a love of sacrifice. Now I want you all to give yourselves to God, which I have seen as exceedingly precious."

The Spirit sang:

Let my heart return, my spirit soar aloft.

Jesus loves me, and he awaits me;

precious is he, the only one in my life.

Let my heart return, my spirit soar aloft.

Jesus loves me, and he awaits me,

and in him I take refuge forevermore...

1:5 I am very dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.

Jerusalem: is the city of the great king, and here it represents the house of God.

Daughters: refer to everyone being built by God.

I am very dark: "Dark" means the evil things of the flesh, the old self.

As we have seen earlier, as the virgin longed for God and sought God, she was brought by the King into his chamber. In the chamber, not only did she gather the holy fruit (that is, obtained some of the mysteries revealed by God), but she even found God himself. God is light, God is Spirit, and in the light of the Spirit, she saw her darkness (that is, her old self began to be exposed by the light).

The more she is opened by the Spirit, and illuminated by the light, the more she sees her unworthiness and her darkness (Luke 5:8). Today if one confesses her darkness in the presence of all, and exposes her own evil, it is because of the true light that she has met in the chamber, and the power brought forth by the fellowship she had with God. For anything that becomes visible is light (Ephesians 5:13). This tells us: The closer one comes to the light, the more darkness will be exposed; the more darkness is exposed, the more one will be delivered from it. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The aim of exposing your darkness is to deliver you from darkness." John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

But lovely: Though I am evil, I have a heart that loves Jesus; though I am not worthy, I want to be lit up by the great light. This, in the sight of God, is lovely. As the Scripture has said in Isaiah 26:8, "In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you;" That is, when you quietly wait for God, when you seek God with a longing soul that longs to be cleansed, God will shine upon you and judge you in his chamber, in

hiding. When you have stood the trial you will be renewed within you, and inside you will be brighter and more beautiful, and you will love God even more. Thus you are the most lovely in the eyes of God.

This judgment is not the one of condemnation or calamity, but one that Christians will experience as a spiritual cleansing:

- 1. The judgment by the Spirit in the chamber. John 16:8-11 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
- 2. The judgment by the word of God, that is, the discipline and reproof by the word of God. John 12:48-50 "... The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

Ephesians 5:26-27 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Like the tents of Kedar: Kedar is the second son of Ishmael, who was born by Abraham and Hagar. The tents of Kedar were built with the skins of the black goats, which are parables for the works that were built by the will of man, by the blood, or by the flesh, on the foundation of hay and straw. Today the aim of being exposed by the lights is that we shall burn these works of hay and straw with the fire of the Spirit, and rebuild the tent of David that has fallen.

The tent that David built in the past:

- 1. In his life the most important thing was to worship and praise God, and thus he was called "the sweet psalmist".
- 2. David set his hope in God in all things, he prayed to God in all things, and he sought God for everything, and as God had commended, so had he done it.
- 3. David was the one who let God take his great power and reign. Outwardly it appeared that David reigned over Judah and Israel, but in fact it was the LORD God, it was he who had governed and ruled and reigned! Today God will rebuild on earth a nation where he will govern and rule and reign! How to build? Only through Christ, through the water with the word, and through the mighty power of the Spirit that the heart of man will be cleansed again to become the joyful Garden of Eden of God. These hearts of man, having once been cleansed, will be bound firmly together in Christ to become the New

Jerusalem! This is to rebuild the tent of David that has fallen, and behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. (Hebrews 8:2, Revelation 21:3-4)

#### Like the curtains of Solomon:

- 1. Solomon is the son of David, king of the promise of God, and a wise king. Therefore, the curtains of Solomon are parables for the works that are built by the wisdom of God, on the foundation with gold, silver, and precious stones, and the works that are after the heart of God.
- 2. The curtains of the temple built by Solomon in those years were woven with yarns of various colors. The various colored yarns represent the various fine attributes of Jesus, which imply that the brides of Jesus shall also have such fine attributes.

From the tents of Kedar to the curtains of Solomon, the inside has been purified and renewed, beginning to show the attributes of Jesus. All these are done by God, accomplished by the mighty power of the Spirit. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." (Ephesians 2:10)

"Curtains of Solomon" represents the beautiful temple of God. But this beautiful temple is built through trials of various kinds, built through man's despise and scorning. This is how every kind of jewel of the New Jerusalem is refined ("Jewel" symbolizes all truth; "to be refined" means to stand trials of various kinds in all conditions, and to live in all truth). This is how the various truths of God are embedded in the temple of the soul of the bride, and this is how the inner virtue of the bride of the Lord Jesus is created like pottery, the work of a master hand.

1:6 Do not gaze at me because I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept!

I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me: Here the sun represents God and Jesus Christ. As it was said in Psalm 84:11, "For the LORD God is a sun."

Dark: It refers to the testing and refining, when an environment has come.

The sun has looked upon me: This means that the virgin has an environment where she will be shaped, and the shaping is done by the LORD our God.

The Spirit of the Lord has revealed to us that the world today is like a shadow play. Every move of every shadow (which symbolizes every person) is controlled by two hands, either black or white. The black hands come from Satan to tempt you and afflict you, and finally bring you into the snare, down to Sheol; the white hands are from the works of the LORD God, to build you up by God, to humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. (Deuteronomy 8:16)

2 Corinthians 12:19 says, "And all for your upbuilding." To build up in the environment include: To be blown by the wind and to be scorched by the sun, that is, to be incited, attacked, defiled, and taunted... 1 Peter 1:6-9 tells us: God lets us be grieved by various trials, so that we may gain a life that is more precious than gold in the end.

Do not gaze at me because I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me: Like Jesus, in those years, wearing the crown of thorns, who was crucified, reviled, despised, and disdained. The way our Lord has walked, we will walk; the cup our Lord drank, we will drink.

My mother's sons: are sons of one Spirit, brothers of one church.

Were angry with me: means being accused, blamed, and despised by the mother's sons.

My mother's sons were angry with me: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Do not be like Job's three friends. When another man is shined upon and turned dark, do not find faults with him or bear a grudge against him, but do love him, bear him, and have mercy on him, pray with him while waiting for me, and take him to me, that you may build up each other in love. However, if you are reproved by your mother's sons, do not grumble at them, do not look at the environment, but wait for me earnestly."

They made me keeper of the vineyards: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Here the fellow workers were accusing the bride of not giving enough to the church.
- 2. As my newly awakened fellow workers, give more, so that when others see your offering they will not grumble or quarrel against you in their hearts.
- 3. Do not grumble among yourselves, but make a united effort to build, to keep the vineyards together, to pray together, and to be the members of one body."

But my own vineyard I have not kept: This virgin, now in the chamber, saw that the vineyard of her heart is still far away from the requirement of God, and that was why she said, "but my own vineyard I have not kept." The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This means that my newly awakened bride has not prepared herself, her own vineyard of the heart she has not kept, and she is not yet firm in her own heart."

What then is to be done? The Spirit of the Lord revealed to us:

- "1. Be quiet, and wait for the Lord.
- 2. Pray well, and study the Scripture carefully, to see whether you are walking in the way of the truth, and to seek in the word of God the path I have walked.
- 3. When you find the path, establish your faith and tread with me on high places. For I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

1:7 Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon; for why should I be like one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions?

You whom my soul loves: At the fiery trial when it comes upon you, when being despised by others or reproached by fellow workers, even the virgin herself was lost. She said to herself: Where shall I seek? Who will tell me? The only choice is to pray, to seek him whom my soul loves, and this is the search of love. I will search for the great shepherd of my soul, for he is my help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Tell me: You are my best helper, Oh Lord, only you are my very present help in time of trouble. For one who calls on the name of the Lord, how can the Lord not tell? The Lord has promised: Everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened unto him. How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Luke 11:13)

Where you pasture your flock: The Lord asked us, "Where does God pasture his flock?" We answered, "In green pastures, beside still waters."

The Lord asked again, "Where is God?" "In my soul."

"Whose shepherd is God?" "My shepherd."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Whenever you are hungry and thirsty, I will shepherd you. I am your help in time of need."

At noon: By the letter, it means that the heat on the outside is greater than man can bare; by the Spirit, it tells us that Christ is the true light, and when man falls in the true light, like Paul, his heart returns to rest. Yet the virgin said to herself, "Behold, the flock of the Lord is lying down in the Lord, but why should my soul not rest? Oh Lord, whom my soul loves, the troubles of my heart are enlarged, and I find no rest for my soul. I have no way to go, and behold, I have come to seek you, for you are the LORD who will neither slumber nor sleep. Oh Lord Jesus, I think of you, I miss you!" Repeatedly she seeks the Lord.

For why should I be like one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions: This virgin, as she was struck down by her mother's sons, said to herself, "Is this still my church?" She could not release her soul, nor could she understand, so she came to the church of her companions in hope of finding God. But, when she came beside the flocks of her companions, she still could not find the Lord, nor could she satisfy herself, like a wanderer, one without support, or one who veils herself, who cannot see the way or the light.

The Spirit of the Lord concluded, "When you meet the environment:

- 1. Do not seek me among your companions, do not search for me in the crowd, for I am in your heart.
- 2. Take off the veil over your face, for with it you will not find me. Veils are covers and false masks, so first take them away, and then you will find me. (Hosea 3:3-5, 2 Corinthians 3:16-18)
- 3. Learn not the way of man, but earnestly wait for me. I am your supply in time of need."

1:8 If you do not know, O most beautiful among women, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.

O most beautiful among women: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You were right in seeking me, for you did not stumble, but you increased all the more in strength, O you the most beautiful among women!" This praise was from the beloved, calling her the most beautiful. 1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Though she was dark because the sun had looked upon her, though she was regarded lightly, and her mother's sons were angry with her, she did not give up or stop, but steadfastly she turned to God and longed for God and sought God, and became the most beautiful in the heart of God.

Now the characteristics of beauty are these:

- 1. Seek him whom her soul loves.
- 2. Search not for God among her companions, and follow not the ways of man.
- 3. Do not stumble, but continually increase in strength in seeking the Lord. Her beauty is in that she never gives up seeking the Lord. Seek, and you will find.

If you do not know: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "If you do not know, ask me, for I am your help in time of need."

Follow in the tracks of the flock: This is the Lord telling the virgin: If you do not know the way you shall go, follow in the tracks of the flock, walk after the church, and pass on in the rear with the hosts of the Lord, and do not lag behind. The sheep of the Lord hear the voice of the Lord. John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

Then we saw in a vision a flock of sheep, and behold, they are the sheep of the Lord, that hear the voice of the Lord. The Lord knows them, and they follow the great shepherd. Behold, then the great shepherd wrote three words, "Hear", "Believe", "Do", which means, hear what God has spoken to you, believe, and do likewise.

Young goats: Goats are of the worldly nature, which refers to the sin-nature and our rebellion against God.

As we have seen before, the Lord commended the virgin as the "most beautiful", for she sought the Lord steadfastly, whether she was darkened by the sun, built up by the environment, or reproached by her mother's sons, she was not disheartened, nor did she stumble, or grumble, or stand still, but she longed for the Lord without wearying, seeking him whom her soul loves. Behold, a virgin indeed, in whom there is true desire for the Lord. Then the Lord declared to the virgin her faults, and told her to set aside her temper of a goat, which is the temper of transgression and rebellion, and to follow Jesus the great shepherd, who is gentle and lowly in heart, and follow him well.

The temper of the young goats is the temper of man by nature:

- 1. Young goats love to follow their own thoughts, they love to follow their own knowledge, wisdom, and mind, they do not rejoice at trusting in God, and they take no pleasure in being restrained by the word of God, for it has become a burden to them.
- 2. Young goats love to be praised. When they are praised their hearts thrill and exult, but when they are scoffed, they give up and grow weary.
- 3. The hearts of the young goats are full of envy, contention, and strife. Just as soon as anything is done to prevent them from following their own heart, the envy, contention, and strife within them will break out.
- 4. If there is anything that provokes the young goats to anger, the flesh in them will be exposed.
- 5. When the young goats have finished the work of God, they always give glory to themselves, for they thought it was by the wisdom and strength of their own they have done it, and forgot that it was the Spirit who had helped them.

This is to let all who have the temper of the young goats be imitators of Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, and cling to him. As Jesus commands, so you shall hear, believe, then do likewise, thus you will take away the temper of the goats.

#### 1:9 I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots.

My love: a chosen one by the beloved, and the best in the sight of the beloved. Though she has not become a bride, she has been chosen.

Here for the first time the beloved called the virgin "my love". Everyone who becomes "my love" has been refined, and only those who grind and remove the temper of the goats will become "my love" to the beloved.

I compare you to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots: Here the Lord uses Pharaoh as a parable, for the lovely mare among Pharaoh's chariots can only be yoked to the

chariots after they are chosen out of all Egypt and trained to be obedient. Egypt symbolizes the world. The King of kings has chosen each of us out of the world, not because of our righteousness, but because of the righteousness from God, through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the truth of "being justified by faith" (Romans 3:25-26), yet it does not lead to righteousness. The Spirit of the Lord revealed to us: When you live a life of the majestic steed you will become righteous. (Romans 6:16).

# 1:10 Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels.

Your cheeks: It means that they can chew the word of God. The cheeks of the majestic steed are strong, in their power to gnaw.

Lovely with ornaments: Ornaments represent obedience, and obedience becomes lovely.

Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments: The Spirit of the Lord concluded, "When you chew my words, you will understand my heart. When you understand my heart, you will be obedient, and thus you will live a lovely life. Therefore, lay it to your heart, that by living it life is made lovely."

Your neck: Your neck is where you bear the yoke. The power of the majestic steed is in his neck, which means that the steed is willing to bear the yoke of the Lord. Now the bride, for the sake of her beloved, not only has she grinded and removed her temper of the goat, but also she is willing to take the yoke of the Lord upon her, and learn from the Lord.

Strings of jewels: represent the perfect truth. Pearls are taken out of mussels. They are beautiful, but they have been afflicted with so much torment that man cannot know! This means that every truth shall not only be received, but also be experienced and lived, for no truth is gained hastily. Experience, and live, and it will be lovely!

It is said Revelation 21:21, "And the twelve gates (to the New Jerusalem) were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl", which represents the reward received after sacrifice. These twelve gates of pearl are twelve gates of truth, meaning to pay to live in every truth of the Lord.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Return, and this joy of mine will be complete. What I have built is you, my holy city!"

Your neck with strings of jewels: This is the steed chose by the Lord, who will take the yoke of the perfect truth of the Lord upon her. When she desires and strives to live every truth of the Lord, strings of jewels are put on her neck, and she is made even more lovely. Behold, the steed among the king's chariots is so majestic and luxurious! Therefore thus says the Lord: Live in the truth, and it will be lovely.

1:11 We will make for you ornaments of gold, studded with silver.

We: refer to the true God, the trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

Gold: represents faith.

To one who wishes to bear the yoke of the complete truth of the Lord, the Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will give you glory, that you may reach all the riches of full assurance of faith." And on those of you who are unpresentable, God will bestow the greater beauty. God so loves those who are his, that whoever has not is to get from him, and God will put a true faith in his heart. This bride wants to obey the truth, so God will give her the full assurance of faith, which will give her strength to obey, so that she may live the truth. All these ornaments are from God.

Silver: represents the salvation by God.

Studded with silver: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You are mine. I have given you the shield of my salvation. I have paid your ransom, therefore you are mine." All these are the great works and the steadfast love of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit! The salvation of God covers the bride as a garment. That is why you are no more of this world, neither of your own anymore, for the Lord has redeemed you with his salvation.

# 1:12 While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance.

While the king was on his couch: It means that when we are gathered together and eat the word of the LORD, he is among us. Here a confident assertion was made about "while the king was on his couch", declaring that Jesus was at the feast. As long as there is Jesus, the gathering will not suffer or dry out, and there will be good wine, and new wine, that will never ran out, for there is continued supply.

My nard gave forth its fragrance: It means that my soul gave forth its love to the King, its longing for the King, and its hope for the King. This is the heart of the bride being opened to God, answering the Lord in love, and moving with the Lord in love, that is, giving forth its fragrance to God.

Nard: is a precious spice, which is used for a very expensive ointment called the nard.

While the king is on his couch, how does your nard give forth its fragrance?

- 1. When the king is on his couch, you hear the word of the LORD, and you hear the voice of the LORD, who then put into your heart his love, and your soul answers by giving forth its love to him, and such is the joined movement of love. You say to him out of your heart, "I give thanks to you, O LORD, for you have given me your word, and I will answer you, that I love you, and my soul thirsts for you!" Now a vision was seen, and behold, from her soul rose a white smoke. This is how your nard gives forth its fragrance.
- 2. As soon as God shines on you, you will weep tears of repentance, thanksgiving, desire, and love. Behold, it was seen in the vision that the tears

- were white. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the nard that flowed out of life, the nard that was put on Jesus with its fragrance."
- 3. The nard is also the ransom of life of the spiritual. That is, if you would cut yourself to pieces with the sword of truth, and thrust yourself through with it, that you would be further clothed with Jesus, the tears that you have laid up in your life would flow out, as the fragrance out of your nard.
- 4. If everyone who comes before the Lord opens their heart completely, and says to the Lord out of your heart, that you love him, long for him, and have need of him, your nard will give forth its fragrance.

The Spirit sang: O LORD, give me one heart, that I may live to the LORD, that I may leave all of the earth, and think no more. Strengthen me, that my feet may not slip, that I may go the remaining miles. Whenever and wherever I shall be, may the LORD keep me.

#### 1:13 My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh that lies between my breasts.

In verse 13 the bride continues to give forth the fragrance of her nard to the king. She has turned her love and longing for the beloved into the strength to be an imitator of him, furthermore, she takes the suffering of Christ to her heart, that it may become the fountain of her strength.

A sachet: refers to the whole heart.

Myrrh: Although myrrh is bitter, it is good medicine.

My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh that lies between my breasts: The bride takes the suffering of the beloved as an example to herself. She always carries the suffering of the Lord between her breasts, thanking him, loving him, and following him. Jesus Christ is her example, and the suffering of the Lord is the foundation of her strength. 1 Peter 4:1-2 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

#### 1:14 My beloved is to me a cluster of Henna blossoms in the vineyards of Engedi.

In verse 14 the nard of the bride is still giving forth its fragrance to the Lord. She loves the gentleness and the humility of the Lord, and is willing to take the humility of the Lord as an example.

A cluster of Henna blossoms: meaning the most humble and the smallest, that no one takes notice, but it blooms into small flowers layer by layer. Even though the beloved was crucified by man, he still bore everyone with his love, mercy, forgiveness,

and endurance. When he breathed his last, the beloved still gave forth the fragrance of faith, hope, and love, and entrusted his soul to God the Father.

My beloved is to me a cluster of Henna blossoms: He is the example I imitate, for he is lowly, and he humbles himself, O my heart is so thrilled within me. O Lord, keep my heart from being prideful!

Engedi: resides in the border of Judah, now on the west bank of the Dead Sea. In those years it was taken by the Amorites, and was called the "fountain of the young goats", where it was known for its abundance of vines. Many rush together into the vineyards of Engedi, they reach out their hand to gather the sweet grapes, who will pay attention to the little cluster of Henna blossoms?

In the vineyards of Engedi: It also refers to the church of today. Many rush together into the church, and all that they desire and ask for are the sweet grapes, that is, the benefits of the flesh. Who will pay attention to the little Henna blossoms? Who will understand Jesus who was crucified on the mountain of Golgotha? But the bride told the beloved, "O my beloved, I desire you, I desire what others do not desire; I love you, and I love whom others do not love. I desire you, and I love you, for my beloved is to me a cluster of Henna blossoms, and I love your humility, and I love your attributes, and I love your everything!"

The nard of the bride gave forth its fragrance, white like milk, pure like oil, which anointed the heart of the beloved, and the heart of the beloved was so full, and so comforted, that the beloved said this:

1:15 Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves.

My love: This is a praise from the beloved. The bride has grinded and removed the temper of the goat through refining. It is the love of God that draws her, so that the bride may come to him.

Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful: The beloved praised the bride, "You are beautiful! You are beautiful! You are beautiful beyond measure! How is it that you know how to see! How is it that you know what to ask for! Others are asking for the grace from me, but you only want me and my righteousness. You take my suffering as strength and my humility as example. Now my kingdom is your kingdom, my righteousness is your righteousness, and what you have not I will give to you. For you are mine, my love. Behold, you are beautiful, behold, you are beautiful, and you are beautiful beyond measure!"

Matthew 6:31-33 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Your eyes are doves: The beauty of the bride is more in her eyes, for her eyes are doves.

What are special about the eyes of the doves are these:

- 1. They can discern the paths to their home.
- 2. They gaze at the beloved, and lean on him fully.
- 3. The eyes of the doves are guided by the Spirit: They recognize precisely, and see clearly, and with their eyes on the beloved, they press on toward the only goal.

#### 1:16 Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly delightful. Our couch is green;

Verses 16-17 are the words that the bride said to the beloved, as she continued to answer the love of the beloved.

My beloved: We asked the Spirit, "What does 'beloved' really mean?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The 'beloved' is the best!" Amen! In the eyes of the bride, the beloved is the best. To whom will you compare my beloved? He is my beloved, the one who is most precious and lovely!

Truly delightful: This is to have fellowship with him in love. The bride said, "Because you have loved me and given yourself for me, you are my life, and you are my everything!"

When the bride had fellowship with the Lord in love, she saw his beauty in the eyes of her mind. This is to enter the depth of the Spirit, and in Spirit, to have delight in him, love him, and long for him.

Our: The heart of the bride is united with the heart of Lord.

#### Green:

- 1. Represents the word of God.
- 2. Also refers to the church that has life.

Couch: is the place to rest, to enjoy, and to be satisfied.

#### Our couch is green:

- 1. For me and my beloved, the word of God is satisfaction and enjoyment.
- 2. When I and my beloved enter the word of God together, a living church will be manifested. And behold, this living church is the satisfaction and enjoyment for me and my beloved.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When your heart is truly united with mine, and when you truly enjoy the word of God with me, you have entered into the love of God. You are lying in the arms of the Lord, surrounded by the love of God."

#### 1:17 the beams of our house are cedar; our rafters are pine.

The beams of our house are cedar: Cedar are trees that give forth their fragrance to God. Growing on the holy mountains, they are good material for building the temple.

- 1. Our Lord Jesus was the first to put on the beauty and the fragrance of cedar. He has become the cornerstone, and the first beam of our house. The Spirit of the Lord revealed to us that the bride said to herself, "Jesus is my sky, and Jesus is my beam. Without Jesus I will be no more, for he is my temple!"
- 2. Cedar trees also represent those who desire to be imitators of Jesus and give forth their fragrance. They are the conquerors, saints, and beams of the church.

Pine: "Pine trees never fall even when the rain falls or the winds blow, but they stand upright, in good courage and endurance."

Rafters: represent those faithful ministers in the Lord. Rafters serve as supports for the beams of the house. Though they are not the beams, without a single one of them the house would not be fortified or united.

Our rafters are pine: This means that there are those who are trustworthy in the house of God. Though they did not take the place in a great ministry, they all steadfastly desire Jesus and love Jesus, and whatever environment there is, even if the winds blow and the rain beats against them, they would stand firm and upright for the Lord. They have offered themselves in silence in the church, whether to cook, to dust the ground, to pray for others, or to watch, all as a free will offering. They love God with their life in silence, and they could wish that they were the martyrs for the Lord, like Stephen. These faithful ministers of God are the rafters of the church!

# **Chapter 2**

### 2:1 I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

Sharon: is the name of a place in the territory of Israel. It is a fruitful land, a land of roses, and behold, over the whole land roses have appeared, red like fire, and the rose corresponds to love.

I am a rose of Sharon: It symbolizes that today there are a great number who love the Lord, as well as those who are jealous for the Lord. The bride prayed to her beloved, "I am but one out of many who love the Lord, and I count for nothing. Though I am jealous for the Lord, I am not yet blameless, for there are thorns on the rose, that is, in the light I have seen that I am not blameless. O Lord, I know that I am not blameless, I am the rose with thorns. Though I have thorns, I love Jesus, and I desire Jesus! For the sake of love, and to be blameless, I want to pull the thorns from my flesh, so that I may be yours completely!"

In her fellowship with the light, the bride has not forsaken her understanding of the Lord and herself, and furthermore, she is willing to pull the thorns from her flesh for the sake of loving the Lord.

Of the valleys: the low valleys, which represent our low estate.

A lily: represents a holy flower.

The bride continued to pray to her beloved, "Lord, though I was born in Egypt, lowly like the dust, and among the sinners of whom I am the foremost, can I forget the salvation by your blood? In you I have redemption through your blood, that today I may put on this ornament, holy, like a lily. To repay you for your great kindness, out of the valleys, and from the very least of the lowly places, though no one will see, I will show to you my ornament of heaven. For you I will keep my holiness, and for you I will give forth the faint fragrance!"

2:2 As a lily among brambles, so is my love among the young women.

My love among the young women: To become a bride in the sight of God one must first go through many tests, and only by refining and removing the temper of the goats may you become a bride.

Here the beloved answered the prayers of the bride, "My love, I have seen you among the young women, as a lily among brambles. I have seen that you humbled yourself, that you have been pricked by the brambles but you still wanted to keep your holiness for me, and that you have given forth your fragrance. I have seen everything that you have done for me. My love, you are holy and fragrant like a lily!"

As a lily among brambles: This is the test of God that has come a second time, as an engraving of love. The Lord, on his hands with the marks of the nail, bore up the lily and put her in a special environment, in a place for all to see. Now the lily is among the brambles, and behold, when the winds blow, the lily is pricked by the brambles full of thorns, and the sap comes forth from the lily, giving forth its bursts of fragrance.

#### What are brambles?

- 1. Brambles are the fruits of the ground that was cursed after Adam had sinned, so they are the fruit of sin. (Genesis 3:18-19)
- 2. Brambles are false prophets and diseased trees, they are being cursed, and their end is to be burned. (Matthew 7:15-20, Hebrews 6:8)

Before all of us have changed our lives, we are like these women who have the temper of the goats, and our bodies are full of thorns all around. But the word of God has come, we shall repent in the word of God, and we shall remove the thorns and the temper of the goats from within us, so that we may become lilies and show our holy ornaments to heaven, giving glory to God.

Today God has put the lily among the brambles to test her. When a thorn goes up into you, will you still give forth your fragrance? When you face false ways and false prophets in a state of siege, and when you are followed hard by Jezebel, do you still keep your holiness and hold fast to the truth? Our Lord Jesus has prevailed in those years, so has Elijah, and Daniel, and Paul. Now brothers and sisters, who are to be lilies, do you want to prevail? Jesus has conquered! Today this King who conquers is within you! You will succeed! Press in on Jesus within you and you will prevail over false ways, against false christs and false prophets and all riots!

2:3 As an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

My beloved among the young men: This is the bride answering the love of the Lord, and she said to the Lord, "Though I was pricked in the brambles, out of much discomfort and with many tears, I still lift up my soul to you, O my beloved! Indeed, I long for you, and I bless you! My beloved is still my only one, and there is none like you! You are my strength and my shield! Though I am with tears, I will lift up my hand and

thank you, and I will praise you!" These tears are the true nard that was anointed upon Jesus.

As an apple tree among the trees of the forest: My beloved is like an apple tree that is not raised too high (which represents the humility of the Lord), that I may take hold of. He brings to me comfort and peace.

The forest: refers to flocks of fellow workers. Though the forest can also cover us, some of them are too high for us. However, my beloved is like an apple tree that I can take hold of, his trunk is my shade from the heat, and his fruits give me rest, delight, and contentment.

With great delight, I sat in his shadow: This is the praise, desire, approval, hope, and trust from the bride to her beloved. My Jesus is my only one, my rest, and my delight. There are brambles pricking me from outside, but within me, Jesus feasts my soul with abundance. With great delight, I sat in his shadow, refreshed in his comfort and cover. For Jesus is my cover and keeper, and when I quietly wait for him I shall renew my strength!

His fruit was sweet to my taste: Although there were riots from outside, she still returned to her inner self and kept silence before him, tasting his fruit (that is, to eat his words a second time), and it was sweet (Psalms 34:8). The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." (Matthew 11:6)

#### His fruit:

- Refers to his words.
- 2. Also refers to the fruit of the Spirit, that is, the invisible attributes of Jesus: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Truly, it is by the grace of God that one can be quiet among the brambles. His fruit tasted in quietness is even sweeter.

#### Was sweet:

- 1. The word of God is sweeter when chewed. (Jeremiah 15:16)
- 2. The unfolding of the word of God gives light and sweetness to the soul. (Psalms 119:129-135)
- 3. The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. To walk in the light is sweet to the soul. (Psalms 119:105)

When we hunger for his words, obey his words, and do his words, we will find them sweeter. This sweetness comes from the peace of the Lord. John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

# 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

The banqueting house: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the spiritual banquet that I have set before you, which is my revealed words."

The Spirit of the Lord asked us, "What kind of a person do I bring to the banqueting house?" Then he continued, "I will bring those who hunger for my words to the banqueting house."

Though the bride was pricked by the brambles, she still hungered for the Lord, hoped for the Lord, and thirsted for the word of God, therefore the Spirit brought her to the banqueting house. When environment came and she was built up, like the lilies among the brambles, what her eyes had seen were not the brambles but God and the word of God. The more the bride hungered for the Lord and the word of the LORD in such an environment, the more she was brought to the banqueting house by the Lord that is, brought to the light. That is, the Spirit of truth will guide us into all the truth (John 16:12-15).

And his banner over me was love: When the Spirit of the Lord brings me to the banqueting house (that is, into all the truth), behold, I now have perceived it, that God is love. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. ... Only the love of God is above all and surpasses all, and only the love of God may incline our hearts to him, subdued under him, once and again!

### 2:5 Sustain me with raisins; refresh me with apples, for I am sick with love.

(You): It refers to the saints who have experienced the words and have passed on ahead.

(Grapes): the fruits, lives that are lived.

Raisins: lives that are dried out in the sun. Through the blowing wind and the scorching sun, the grapes lost their sweet liquid, and now become the nourishing supplements that can be preserved. They not only sustain us in spirit, but also that our spirit may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment.

When in great tribulation, the bride waited for the Lord steadfastly and longed for the word of God, so she was brought by the Spirit to the banqueting house, to the truth of God, and she came to know that God is love. However, when she returned to the present life, to the life of the church members, she was still a little lost, for she has not passed this way before. She came to the saints for help, and asked them to tell her their experiences and testimonies in life. And these experiences and testimonies are the spiritual raisins.

### Refresh me with apples:

#### Apples:

- 1. Refer to the word of God.
- 2. Refer to the attributes of God (the fruit of the Spirit).

The bride not only asked the saints to tell her their experiences of life, but also wished that these fellow workers who were ahead of her would tell her the word of God, so that she may know how they had conquered with the word of God, and how they had borne the fruit of the Spirit out of the pricking by the thorns.

When the fellow workers who went forward came to help the bride with their experiences and testimonies (raisins), the heart of the bride was comforted, and she then learned that she had been surrounded by so great a cloud of fellow runners in this race.

The Spirit sang: Since we are all fellow runners, we have the same kinds of experiences; and since we are all fellow runners, we are of the same mind. We share our affliction and trouble, for our fellow runners are the nearest kinsmen; we weep with those who weep, rejoice with those who rejoice, for our fellow runners are the most truthful. Thanks be to God, for he has let us meet in the faith, that we may become fellow runners! Behold, the voice from our heart - together we lift up our voice and sing, O praise the LORD for his marvelous salvation! Being of the same mind and spirit, understanding each other, O fellow runners, be in one accord! May the good hope, and the eternal kingdom, be ours forevermore!

For I am sick with love: At this time the life of the bride has not attained to character, nor to full maturity, nor to the measure of the stature of the fullness of a bride. She could not understand, and her soul was lost: Why is it like this to love the Lord? I do not understand, O Lord, tell me, please, for I desire you, and I desire Jesus! Make haste to come to me!

This shows that the present life of the bride is still childish, as a stage a bride must go through, until she attains maturity.

#### 2:6 His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me!

In the end, it was the upholding and the embrace by the beloved that awakened her. She said in her heart, "Behold, God is my helper, God is my strength, my peace, and my refuge."

His left hand: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "My left hand is the power of my Spirit, and it is I who have shown the power and lead of my Spirit."

His left hand is under my head: The beloved uses his left hand, that is, the power of his Spirit, to uphold you and me, so that our eyes are only on God.

His right hand: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "My right hand is my authority and my truth. It is I who have shown my authority." He upholds the universe by the word of his power. (Hebrews 1:3)

His right hand embraces me: He upholds me with truth, and he embraces me to keep me from falling away.

2:7 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.

Jerusalem: is the city of the great King, the house of God, and the church of God.

O daughters: refer to those who have not stood the test of life.

I: the bride.

The gazelles: The gazelles are swift and speedy, so they represent those in the church who run speedily to the Lord.

The field: is where there is grass and supply.

The does: refer to the shepherds who have milk and love, who feed the sheep with the truth of God's word.

Not stir up or awaken: Do not use human hand, for God has his own time, and his own plan.

Love: refers to my beloved.

Until it pleases: Until my beloved himself awakens me.

God has his own authority! God has his own plan! God has his own time! God is who he is, and there is a time for every matter under God. Wait, O daughters, for he will settle the matter for you. Even as he chose you in him before the foundation of the world, that he will seek and save you. (Ephesians 1:4)

The Spirit sang: O great and mighty God, to you are all things, and all things are under you, my King! Majestic is my LORD, and in you I hope! I bow my knees before you, O LORD, let me worship you!

2:8 The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills. Such is the confidence, such is she who seeks him, and such is she who awaits him, that the bride hears in the Spirit the voice of her beloved, and she sees that he has come, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills.

The voice of my beloved: is heard by the ear of the soul. Pay attention, give ear quietly, for this is the voice of my beloved. Only by entering the quiet chamber.

(chamber represents the innermost parts of the spirit. Be calm, let no worldly grief trouble your minds, so you will have a quiet spirit and hear the message from God in a whisper, that you may meet with God and kiss God, as you breathe spiritually in love), that you will hear the voice of the beloved, the sound of a low whisper of the Spirit.

Behold: Look at him! He is the good shepherd, he is the door for the sheep, he is the great King, and he is the Lamb who was slain!

Look at him, look at him, and look at him! Then, you shall renew your strength!

He comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills: He comes, leaping over the mountains, meaning that he is not restricted by anything, and none can stay his hand!

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. I am above all waters, and I am not restricted by anything, and none can stay my hand! I am the LORD, strong and mighty! Behold, I have come, by taking the form of truth; I have come, by taking the form of light; I have come, to make my bride ready; I have come, and I will come into the heart of all who make me King.
- 2. I will reign in the heart of man. Though some have welcomed me, when I went in and saw that they were so dirty, I had to come out of them."

Therefore, hurry and confess your sins, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (John 1:7), that he might sanctify the temple of our soul, by the washing of water with the word, so that we might come out and meet the bridegroom (Ephesians 5:26-27)!

2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved is like a gazelle: When the beloved comes, he will be swift like a gazelle, coming without delay! Behold, he comes with abounding bearing and acceptance, how exceedingly broad is his heart! He has called to you and me, and said, "Arise, and be united with me!"

Or a young stag: Though the coming of the beloved is swift like a gazelle, he is also like a young stag, full of gentleness, kindness, and goodness. He comes with abounding forgiveness and mercy; he comes to call his bride into unity and fellowship with him. 1 Corinthians 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Wall: refers to the dividing wall, a divide, or veil. These are formed because of the inability of the heart to forgive, to bear, to endure, and such are the sins of the soul not acceptable to God. Outwardly it looks like a dividing wall against men, but to God it has

become a divide and veil between you and the Lord. Hebrews 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

We asked the Lord, "What must we do to have no walls?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "To prevail, and prevail, and prevail again! To prevail once is to tear off a layer of skin, or remove a veil, as said in James 1:21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. Thus, your soul may go one-step up, and be one-step closer to me. The more you prevail, the more skin you will tear off; the more skin you tear off, the more purified you shall become; the more veils (the sins inside your heart, which you think are hidden from God) you tear off, the more your soul will be united with me. Then you will completely enter into the Most Holy Place, that is, into Christ, and let Christ fully reign in your heart - which is to enter into the Kingdom of God."

We asked, "What is to enter into Christ?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Believe in Jesus, confess your sins, and be born again, and you will enter into Christ. But this is only the outer court, where Christ will keep you.
- 2. When you walk in the truth, and continually conquer trials through me, you will enter the Holy Place.
- 3. Those who put their trust in truth and Spirit, who deny themselves completely and are attached to me, will enter the Most Holy Place, that is to enter the kingdom of God."

For those who have not denied their old self, by the gifts of the Spirit they will also see the kingdom of God, and the things of the kingdom of God, and they will see all the mysteries of the Spirit, but that is not a unity of life with the Lord, nor is it a unity of the spirit and mind and body that enters the kingdom of God.

We asked, "When one commits any of the sins, is he still in Christ?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "If you are caught in any transgression, you are still in Christ. But if you go on sinning deliberately, you are no longer in Christ. Therefore whether you prevail or not is not the same as if you go on sinning deliberately and leave Christ." However, if you are always overcome by transgressions you will go more and more away from God, and little by little you will not find God anymore, until you repent and return to God again, and willingly go out to endure for God the temptation of transgressions, and be able to escape.

There he stands behind our wall: Here "our" refers to many such people, who pray before the Lord, all with good ambition, as man in the sight of the Lord, yet they are restricted in their own affections. Though they are like man, in their heart they do not understand the will of God, nor do they understand that God has loved all that he has made. Because they were prevented by the "wall", the Lord cannot see them or call to them directly, so he calls to them through an outlet, and tells them that the Lord is

waiting for them, until they thrust down the wall of sin, before they come to give their offerings.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It is a window, when one believes in me, but his heart is not wholly true to me; it is a door, when one turns his heart wholly to me and his heart is wide open to me. *I enter not through the window, but through the door.*"

The windows: refer to the soul. The heart of man is the window of the soul. If you understand the will of God completely, your heart will open wide to God, and so proves to be the door.

Gazing through: It is the beloved who is gazing through. God will gaze through the sections of your heart and see what your soul desires: Is it God whom you desire, or do you look for another? Behold, God will see. James 1:12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

The lattice: refers to the rules and frames in the heart of man. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This means that people think too much in their heart, with minds set on their own view, and therefore set many rules and frames for themselves. And these thoughts and reasoning are the rules and frames of man, which become the lattice. Sometimes the heart is open, but at other times it is closed and when it is closed, it is a grave. When you look at others and the environment through your own eyes, you are living within yourself, and you are fleeing the calling of God. Do not flee, but arise, and come away, be united with me!"

Looking through the lattice: God is observing you, and by looking through your thoughts, he will see what your soul desires.

2:10 My beloved speaks and says to me: Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.

My beloved speaks and says to me. How does the beloved speak to her, face to face, to a soul that is not yet repaired?

- 1. He calls to her through an outlet.
- 2. He speaks and calls to her through gifts (revealed by his prophets).
- 3. When she repents and opens her heart wholly to the Lord, the ears of her soul will hear the calling of the beloved.

Now the beloved is calling to the bride, for the heart of the bride desires God. Though her heart has walls and flaws within her, behold, the glory of God has come, and the calling by the grace of God has come, who can turn him back?

My love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "My love, you are mine, for you have stood so many trials for me."

My beautiful one: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You want to have my attributes, though you are not yet blameless, you have a willing heart, so you are the beautiful one in my sight."

Arise, and come away: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Arise! Arise, O your soul! Arise, O your heart! When you fall, rise again! For behold, the Lord commands, that you shall soar and spread your broken wings, even when you are struck down into fragments! For I will repair you, and I will renew your strength, and I will make you mount up with wings like eagles!

Arise, and come away! Follow me, follow my calling, and hold fast to my steps!"

2:11 for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.

#### The winter:

- 1. Is when darkness falls, when great persecution arrives.
- It is also the time when dreadful and great darkness falls upon the heart of man. When the heart of man grows cold and turns backward, winter is here.

For behold, the winter is past: For behold, the wicked environment is past. The glorious grace of Christ has come upon you a second time, and by the grace of the Lord your heart will be revived again, be fervent again, and be kindled again!

The rain: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Here it refers to grief and tears. I will wipe away every tear from your eyes, for I have removed this cup from you."

2:12 The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The flowers appear on the earth: At this time, all the nations and tribes are being restored, and the hearts of men are all returning to their God.

The time of singing: All the nations and tribes are calling to God, and behold, they have arisen, shouting for God.

Has come: The time has come for all the nations and tribes to be corrected by the Lord! For not all singing is sound gospel, therefore all the nations and tribes are to be corrected by the Lord and added to the Lord! (Revelation chapters 2 & 3)

The voice of the turtledove: This is the voice of a seasonal bird, which refers to the true servants of God. Glory be to God, the true prophets of God have arisen! They will go out and preach the word of God and the truth of God. Listen! The voice of the trumpet is heard! The trumpet of truth is blown, and God will gather his hosts! The voice

of his praise is over the land! The great restoration by the glory of God has come! Behold, the waves of restoration and transformation have grown tempestuous against China, and they will march through the breadth of the earth! O China, the time of your restoration and transformation has come! O all the earth, the time of your restoration has come!

2:13 The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.

The fig tree ripens its figs: This means that Israel is being restored, and the Jews are returning, and it is the time to put the grain in the storehouses. Behold! The lands of the Middle East writhes and cries out in her pangs when she is near to giving birth. The pangs are violent, and the land is full of blood. A little while, and you will meet the newborn infant at his birth, and all the house of Israel shall repent and turn back. Thus it is required of us who are midwives to intercede in labor, and give encouragement to Israel. Return, O Israel! Your King has come!

And the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance: This means that the churches of Christ are being revived and are giving forth the fragrance of Christ; the churches of Christ shall possess the land, with shouting on the day of battle; and the churches of Christ are entering into the year of jubilee of the kingdom, into the command of God, into the hour of glory!

The Spirit sang: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD! Hallelujah! Praise the LORD! Hallelujah! Praise Jesus my Lord! To my LORD I spread out my hands, to my LORD I fall upon my knees; to my LORD I raise my hands, to my LORD I bow, and I bow!

My love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This refers to everyone who was afflicted for my sake."

My beautiful one: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This refers to all who want to have my attributes."

Arise, and come away: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am calling to those who are mine: Arise! Arise, and come away! Let us go and redeem the earth! Go and release the glory of God! Go and reap the souls of the earth! Go after me, and hold fast to my footsteps! Follow me, and press on toward my calling! Come away, and enter into your purpose!"

The Spirit sang: Let us sing the songs of heaven, for the gate of heaven is open. Behold, all his angels praise him, all his hosts extol him. Glad is the heart of the heavenly Father, for all of his household have returned, singing and making melody to the LORD with their hearts, sharing the great love of the LORD! For whose name is worthy of praise, but Jesus? What god is worthy of worship, but Jesus? While the sun endures, and as long as the moon shines, and as long as we are here by God's grace, for us to live is to worship him! Here it is filled with all the fullness of God!

2:14 O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the crannies of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

O my dove: represents those who are led by the Spirit, and who are given the gift of the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14 tells us, when we believed in him, we were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance. The beloved is calling, with his extraordinary love, to those in whom is the Spirit. How pleasant and clear is the voice we hear of him! We shall also ask ourselves: Do I know, and am I persuaded, that the Holy Spirit dwells within me? If you are persuaded, then God is calling you his dove; if your soul does not know it, or if you are not persuaded, open your heart and cry to the Lord Jesus, "O Lord Jesus, may your Spirit enter into me! I invite the precious Spirit to come to lead me, for I desire you! I long for you!"

But the word of God is sober judgment. What is revealed by the Spirit must be for the truth, agree with the truth, and make truth the line. Truth and Spirit are the two legs walking, neither shall fall into disuse.

- 1. The work by the gift of the Spirit must be built on the foundation of Jesus Christ, on the word of truth. Those who have the gift of the Spirit must be equipped with the truth.
- 2. Those who have the gift of the Spirit must always be alone with Jesus, and they shall conquer by standing fast in the Lord.

The rock: refers to Jesus Christ.

In the clefts: in the caves, referring to the heart. "In the clefts of the rock" means in the heart of Christ.

#### O my dove, in the clefts of the rock:

- 1. The bride has entered in the clefts of the rock, in the stage of being alone with the Lord.
- 2. It means that everyone who is led by the Spirit must dwell in the chamber as the Lord's (Hosea 3:3-5), being in full accord and of one mind with him.

The cliff: refers to the lofty mountain of truth.

The crannies: the hiding place, referring to Christ.

In a vision, we saw a steep mountain of the rocks, and behold, its top reached to the invisible, with sea on every side! If you do not climb up, you will be deluged with water (sea refers to the world and religion; it also represents impure doctrines), but if you climb up you will see a hiding place, that is, the crannies of the cliff. In the book of the Final Quest by Rick Joyner, "If there is no salvation, there is no such mountain." The top of this mountain has reached so high that it is invisible. On the mountain, there are many layers of rock, and from each layer there are frames of rock projecting upwards. Each layer of rock is named according to a certain truth in the Scripture. The lower levels are named after the fundamental truth, such as "Salvation", "Prayer", "Faith", etc. the upper levels are named after the more profound truth, such as "Endurance", "Sanctification", "Brothers Dwell in Unity", "Crucified with Christ", and so on (Galatians 2:20). And above these peaks there is a great garden, and at the entrance of the garden it is written: "The Unconditional Love of the Heavenly Father", and in the garden there are trees of life. Those who have climbed up to this level may eat of the tree of life. With every bite of the fruit, they love everything and everyone more and more. Love has no end; faith, hope, and love are established in the kingdom of God forever and ever! The reign of God will draw all people to the kingdom of God!

In the crannies of the cliff: Only in Christ, in salvation, in truth, and in love, is the hiding place, the safest refuge, in the darkest hour in the latter days,

Let me see your face: Here the beloved asked the bride to always turn to him. Though the bride has gone up to the lofty mountain, and hid in the clefts of the rock, she shall still look to God at all times. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "O my dove, however busy you might be, I do not want you to only work for the ministry and not wait for me. I want my dove to return to the inside and look to me at all times, so that I can see your face, for you are mine."

## Let me hear your voice: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. In the day of your hiding, I want to hear your voice in the crannies, and I want to hear those soft words that you speak to me from within you, like the sound of the bridegroom and the bride.
- 2. You are my mouth, and today my calling has come upon you, behold, the hour has come! Come out of your cave, out of your hidden place! Arise, and proclaim my eternal gospel to those who dwell on earth, to every nation, and tribe, and language, and people, and say with a loud voice: Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made the heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water. (Revelation 14:6-7)"

Your voice is sweet: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Sweet voice comes from the heart of the merciful. The message I have brought you in love, go and preach it to others in love. When you proclaim Christ and truth and my eternal gospel out of love, your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely, for your hope is in me, you lean on me, and you belong to me."

Your face is lovely: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It is because you always look to me, and always turn the face of your spirit to me, that your face is lovely. I have prepared you for many years, today you shall come out and join me at the great harvest at the end of the age, for the harvest is fully ripe. Go and reap the harvest with the truth,

the fire of the Spirit, and my love, and gather them into the storehouses (that is, to bring people into the kingdom of God)."

2:15 Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom.

Catch the foxes for us: The first mission the Lord assigned to his bride after he called to her was to catch the foxes<sup>5</sup> from his churches, to correct his churches with the truth.

For us: "Us" refers to his beloved church, which is his body, which is the bride that he has prepared.

#### Catch the foxes: "Foxes" are:

- 1. Herod (Luke 13:31-32), the king of religion.
- 2. False prophets, wolves in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15-20), prophets who follow their own spirit (Ezekiel 13:2-16), and the shepherds who have led my people astray (Jeremiah 50:6).

Revelation 19:20 and 20:10 tells us: As for the false prophets, their portion will be in the lake that burns with eternal fire and sulfur.

#### How to catch?

- 1. Lift up your voice; continue steadfastly in prayer and fasting.
- 2. Correct them with the word of truth.
- 3. Reprove them with the way of discipline. Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Let the king of religion and the false prophets who follow their own spirit be brought back from their wrong ways. When they turn, my people will turn." It is by his grace that the Lord waits in his divine forbearance for the heart of man to turn back. This is what was said in Isaiah 11:11, "The Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people". Who are "the remnant"? The Spirit of the Lord revealed to us, "Caleb and Joshua are the remnant. They firmly believed in my promise, they have come up from the wilderness and out of their own will, therefore they shall enter the land of promise. Whoever does not believe or repent, will be overthrown in the wilderness.

# The vineyards:

Refer to the churches of God.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  The foxes gnaw at the base of the vines in the vineyard and destroy the vines.

2. Also refer to the garden of the heart of man.

### The little foxes:

- 1. Refer to the deceit and sin harbored in the heart of man, that is, the sins and false teachings that ruin the church, destroy the heart of man, and trample lives.
- 2. It refers also to those who make themselves too wise and make signposts with their hands and feet in the church, yet do not lead the church by the truth.
- 3. It also represents those who breach but do not repair.
- 4. Refer to the scoffers who fight for power in the church.

These sins are all little foxes that destroy the vineyards, that ruin the garden of the life of man.

Therefore, facing the truth of God today, let us all ponder the live of ourselves, and see whether the little foxes are there. If they are, then ask God to help us to remove them. Only by removing our blemishes and filth are we able to unite with God. Before the substance of the Lord comes again, he will sanctify the church (us) by the washing of water with the word, so that we will always be with him. This is the "judgment by grace", which is also called the "judgment of water with the word" (1 Peter 4:17).

For our vineyards are in blossom: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "For my church is being restored, and the hearts of my children are turning to God. They shall be watered, fed, and protected, therefore, arise, my love, and come away!"

# 2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies.

Verses 16-17 is the prayer of the bride. From these two verses we see that the Lord has called to the bride, but the bride did not answer the calling of the Lord immediately, and her feet did not hold fast to the path of the Lord, for at this time she has not yet understood the will of God.

My beloved is mine: The bride said, "Jesus is mine, I desire him, and I love him."

And I am his: The bride said, "I belong to Jesus, and I am only his."

He grazes among the lilies:

The lilies: represent the holy lives and the holy churches.

The bride said in her heart, "I know that the flicks are the Lord's, the churches are the Lord's, and he grazes among the holy churches. But I am still young, do not choose me, for I am unworthy; and do not call to me, for I am incompetent."

This is a life that has not yet matured, for she does not understand the will of God, or the calling of God, nor does she understand that this is the grace of God that has come to her. She shall pray well, arise, unite with the Lord, and go to graze with the Lord.

The bride has been trained by the Lord, and brought by the Lord into the clefts of the rock and into the crannies of the cliff, hidden and equipped with the truth. Today when the calling of the Lord has come to her, she saw that she was still unworthy, like Moses, who said to God, "Please send someone else!", when God called to him after he was built up in the wilderness for forty years, for he perceived that he was slow of speech and of tongue. Many hidden members may have the same perception. God has revealed the Song of Songs for us, and told us: Do not gaze at your own weakness or unworthiness, but when you see your weakness and unworthiness, turn to God, hope and stand in the strength of God, and with the beloved do the work of the Lord, to accomplish the work that the Lord gave you to do.

2:17 Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on cleft mountains.

Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved: At this time the bride did not understand the will and calling of God, so she continued to pray to her own interests, and said, "My beloved, my dear one, until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn."

Now a vision was seen, behold, a man bowed himself down on the earth, facing north, paying homage and praying all the time ("facing north to pray" represents the desire to carry the burden or pay the price to pray). The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Do you get any benefit from just praying? I have come to call to you, but you have remained still, and just bowed down on your knees and prayed, and thus you have stopped the work of the Holy Spirit."

The bride continued to ask the Lord to choose those holy lilies, and she asked the Lord to raise up and send someone else. These prayers for others are good, but she herself refused to answer the calling of God, only because she perceived that she was unworthy and thus should just pray for others behind the curtain. The bride said in her heart, "But Lord, until the day breathes and the shadows flee, do your best to come to me as soon as you can! Do not forget me. I am yours, and you are mine!"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Will anything like this happen?"

Until the shadows flee: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, is when my smile disappears and my majesty comes, when I am gone, and my judgment comes."

But the bride said:

1. Until the shadows flee and the world ends, do not forget me, O Lord, and turn!

2. When I am worried, O Lord, I trust in you, turn, hurry and come to me!"

Be like a gazelle or a young stag on cleft mountains: The bride continued to pray, "My hope, come back to me, and hurry! When I call to you for help, please hurry and come to me, be like a gazelle or a young stag on cleft mountains."

A gazelle or a young stag: meaning smart, swift, and gentle.

On cleft mountains: By the letter:

- 1. Separated.
- 2. Went different ways.
- 3. Divided deeply.

The Spirit sang: Separated by the mountain, as if by the sea.

This means that there is now a cleft between the bride and God.

The Spirit sang:

Give me one heart, O LORD! that I may live to the LORD, that I may leave all of the earth, and think no more.

Strengthen me, O LORD! that my feet may not slip, that I may go the remnant of the miles.

Whenever and wherever I shall be, may the LORD keep me.

# **Chapter 3**

In chapter 3, we will see that since the bride rejected the calling of God and quenched the Spirit, she fell into the darkness in her spirit and could no longer find God. Though she has applied all her wisdom and sought with bitter grief, still she did not find God. Until she returned to her chamber, and met the Lord who has always been there waiting for her, and held fast to the Lord, that she finally came up from the wilderness, by repentance, prayer and leaning on the Spirit.

3:1 On my bed by night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not.

By night: meaning in the darkness of the spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. The light has gone from her heart, for God is no longer with her, for God is Light. Since the bride has rejected my calling and quenched the Spirit, I no longer call her through the Spirit, and I have turned away from her toward the others, to those who are willing to listen and serve. The light is gone when I am gone. Therefore, do not quench the Spirit.
- 2. It means that the bride has been accustomed to be at ease and have leisure in life, but not to rise up to work for me. Yet still she lies on her bed seeking me, and she answers herself, 'O he whom my soul loves...'. Behold, this is she, always at ease, her spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (Isaiah 32:9-14, Matthew 26:41)."

I sought him whom my soul loves: How to seek him and ask him to return? Show your love to him, seek him and hunger for him out of your heart, pursue his love from your soul, and when the Lord sees your true zeal, you have found him.

I sought him, but found him not: Why I found him not? We shall look for the reason. For the bride did not realize that it was she who had rejected the calling of the Lord and shut the door against the Lord. If only the reason is found, and we seek, we will find, and we knock, and the door of the grace of the Lord will be opened to us.

3:2 I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but found him not.

I will: This is still the prayer that seeks her own will. God does not listen to sinners, but if a sinner confesses his sins and repents, God listens to him. The Scripture has made known to us, that wives shall submit to their own husbands, and the church shall submit to Christ, for obedience will find favor in the sight of God. The bride did not realize that she was consigned to disobedience, which is a sin, and it was the sin that kept her from joining with her beloved.

I will rise now: to seek the Lord on her own, by no means will she find him.

Go about the city: that is, to go about the place where many are coming and going. She sought God by gathering together with others, but she found him not; she sought God in the streets where people were rejoicing and shouting, but she found him not. She sought God, who abides in her, from the outside, how then will she find God?

In the streets: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The street is where the crowd presses around me. Though there is a crowd in the place, there are not many true lovers of God. Many of them are only seeking their fill of the loaves and health to the body."

In the squares: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This refers to the church in the frames, also refers to the city of Samaria. They have believed in me but still went about in the square, and did not bind themselves by the truth or the Spirit. Those who are in the square have not found me themselves." Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

I sought him, but found him not: Why did you not find him? Because when you do whatever you please and your steps are directed by your own motives and desires, instead of following the word of God, then you have left the Lord. The Lord did not leave you, but you left him yourself.

Though her soul loves God, if she loves God according to her own way, still she will not find God. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will wait for her in the chamber, and she will find me when she becomes quiet."

3:3 The watchmen found me as they went about in the city. "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?"

In the city: in the city of Jerusalem, which now refers to the church.

The watchmen: by the letter it refers to the watchmen, the armed troops that guard the safety of the people in the city of Jerusalem. By the Spirit, it represents the leaders

of the church and those who are influential, who have gifts, who are preachers and intercessors, who watch and pray for others.

# (I asked them,) "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?"

The Lord is waiting for her in the chamber, but she seeks God among the noise from outside, can she find him? God wants to correct our practice of "seeking man but not God when things happen." Indeed, God has often blessed us by his servants, but only God himself is the fountain of all blessings. We respect the servants of God, but only God himself shall be the aim of our watch. The Lord commanded the bride to arise so that he may correct her, and turn her back from the wrong ministry. What shall she turn back to? Turn back to within herself, into her innermost parts, into the truth. When things have come upon you, kneel down and seek God, return to your inside, to your innermost chamber, and seek him in peace. For God often speaks to our heart by the Scripture and the Spirit.

We asked the Lord, "What shall we do to quieten down?"

The Lord Jesus revealed to us:

- 1. Quietly kneel down before the Lord, let your eyes and your heart leave the world, direct your gaze only at the Lord, long for him, and look only to him.
- 2. Pray for the Spirit to shine upon you and purify you, and when you have cleansed away every defilement of your soul, God will be glad to sit on the throne of your soul.
- 3. Praise him, worship him, long for him, remember him, and desire only him in your heart.
- 4. Wait quietly for God, and in the end, enter the light, and be one with God.

3:4 Scarcely had I passed them when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her who conceived me.

Scarcely had I passed them when I found him whom my soul loves: This is the turning back. She left the crowd and turned back to the chamber, that is, she found God. The Lord has been there waiting for her.

I held him: How do you hold him? Continue steadfastly in prayer, earnestly praying in tears, and then your soul will slowly come out of a person and turn to God. In a vision we saw a person, who set his face against northwest, seeking the Lord from the crowd, with toil and labor, and behold, he then slowly turned, now facing east. ("Facing west" means facing people; "facing north" means to suffer, to pay; "northwest" represents the desire to take the cross for the Lord, but still it is done for men; "east" points to the rising of the sun, referring to God (Psalms 84:11)).

And would not let him go: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "And now, behold, you are so constrained to hold me, how can I leave?" Know therefore today, that any one of us who will desire him and hold him with distress, until he sees your zeal and your impudence, he will not leave. Behold, he will come into the temple of your heart and eat with you, and you with him (Luke 24:28-31).

Brought him into my mother's house: that is, to come into the Spirit.

The joy in the heart of the bride is too deep for words: Behold finally, I have found the Lord, and I would not let you go! So she prayed to the Lord, "Far be it from you, Lord! Never leave me! I want to be led by the Spirit, I will hold fast to you, I want to repent and I will seek you from the crowd no more! You are the Spirit, O Lord, may your Spirit fill me, and lead me!"

Into my mother's house: that is, to return to the innermost parts, heart to heart, face to face, united will God.

Now a vision was seen that the Lord patted on the shoulder of the bride and said, "My precious one, O Shulamite, you have returned!"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "If you submit to me, my mercy will be upon you. Submit to the beloved, give ear, and hear and recognize his voice, and the beloved will take you to wherever he goes."

3:5 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The Lord said this of his own accord."

O daughters of Jerusalem: This means that by the Lord everyone was built, and by him all were united.

: refer to the Lord himself.

Gazelles: represent those who run after the Lord.

The does of the field: refer to the anointed shepherds.

Not stir up or awaken love: The beloved told his church, "Do not make it with hands, love wakes up when it pleases. I wait for everyone who will make a freewill offering to the Lord."

Until it pleases: Wait until she herself makes a freewill offering to the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will draw you after me, but if you will not run, I will not hedge or compel."

3:6 What is that coming up from the wilderness like columns of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the fragrant powders of a merchant?

Verses 6-11 make known to all children of God who give their freewill offerings, to come up out of the wilderness by prayer, and come up from within themselves. Rise again to a new life by resurrection from the dead, engage in the war against the temptations of all the plausible arguments of the false prophets, and finally be built up as Solomon's carriage, a luxuriously great heaven (carriage represents the bride, and the temple within her is the kingdom of God).

### The wilderness:

- 1. In the wilderness there is the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, and the manna, and the feast with all the abundance of God. In the ways of God, he lets his people go into the wilderness as a stage, that he might humble them and test them, to do them good in the end. (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, Deuteronomy 8:15-16) Those who trust in God and have faith in the promise of God will come up from the wilderness, and become the remnant of the house of Israel, like Caleb and Joshua.
- 2. Also in the wilderness are the wild animals, the fiery serpents, and the temptations by Satan. Behold, Satan demanded to have you in the wilderness that he might put you in anguish, domineer over you, and pull you down. If you do not know how to trust in the Lord, or if unbelief has made you waver concerning the promise of God, you will fall in the wilderness like the slain of Israel 600,000 chosen men in that same year. But today our Lord Jesus has made for you and I more than conquerors through God! Set our hopes on the beloved, our trust in the word of God, and we shall also rise from the wilderness.
- 3. For the life of man, the "wilderness" is a stage of self-righteousness, of "a wild donkey used to the wilderness", that is, a time of idolatry when you are left without discipline or bondage or any lead by the Spirit, but to sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play (Jeremiah 2:24-25, Hebrews 3:7-10, Hebrews 3:15-19). The churches built at this stage are churches in the frames, false churches, and churches of the prostitute (Revelation chapters 2 & 3 and 17:3-6). Such churches shall confess and turn away from all their transgressions, and they shall receive instructions and corrections and the judgment of the word of God, so that they may be cleansed and purified, so that they may come up from the wilderness, and be built again as a church of the bride.

Coming up from the wilderness: are those who endured a hard struggle to come out of all that was bitter or spicy or sour or sweet, and these are the ones coming out of the great tribulation (Revelation 7:13-14). What then is to be done to come up from the wilderness? Lean on the beloved, hold his hand, be enlightened, led, guarded, and aided by the Spirit, trust in the steadfast love and the grace of God, and conquer through our Lord Jesus Christ, and you will come up from the wilderness. It is by the hand of the closest friend that you are drawn up (The Song of Solomon 8:5). Every time

you prevail, a layer of your skin will be stripped off, and whoever have all the skins removed will come up.

The Spirit sang: You are my intimate friend, O Lord, you are my most beloved mate. My soul considers you day after day, O Lord, I long to see your face! On each step of my life, and at every stage of my days, continually you held my hand, and took me with your own presence; you showed me the way I should go, that I did not slip to the gates of death. What breadth and length and height and depth is your love, O Lord, how astonished is my soul! What further do I need but the Lord? My soul has been knit to you! For I have sworn to follow the Lord, and will never violate my covenant.

Like columns of smoke: "Column of smoke" refers to prayer.

- For those who are into the depths of the wilderness, if you understand the will
  of God you will put your trust in the Lord, and you will hold fast to the cross,
  praying in the Spirit with prayer like a column of smoke, and by the column of
  the white smoke your soul will come up (that is, by the Spirit your prayer will
  rise up).
- 2. For those who do not know how to trust in the Lord, on their way in the wilderness they uttered words of weariness and bitterness that brought themselves a black smoke in their heart, and behold, it came forth so dark, that it also sent out its shoots to the people around them. Their hearts were left astray, that is, they did not forgive but hated their brothers, they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil... and every day they went around by the way of the wilderness, wandering aimlessly, and lost in their paths, and behold, from their mouth rose smoke that was so dark, that they themselves and others could not see the road. This was how the people of Israel, 600,000 listed in the camps, circled the wilderness for forty years, until the last of their dead bodies lay in the wilderness. But Caleb and Joshua, because they had a different spirit and believed in the word of God and trusted in God, they went into the land of Canaan (now as a parable of the kingdom of God).

Myrrh: indicating suffering, being built up by the cross, and death of the old self. (1 Peter 4:1-2)

Frankincense: a precious spice, offered for worshiping God. It indicates that after being build up the saints will have the life of the Lord that is raised from the dead, as first-fruits. Such a one will have the attributes of the Lord, and in every way and everywhere they will perfume with the pleasing aroma of Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

A merchant: refers to the seven nations in the land of Canaan, for within them are the spirits of merchants. People of the seven nations in the land of Canaan did not cast away the world from their heart. They represent the old creation, and the false prophets who serve their own appetites. Only when they are willing and turn their heart, and

receive the judgment of the word of God, may they come up from the wilderness step by step.

All the fragrant powders: By smooth talk and flattery, false prophets will deceive you, and put you to the test, to see if you will prevail against them. Are you not raised from the dead? Consider how you live! "All the fragrant powders" also include the praise from man, for a man is also tested by his praise. (Proverbs 27:21)

Perfumed with: that is, with trials and tests, to refine your complete patience. The aim is to make you obedient to God.

What is that... perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the fragrant powders of a merchant: Such a one who comes up from the wilderness leaning on her beloved will first die to the old self and rise from the dead, and then be built up after being tempted by the smooth talk and flattery of many false prophets. This is also a test for you from God to see if you can keep the word of truth.

- 1. If you believe in the word of God and keep the word of truth, like Caleb and Joshua, who had the true spirit, and believe in the word of God and the promise of God in any environment, you will come up from the wilderness. Then a vision was seen that a man from the wilderness came up, holding on to the Lord.
- 2. If you do not believe in God, you will be overthrown as were the people of Israel when they were in the wilderness, because of their rebellious spirit.

3:7 Behold, it is the litter of Solomon! Around it are sixty mighty men, some of the mighty men of Israel,

Behold, it is the litter of Solomon: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Solomon was equipped with both strength and wisdom, and this is the glory that I have given him." King Solomon is a king of wisdom, which corresponds to Christ Jesus, the King of wisdom. Solomon, by the root of his name, is "peace", which also indicates that Christ Jesus is the Prince of peace.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! Oh, the mystery in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!

The Spirit sang: You are the Kind of glory, you are the Prince of peace! You are the Master and Lord of the heavens and the earth, only you are holy in righteousness. All your angels kneel before you, worshiping and exalting you, for you have the words of eternal life, O Lord, you are our Lord Jesus Christ! Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the King of kings! Glory to God Most High, for Jesus is Messiah!

The litter of Solomon: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the church I have built."

The litter: A litter is for cover and refuge, so that you may be on the road with wind or rain and not frightened. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is my church. The litter shall be taken up by man. Who is the man who takes up the litter? My mighty men, they are the ones."

# Around it is sixty mighty men:

- 1. All these men of valor are armed with their weapons of war (that is, with gifts).
- 2. They represent those who are skillful in their work, who have no fear of suffering, and who will submit to the Lord. They are the ones who came up from the wilderness, refined and broken.
- 3. These men of valor are a flock who will fear no death for God and have voluntarily vowed to the Lord.
- 4. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "All my mighty men of valor have come up from the wilderness. But "sixty" means incomplete, for there is still a little selfish gain, which is the snare of their households. Though they are not yet blameless, they are the mighty brides that I have prepared."

Some of the mighty men of Israel: These mighty men are the remnant of the house of Israel. We asked, "What is a remnant?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Those who have met trials of various kinds and conquered are the remnant. They are the ones who carry the cross behind Jesus. Caleb and Joshua are the remnant of the sons of Israel, and some of the mighty men of Israel."

3:8 all of them wearing swords and expert in war, each with his sword at his thigh, against terror by night.

All of them wearing swords: All of them abide in the word of the Scripture, and all of them are truly the disciples of the Lord (John 8:31).

Swords: represent the word of God, the royal law according to the Scripture.

All of these men of valor wearing swords, meaning that the work of their hands has been carried out as God has commanded them. They hold fast to the truth, watching over the house of God and guarding the church of God with the word of God.

# Expert in war:

- 1. This sword is the sword of war, and by the word of God they are able to stand against the sin and the devil. These men of valor are the guards of the house of God who watch over the church of God, prepared to fight against the wolves at any moment. Wolves are false prophets and doctrines of divisions.
- 2. This sword is the sword of the LORD (Ezekiel 21:1-17), and it is sharpened and polished for the slaughter which is to slay all the sins within men themselves,

so that one may be born of water and the Spirit, and enter the kingdom of God.

Each with his sword at his thigh: each of these mighty men has the perfect truth fastened on his belt, which means that they have bound themselves by the word of God and hold firm to the truth (and have not been swayed by any false doctrine).

This sword also represents the sword that is set to cut the words (stones), and whenever a stone is quarried, words in the Scripture have been interpreted by the prophet. When a stone is cut, the words will be turned into the bread of life, and the eyes of men will be opened to recognize their way; and when a stone is hacked, one will understand that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and that he shall repent.

When the churches consider their ways in depth, it is, as was seen in a vision, the very beautiful word, written with the finger of God, "Restoration".

Psalms 80:3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

By night: It means that the heavens are darkened and withdraw their light; it also refers to the abundant evil in the latter days, when no one is alert.

Against terror at night: that is, against the destructive heresies that disturb the churches of the end. To have a sword at your thigh is to guard against the darkness, so that if the wolves come, you will not be alarmed. What are wolves? False prophets are the wolves in sheep's clothing, so are the destructive heresies. They come to capture the flocks and destroy the churches. But behold, the sword of the LORD is set to strike down the wolves and thieves and all their deceitful schemes!

# 3:9 King Solomon made himself a carriage from the wood of Lebanon.

This carriage is the church of the bride that the King of kings has made for himself.

The wood of Lebanon: is the oracle for a good angel. The church of the bride of Christ is a carriage from these good angels.

Cedars grow out of the snow mountains in Lebanon, the mountains that are as white as snow, the mountains that are holy. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This snowy mountain is my holy hill, on which there will be wind and rain, frost and snow, while the cedar, standing against the four winds, over the storm and cold, through beating and refining, and through tests in every way, has grown up into an aromatic cedar that is tender on the outside but strong on the inside. This is the true prophet and the true angel that I have planted. They have been sent by me, and they listen to my words, they do not speak blindly, but with every word of their speech my authority is established. They have the likeness of me, for they discipline their bodies and keep them in control. Such are my true angel."

Made himself a carriage: The Lord revealed, "This carriage is the temple of the LORD, a luxuriously great kingdom of heaven above which is set the glory of God, and

a true tent that I myself set up (Hebrews 8:1-2). This carriage is the church where I myself rule. In such a church, everyone is equipped for every good work, and all of them are my trained true prophets, who will let me reign. This church is the church of the bride, the church where I am in charge, and the church that is the luxuriously great kingdom of heaven. This is the true church of Jesus Christ!

3:10 He made its posts of silver, its back of gold, its seat of purple; its interior was inlaid with love by the daughters of Jerusalem.

Posts: refers to the pillars of the church, that is, the leaders.

Of silver: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "They are made of my salvation and my attributes."

Made its posts of silver: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It means that the church of my bride has my attributes."

Back: refers to the foundation.

Gold: represents faith.

Its back of gold: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "In this church there is my faith, authority, and power. Faith is the foundation of the church, and with faith you can draw out my authority and power."

Its seat: represents the throne of God.

Purple: refers to the glory and honor of God.

Its seat of purple: The spirit of the Lord revealed, "This church has my throne, and my glory and honor. They are perfect in faith, power and knowledge, and all these things I have added to them."

Glory of the Lord God the Almighty has risen upon all the earth. Such churches as these are in all lands, for he is King of kings and Lord of lords!

Its interior was inlaid with love by the daughters of Jerusalem:

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "In this church everyone desires me and loves me, and they love one another, for anyone who does not love does not know God.

- 1. If you love God, love anyone who is loved by God.
- 2. Whoever loves God shall do all that God has commanded him.
- And whoever loves God must do what God has done."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "They have shown the immeasurable riches of their love towards me, and they proclaimed me King."

3:11 Go out, O daughters of Zion, and look upon King Solomon, with the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of the gladness of his heart.

O daughters of Zion: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The church of Zion is the one that wants me to reign over them. They make truth the line, and set the Spirit over the church. My daughters of Zion have set their hope in me, and they are the mighty men of valor who will lay down their lives to follow me."

Go out: that is, go out from within yourselves, and you will see the glory of the King. Go out from the desires of the eyes and pride of life and the desires of the flesh (1 John 2:15-17), and from the world. Go out from all these things and you will see the King.

Look upon King Solomon: It means that when the eyes of faith and the eyes of the Spirit are opened, your eyes will behold the King in his beauty, and you will see another heaven.

With the crown: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Whenever my children walk in the glory of my Father, it is my glory, and this is the crown that the Father has put on me.
- 2. When you conquer through me, it is my crown of glory. Be conquerors, therefore, for it is by this I am glorified and crowned, that you will prevail.

Wedding: Of the letter, it refers to the wedding when they welcome the bride (This is the bodily form, the fullness of deity that is seen); of the Spirit, it is being one with the Lord in the word of God (This is the wedding that is invisible and without form, into which we have obtained access now).

On the day of his wedding: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. You will eat the word of God with me, and I with you, and we gather for the supper of God, singing and making melody to the days of God.
- 2. It is the day when I and my bride have agreed to meet and dwell in unity. And at that very hour you have truly and freely offered your heart to me, and your heart has become jealous and gone up toward heaven, you are welcomed in the Spirit. When you are welcomed (taken into the kingdom of God) your heart enters mine, and mine yours, and this is the temple of God and the kingdom of God (Revelation 21:22, Isaiah 8:13-15, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17), and this is the day of his wedding, and this is what was written, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. (Revelation 21:3)'

Revelation 21:22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

3. Yet there really is a day of the wedding<sup>6</sup>. At the end of the age, all the snares of sin and the tents of wickedness, and all the workers of evil who refuse to repent, and all the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and then there will be a greater marriage supper in the heavens. If you believe, you will see it!"

On the day of the gladness of his heart: Whose gladness of the heart? The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When God and man are united, they both have gladness of their hearts. That is, when you and I, I and you, I and my disciples dwell in unity, and at that very hour you have truly and freely offered your heart to me, is the very hour of the gladness of my heart, and so is yours."

### His mother crowned him:

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. It is the Holy Spirit who crowned me.
- 2. It is my children whose hearts were with me and those who did the will of God who crowned me. (Matthew 12:50)
- 3. It is those who endured trials for me and loved me who crowned me.
- 4. It is those who were faithful unto death who crowned me. (Revelation 2:10)
- 5. When the Word became my flesh, she who bore me and nursed me and loved me Mary, is the one who also crowned me. My mother of the flesh, Mary, has experienced the brightness of the cross, and this is her victory and her strength. The cross is my love, the cross is my might."

### The end of verse 11:

The church in Zion is a church over which the Lord reigns and rules fully, where truth is the line. Here everyone has come out from within themselves, and they are a company of mighty men of valor who have crucified the old self and united with the Lord. The eyes of their minds are opened by the Spirit, and by the eyes of faith they have seen the day of the wedding with the Lord, and they have beheld the day of the gladness of the heart of the bridegroom with a crown on his head. On the day when Jesus welcomes you and I, may we all be his crown of glory, and his diadem of beauty!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Lord will first prepare his bride on the earth. When ready, the bridegroom and the bride will go together to redeem the earth and revive all things, so that they may return to the former lives in the Garden of Eden, and restore the life in which God dwell with man in unity. This is the eternal gospel of God, the news of the kingdom of God.

The Spirit sang:

Come to meet our Lord Jesus,

as the glory of the Lord enters the temple.

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ,

who alone has reigned.

The Lord has come and takes us home,

to the house of heaven.

Behold, the kingdom of heaven is beautiful

like a portrait, like a painting.

Some are dancing, some are singing,

behold, how good and pleasant it is

when we all dwell in unity in the house of heaven!

All of us clothed in linen

that is lovely like the red cloud,

together we praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Together let us praise the LORD, praise the LORD!

# Chapter 4

4:1 Behold, you are beautiful, my love, behold, you are beautiful! Your eyes are doves behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead.

In chapter 3, we have seen the litter of the King, that is, a luxurious and great kingdom of heaven - the birth of the church, of a bride. In chapter 4, we will return to something definite about the life of each of us in connection with the Lord, that is, the personal connection you have with the Lord, and the Lord with you.

My love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You are mine, you are my bride, and you belong to me only."

Behold, you are beautiful, my love, behold, you are beautiful: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You are beautiful because you love me. Though you have been built up through the cross, you were not disheartened, but rather grew stronger after being broken and refined, and in this environment, you continue steadfastly to look to me, long for me, and trust in me. Therefore, you are beautiful in my sight, my love, behold, you are beautiful! And you are beautiful because you also have eyes to see only me."

Eyes: This is the first beauty praised by my beloved.

Your eyes are doves behind your veil: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. 'Veil' refers to this body of man that dwells in the flesh; it also refers to each member of the body<sup>7</sup>. Although your eyes behind your veil see dimly, still your heart trusts in me firmly, and by this simple faith, your eyes are doves, which are led by the Spirit.
- 2. 'Your eyes behind your veil', it means that if you want to have the eyes of doves, but you must first pass through the judgment and correction of the Word, and by the judgment, remove all the logs in your eyes and veils and the domain of darkness. And as you go through the Valley of Baca you will come to springs of joy, and you will be filled with hope in believing, your eyes will be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Our flesh is a veil between us and the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

guided by the Spirit, and they will become the eyes of doves. The eyes of doves are led by the Spirit, and they are the eyes of an eagle, of faith, and of God. With such eyes, you will see through the Scripture and understand the perfect truth.

3. The eye of a dove is my whip of discipline, that is, it is my rod of direction, the speech of a prophet, and a guide for the church, and it is for the Spirit who, by a prophet, will reprove the straying sheep with the truth."

Hair: This is the second beauty praised by the beloved. "Hair" represents obedience, and obedience will make you beautiful.

Like a flock of goats: Throughout the region of the Middle East, the majority of the goats are black. After the black goats have had enough to eat and filled their drink, they leap down the slopes of Gilead, and behold, when seen afar, they float down like the long hair of a virgin. In chapter 1 the Lord has commanded the virgin to remove the temper of a goat that loves to strike others, so here the goat refers to a life that has been changed and renewed. The goat also represents those who are courageous, swift, confident, and expert in war.

Leaping: represents obedience, humility, and faith.

Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead:

Gilead: By the Spirit it refers to the dwelling place of God and the mountain of God. The black goats have put off the tempter of pushing against others, and have become the obedient ones. They have enrolled in the house of God, and become the mighty men who guard the door of the house of God.

Geographically, Gilead sits on both sides of the waters of Jordan, which is the lowest river of the world, representing the river of humility. All the mighty men leaping down the slopes of Gilead have crossed the Jordan and come up from the midst of the Jordan. They were leaping down because they are humble and obedient, and every moment they wait for the King's command, without which they will not presumptuously make confident assertions. The Lord praises the bride that her hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead, for her beauty is in her obedience, her faith without fear, her readiness to leap down, and her humility with which she awaits the King's command.

4:2 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and not one among them has lost its young.

Teeth: This is the third beauty praised by the beloved. It refers to the ability to chew the word of God, and the more it is chewed the more transparent and sweeter and

<sup>8 &</sup>quot;Hair" in scripture is also holy covering before the Lord.

strengthened it becomes; "teeth" also represents the sharp sickles for the reaper and a threshing sledge that is new, sharp, and having teeth (Isaiah 41:15).

Are like a flock of shorn ewes: "Ewes" represent shepherds and preachers. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is a group of servants who have been renewed in the Spirit and have laid aside the old self. They no longer mix themselves with the flesh, and they are a group of preachers who are naked and exposed to my eyes as my faithful servants, full of confidence and power."

Have come up from the washing: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Those who have come up from the washing by the waters of the Jordan are the ones who are cleansed by my words and the washing of water with the word. They are the mighty men who have been trained for many years, equipped for battle."

#### All of which bear twins:

- 1. It refers to the word of God both of the letter and of the Spirit (that is, the words revealed by the Spirit), shining from both sides.
- 2. They all bear the full grain, all of which are fruitful and can multiply.

And not one among them has lost its young: The Spirit of the Lord revealed (not any of their fruit has been lost. John 15:16):

- "1. All my words are indispensable, meaning that they are the perfect truth; it also means that not one word of all the words of God had failed, for nothing good will be impossible with God, and each word can thrust into the heart of man. (Joshua 21:45, Luke 1:37, Hebrews 4:12)
- 2. After receiving the knowledge of the truth, not one among those who desire to receive from the heart has lost its young."

4:3 Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely. Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil.

Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely:

Your lips and your mouth: This is the fourth beauty praised by the beloved.

Your lips: These are the lips of the redeemed, like a scarlet thread, which represents the thread of salvation.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The lips that are on the thread of my salvation speak only what God wants to say, and utter only the words that are guided by the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> God cannot sin, so some things ARE impossible for Him.

Spirit<sup>10</sup>. They speak of nothing but salvation, nor any word that is Yes and No." (James 3:11, Matthew 5:37)

Your lips are like a scarlet thread: It means that the words out of these lips are all from God, whether it is preaching or consolation, on a stand or under it, they are the same words. From this mouth come only the sweet water and only the word of God, counting the power of God, and behold, this is a scarlet thread from God.

And your mouth is lovely: When your lips remain on the thread of salvation of the Lord Jesus, "your mouth is lovely". "Lovely" is because you are built up and bound by the word of God, and your words have not been Yes and No, but only what God puts in your mouth. Therefore, this mouth is lovely, and it will hasten to speak distinctly the power of God, exalting Christ, telling of his salvation, like flowing rivers of living water.

Cheeks: refer to thoughts and intentions. This is the fifth beauty praised by the beloved.

Your cheeks: Her thoughts and intentions are full of faith and hope in God.

The Spirit sang: Filled with faith, filled with hope, and filled with joy, behold, the hosts of the LORD are passing over the Jordan, bearing the Ark of the Covenant, and with them is the LORD, as they enter in and possess the land, and behold, this message will be spread through all the land. You and I, to whom the LORD has given the power, to rebuke the wicked and break the darkness in the name of the LORD, to set free the oppressed, and turn the earth into a fruitful land! Rise up, all the people, and enter into the kingdom of God!

Your cheeks are behind your veil: "Veil" is a part of the tent of the body. Your thoughts and intentions are in your head (behind your veil), which will become transparent after the judgment of the word of God. And when what you proclaim is the word, it is no longer yourself, but the Lord as King, and on the veil you put on the helmet of salvation, and your thoughts are kept in the Lord.

Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil: It means that your thoughts and intentions are transparent and clear as crystal, and will not fail the test of lights, for all your thoughts are clear and from life. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Like halves of a pomegranate" also represents the strength of unity and the power of being one. One person cannot finish the great ministry, but if all the members gather with one accord, supplement one another, strive side by side, and worship and praise God together, they will execute the great ministry I have given them. I am the head, and by my mighty power I will build my sons of all the earth in my body, and I will give them one spirit, that together they may with one heart do the work of God."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> It refers to the words that the Spirit has led you to say to announce the news to this generation. These words do not transgress the word of God, but rather are active along with and are completed by the word of God.

Like halves of a pomegranate: It means that the twelve tribes shall be once again united in Christ, and maintain the unity with one another, supplement one another, and love one another.

4:4 Your neck is like the tower of David, built in rows of stone; on it hang a thousand shields, all of them shields of warriors.

Neck: This is the sixth beauty praised by the beloved.

Your neck: It means that the neck of the bride is like the tower of David, great in height and power, which describes the strength in the neck of the bride. This strength comes from her gathering the word of God daily without ceasing, so her neck has the ability to bear the yoke of the truth.

We asked, "What then shall we do to make our neck like the tower of David, built in rows of stone?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Eat my words in plenty, lay up my words abundantly, and speak my words often, and your neck will be like the tower of David, built in rows of stone."

Like...David: What kind of man is David? David is the skillful one of praise, the sweet psalmist, who waits for God and praises God every moment, and in whatever condition there is, he has sought to dwell in the house of the LORD and praise God all the days of his life. He is also the one who rides out victoriously for the cause of truth, for he loves all the righteous precepts, but hates every false way (Psalms 119:104, Psalms 109:128), and he has prophetic powers; his life has been built up, broken, and crushed, and he is able to guard and be courageous to fight against his enemies.

Shields: "Shields" is a parable for the mouth out of which the prophets prophesy. The treasures and riches of God are gathered up by David to build his own life. Therefore when he opens his mouth to worship and sing, out of all the treasures and riches of God his mouth speaks and sings.

Built in rows of stone: that is, when he proclaims God, sings to God, glorifies God, and exalts God, at the same time he will also be honored and lifted up by God. Proverbs 4:8 Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.

The Spirit sang: I have stored up the word (treasure) of the LORD in my heart, so that I might not sin against you; I have stored up the word of the LORD in my heart, so that I might not sin against you.

Your neck is like the tower of David, built in rows of stone: It means that the beauty of the neck of the bride testifies that she can build her life on the word of God. She has unity with the Lord in the word of God, and a life like this is rooted and grounded. Today when you read the Scriptures more, pray more, praise God more, hope in God more, and proclaim God more, you are building a good connection with him, and your neck will

be like the tower of David, built in rows of stone. God has anointed David in those years, and today he will anoint you, that you may have faith and power to become the true prophet who will proclaim the word of the LORD.

On it hang a thousand shields: It describes the neck as being exalted in its power. This is a servant who has put on the whole armor of God, abounding in the anointing received from God.

Hang a thousand shields: that is, to conquer by the word of God. Though she has been grieved by various trials and questioning, she prevailed by the word of God. The word of God is a shield of faith, for it is by the word of God that one has conquered, like Abraham, the man of faith, or like Jesus, who was tempted by the devil. Then it was seen in a vision that a man was wearing a row of copper around his neck, (copper represents judgment), that is, he has been judged by the truth and has put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness, and whatever others would do to strike him, he was not harmed, for the word of God is to him a thousand shields.

All of them shields of warriors: "shields" represents faith. These men of valor live by faith in God. Faith is power, and when everyone lives by faith in God, man and God will be one, and the churches will be one. Churches with one heart can be built up as a new Great Wall, having divine power to destroy strongholds. Faith is power, and faith works through love (Galatians 5:6); love is strength, and where love is, everything is subdued. If man and God are one, and the churches live in harmony with one another, no distress shall prevail against you. With the Lord abiding in you, what more is there to fear? Finally, all of you must live by faith in God.

4:5 Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, that graze among the lilies.

Two breasts: This is the seventh beauty praised by the beloved.

Your two breasts: It means that when you have eaten the word of God you will have faith and power, your life will mature, and you will have two breasts, which are full so that you may go and feed the lambs.

Among the lilies: "Lilies" represents holiness and fragrance. The more lilies are pricked, the more fragrance they give forth. These are the saints that have been trained, holy and fragrant, and who have been tried and persecuted, but have not denied Christ, even in their suffering, but have produced the fragrance of God in the midst of their trials.

Like two fawns: These two fawns follow their mother without quarreling, which means that they are lowly, peaceful, and obedient in Spirit, and they are eating the word of God there securely. They also are able to recognize the call of their own mother, from among all of the sounds round about them.

Your two breasts are like two fawns... that graze among the lilies: They represent the two breasts of the bride who is full of faith, power, holiness, and fragrance.

Twins of a gazelle: that is, now you can eat both the letter and the Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "'Twins' also means that there are both truth and testimony that will bring people before God. The Spirit that abides in you has brought you forth by the word of truth, therefore you shall hold fast to what you believe, and hold to God's way. He who is born of water and the Spirit is the one who shall come with me to the supper of God. Only hold fast to what you have, hold fast, my love, and hold fast until I come!"

These were the seven kinds of beauty, for which the Lord has praised the bride. After the Lord has praised her, beginning from the next verse, he described what kind of a path he had walked, and he showed the bride his way. Now for the bride who has the seven kinds of beauty, what shall she do to imitate the beloved and follow all his steps?

4:6 Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I will go away to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense.

I will go away to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense:

The mountain of myrrh: refers to the mountain of Golgotha, which represents the truth of suffering, denying oneself, the crucifying of the old self, and taking up the cross of Christ daily and following him.

The hill of frankincense: represents the great power and the incense by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the brightness of the cross.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "For love I have died, and for love also I shall live. I have made known to you this path, so that you might follow in my steps on a glorious way of the cross. The path that I walk you will walk, and the cup that I drink you will drink. I will go with you to preach, and make known to you the distress that I have suffered, the affliction that I have endured, and the cross that I have carried, that you may also walk in the way of the cross. And you will be raised and glorified with me, for you are my fellow workers."

Until the day breathes: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. This is when men wore themselves out groping for God (Genesis 3:8).
- 2. It also refers to the end of the age when the rebellion comes (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4); as when Sodom rebelled God, and when the man of lawlessness is revealed; who takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God... And when the Spirit left them, that on them no light has dawned, when heaven is shut up and there is no rain, and besides the northwest wind there is still the northwest wind, and what awaits them is the judgment of the seven bowls. Nevertheless this is still by the mercy of God, for the kingdom of

heaven is at hand, and you shall all repent (Matthew 4:17). I will return and cast out the king of Assyria ('the king of Assyria' is 'the king of religion', which means 'the old self reigns'), I will take back my inheritance, I will abide in you and take charge, and I will reign over my church."

And the shadows flee: meaning the sun flees, and the light fails, when the judgment has come, and the word of God has come, to sweep away every abominable thing that God hates. The earth is corrupt, sexually immoral, and rebellious like Sodom. But when the word of God comes, it will separate the believers from the unbelievers, the sheep from the goats, and those who serve God from those who do not serve him. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! (John 12:46-50, Malachi 3:18, Matthew 25:31-46)

God comes to save all mankind, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Until... the shadows flee: Who will return? The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I, I will come again. The hour is now here when my heart comes, and my heart is my Spirit (Isaiah 40:13). Now it is my Spirit that has come to the world to prepare my people, not my whole fullness of deity. But in the latter days you shall see me as I AM (1 John 3:2-3), and behold, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the trumpet, I shall come and take my saints."

We asked, "Lord, how shall we deal with time?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "With me one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. Behold, I have gathered the time in my fists, and I will see if your conduct is in step with me!"

### 4:7 You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you.

My love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You have followed me, for though you have been through many tribulations because of me, you still believe in my promises."

You are altogether beautiful: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "By your obedience and your holding firm to the trustworthy word, you are all the more beautiful and lovely, and there is no flaw in you!"

There is no flaw in you: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Since you have been sanctified to be so holy and without blemish, having been cleansed by the blood, and the washing of water with the word, you shall become my glorious bride." (Ephesians 5:26-27)

4:8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; come with me from Lebanon. Depart from the peak of Amana, from the peak of Senir and Hermon, from the dens of lions, from the mountains of leopards.

Because the bride has the seven kinds of beauty as they were written before, in this verse the Lord called her "my bride" for the first time. On the holy mountain, the Lord equipped the bride for every good work, and showed her the way he had walked, then he brought her down from the mountain to correct the churches and join the great harvest in the latter days. The peak of Amanda, the peak of Senir and Hermon, the dens of lions, and the mountains of leopards refer to the thoughts of iniquity in the study of God and churches that went astray from the truth in various ways, and none of them are blameless, so the Lord sent the bride to correct them by the truth.

My bride: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "My bride shall be a new creation who will bear the yoke with me; my bride shall be the one who has truly crucified her old self from a sincere heart, and who remains faithful to me with all her heart and with all her soul, like Moses who held fast all my commandments, bore my yoke, and did as I have said; my bride shall have one heart with me, love me, comfort my heart, be gentle and good, live a changed life, and offer for me; and for every service I assign to her, she shall do with all that she could think. **This is my bride!**"

Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; come with me from Lebanon: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You are my mouth and my coworker; come with me down from the mountain, and let us work together to prune my vineyard. In the past you have taken me to wherever you wanted to go, but now I will lead you."

We asked the Lord, "Why did you ask her?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Because she did not want to leave, like my disciples who did not want to leave Jerusalem in those years, but left only after they were persecuted and struck and scattered. (Acts 1:8, Acts 8:1)

Lebanon: Lebanon is the holy mountain of God, great in height, covered with snow from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, therefore it is also called The Great White Mountain. This mountain is so high and cold and lonely, and around it blow the winds, that men cannot survive in it by themselves, only cedars are produced abundantly here. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Here only by enjoying my love that one can be warmed, and in this very place men have found me. How did they find me? They ran up the hill, step by step, and they ran towards me. I have also found her, my bride, whose life is built here."

Lebanon represents the mountain of truth, which refers to a church that desires God sincerely, holds firm to the trustworthy word, and submits to the word of the LORD completely. This place is covered with snow throughout the year, which means to seek holiness fully, to separate from the world and be consecrated, yet be attacked by the four winds, and be left alone. What are the "four winds"? They are the winds of scoffing. For the ordinary believers, their feet cannot stay at such a place, because they cannot bear such an environment where they are encamped against all around. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Only those who wholly desire me can grow into cedars here. Here they have found me, and I have found them. I, I am their comfort, and besides me there is no one who understands them. This is how the life of the bride is built."

Then the Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When the life of the bride is built up here, I will call her to come away, and come away with me, from the place where she was prepared, from my holy mountain, and go down to serve my lambs, to redeem and reap the harvest."

We asked the Lord, "Why are there two verses of 'come with me from Lebanon'?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Because Lebanon is a former dwelling place and old fortress where I have prepared my saints, where she still considers." Now in a vision we saw that the Lord seized a man by the hand and brought him out, but the man looked back, for he was unwilling to leave and still thinking about the place of old. When the life of the bride is completely built she shall leave with the Lord and her ministry, and set sail with the Lord to a far-away place, to enter into her appointed reward of glory, into the harvest of great plenty.

The first place where the Lord brought the bride to is the peak of Amana.

The peak of Amana: The peak of Amana is on the north side of Lebanon, and it is also a very high mountain, which represents a group of people who desire God. By the letter it means: 1. Covenant; 2. Self-confidence. People here desire God, but their faith is not the true faith in God, and it is not built in truth and Spirit. By their own confidence they exalt their own righteousness (not the righteousness of God).

They want the word of God and the Spirit but do not rely on the Spirit; they long for Jesus but do not lean on Jesus; they are willing to endure suffering for the Lord but do not want to crucify the old self, so they are still not blameless.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is a place where instruction and correction are needed. Though they gather here, not many of them have life abundantly; they are all frail sisters, with the lives of children, who sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play; they believe in the Lord with their mouth, but their heart is still in the world and idolatry (Ezekiel 8:10), and there is no soundness in their flesh.

We asked Lord, "How do they worship the idols?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "They worship the gifts, people, and themselves. They desire me, but it was actually for the purpose of having my power, so that they might make known their own names. They say in their heart, 'Behold, How well have I done it! And how good is my preaching!' This is to exalt themselves and their own doctrine, and to build a spiritual tower of Babel. They shall receive the judgment and correction by the truth, and I will build here a church that has me as King. In this church, everyone must come to worship me in spirit and truth before I will welcome them. (John 4:24 'soul' by former word means 'in spirit', and 'honest' by former word is 'truth')"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I first brought the bride to the peak of Amana because I wanted to test her ability and confidence to work. I will build my church here, and I will give faith and power to this newly arisen bride to supply her need from before (for in the past she had only truth but no experience of life). I am her help in time of

need, and whenever she shouts to me, I will strengthen her. For I am her stronghold, and the horn of her salvation."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed again, "I will build MY church here where I am with them and I will rule (Hebrews 8:1-2)."

### The peak of Senir and Hermon:

The word "Senir" means:

- 1. Peak;
- 2. Being zealous for;
- 3. The accursed ones.

The word "Hermon" means:

- 1. Fountain of the land of promise;
- 2. Place of offerings.

It was before the people of Israel had entered into the land of Canaan, that they took this land out of the hand of Sihon, the king of the Amorites and of Og, the king of Bashan, and it was the first land that Israel had taken possession of (Deuteronomy 3:8-9). This mountain is on the south side of Lebanon, also as a peak, but with many temples of false gods, and it is a place for the worshipers of Baal as well as idolaters and deceivers.

This is a parable, like the Pagan mountains, for those people of today who are zealous for the truth but cannot find it, who seek God like the worshipers of Baal. Here are buildings of imposing size, and assembly in great numbers; they have faith and zeal, but not according to knowledge; they pray and read the Scriptures and give offerings, but only know how to rely on the knowledge of their own mind, not knowing how to put their trust in God, or even how to seek guidance from the Spirit; they did not come out of the world to be consecrated and sanctified, but rather seek friendship with the world and partnership with sin.

This is the spiritual adultery, the spiritual Babylon (Revelation 17-18), a place of deceivers that shall be judged and corrected by the word of God.

We asked the Lord, "What is the judgment of the Word?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The Word is like a mirror, and the judgment of the Word is to reflect yourself by the word of God, to expose the defilement so that you may confess your sins and repent and be cleansed. This is the judgment of the Word."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the second place where I have sent my bride, and on it I will raise a signal, that over here shall be the banner of the LORD!

Revelation 18:2 And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! ...

- 1. Demolished are those to be taken down! Torn down are the orders of the old religion, destroyed are those who have the appearance of godliness but deny its power, for it is here that I will build the tent of David that has fallen. (Jeremiah 1:10)
- 2. This is a place of confusion and deceit, where some of the people have climbed up to the spiritual peak, some are led captive by Satan, many are caught in their transgressions, and they have no spiritual discernment.
- 3. This is a place of idolatry, where pride and arrogance have ruined my temple. My temple is my heart (Isaiah 8:14, Isaiah 40:13, Revelation 21:22), and the heart of man is my temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). If anyone destroys my temple, I will destroy him. In those years, it was in such a place where Paul acted like a brawler with his closed eyes, being jealous for his religion and his faith, for he thought he was ministering to God, but actually he had resisted and sinned against God.
- 4. I will plant my words here. Though it is now a church in the frame, when it is built up it will be far better, for here the land is rich (the hearts of men are longing for Jesus), and it will give birth to many brides. Therefore I will send my bride, who is my trained true prophet, to come here to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." (Jeremiah 1:10)

Jeremiah 1:10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

### The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Pluck up: Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up (Matthew 15:13), and all the bitter roots of ungodliness and all wickedness in the heart of man will be plucked up, that they may turn to me and do as I say to them, and that they may know the right way they shall go.
- 2. Break down: To break down all tradition of the elders and old customs and all that is old.
- 3. Destroy: To destroy the idols for Babylon and all false gods.
- 4. Overthrow: Every false way and evil deed that I hate shall be overthrown and rebuilt, so shall be the tower of Babel and Babylon; all of them shall be corrected.
- 5. Build: Build a new environment, rebuild a vineyard, raise righteousness, and establish a new custom, now this is the church where I am the Master and Lord!
- 6. Plant: Plant my words into the heart of those who have repented, turn their hearts so that they shall be my people, and I shall be their God!

Swallowed up are the covering that is cast over all peoples and the veil that is spread over all nations! All imposters are no more! For God and man are now one!"

From the dens of lions: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Out of the orders of the religious doctrine and the works of frame that are wrong and empty, they have made spring up a group of false lions that preach the false ways! Do not fear them! People here are shouting out of their mouths, 'Believe in Jesus! Jesus is the Lord', but in their hearts I have never been their Lord; here they all shout out of their mouths, 'Christ must be lifted up! For Christ is the King of kings!' but I have never been the King in their hearts."

The dens of lions: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "They refer to those who are able-bodied but void of counsel, and who only have the knowledge in the head but refuse to be led by the Spirit in the heart. Here the 'den' represents the heart of man that is not led by the Spirit, a heart where a false lion is the king, not Christ. They preach the truth and the Spirit, but their hearts are not bound by the truth and the Spirit, they covet life and fear death, they live for their own prosperity but not for me, and they are not willing to keep guard over my church.

O man, be warned! And may it tremble, O your heart! For what was said in Matthew 7:21-23 is this: Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."

From the mountains of leopards: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is a hilly region. It is full of desires and all deceit; it is filled with thoughts to oneself, covetousness without satisfaction, and idlers going about complaining but within are full of dead people's bones; it is filled with envy and strife, anger and hostility. I have sent my bride here to correct them with the word of God. But they do not hear, for the Word harmed their own gain, and they will put my bride out of the synagogues (John 16:2-3).

O mountains of leopards, no matter how mighty you are today, or how great your advice and plots are, put them down, and come away with me, depart from the ministry by the will of man and the service by the desire of the flesh, and enter into the truth and the Spirit. Keep in step with me, for I have loved you all!"

From... from: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I and the bride, we looked upon the military land description and our secret plan of action, so that there is no fear in her, and she will walk erect and be ready to die with me, be raised with me, and bear the yoke with me, without being frightened. She will do what I have commanded her, and be one with me, with her heart in keeping with mine.

I was crucified for you, and now you live for me. Get on your white horse, my bride, and follow me into the battle!

White horse represents sound gospel. Would that we all had mounted on white horses, and gone with the Lord to the war!

The Spirit sang: I saw that the throne of the LORD, has come down to the land of promise. And out of the throne flew rivers of living water, giving moisture to the south, north, east, and west. People from all languages looked, and behold, Jesus will release the earth! Then a multitude of workers arose, to bless all the earth. Glory! Hallelujah! Lift up your hands to God the Father, thanks be to him for his wondrous great love, that has come down to the land of promise! Glory! Hallelujah! Lift up your hands to God the Father, thanks be to him for his great love beyond all comparison, that has come down to the land of promise!

4:9 You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride; you have captivated my heart with one glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace.

My sister: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my sister."

My bride: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Whoever has one heart with me and is one with me is my bride."

You have captivated my heart: The Spirit of the Lord revealed,

- "1. Because your soul longs for me and on my words you meditate day and night, you have captivated my heart.
- 2. Have this mind within yourself, which is yours in me, with your mind set on my things, and you will captivate my heart."

With one glance of your eyes: that is, with one glance of your eyes in faith, and while you are gazing at Jesus fully, behold, you have captivated the heart of the Lord!

Neck: refers to the neck of the bride.

You have captivated my heart...with one jewel of your necklace: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "She takes my words like a gold chain and wears it on her neck, for my word is to her a chain of truth that piece by piece she listens and follows. Like this she has followed me, and so has she captivated my heart!"

4:10 How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

My sister: refers to the sisters of the same father and mother and children of one nurse. And since we drink of one living water of the Spirit with the Lord, we are his sisters.

My bride: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It means that our hearts stick together like one, and her heart reflects mine."

How much better is your love: We asked the Lord, "What kind of love is much better?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The love that is heart to heart. When you love me heart to heart, how much better is your love!"

Your love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It refers to the true love that is heart to heart. This is a love that is attached to my heart, offered and sacrificed, and offered to me, and this is to me a true love."

Much better...than wine: The "wine" in chapter 1 verse 2 was from God to man as a gift of the Spirit; here the "wine" is from man to God, that is, whatever man has said and sung before God. No matter how persuasive one speaks and sings before God, it is not better than serving the purpose of God with his feet on the ground. Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to carry out the purpose of God in better than any spice or fragrance! Such a love is much better than wine in the sight of God.

How much better is your love than wine: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It means that the love of you and I surpasses all, for he who finds your true love finds the treasure. How to show that you love me? If you love me you will keep my commandments, which is much better than sacrifice, which moves my heart even more.

The Spirit sang: John 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

The fragrance of your oils: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The oils of the bride are made by refining, and it is the finest produce of the pure gold, like the fat of the marrow. Therefore, your oils are much better than any spice! A Christian with good behavior is a beautiful virgin in the sight of God. The fragrance out of a life of integrity and purity is much better than any spice."

Much better... than any spice: To worship and praise is a spice, to hunger and thirst for God is a spice, to pray for God is a spice, and to sacrifice oneself is a spice. But the fragrance of your oils is the aroma of Christ that flows out of a refined life, out of one who has conquered. Such a fragrance is much better than any spice.

4:11 Your lips drip nectar, my bride; honey and milk are under your tongue; the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

My bride: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "My bride is a life lived, and has become one spirit with me."

Your lips drip nectar: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Nectar is the word of God anointed by the Spirit. Why can the lips of the bride drip nectar? Because she has only me in her heart, and when I abide in her heart it becomes a honeycomb. And when her heart is full of nectar, it will flow out of your lips by itself, and her lips will drip nectar."

Nectar: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The house of your heart is the honeycomb. Ask yourself, has every mind and thought of yours submitted to me as King? If so, the house of your heart is my honeycomb. Ask yourself again, what do you treasure up in your hearts? To whom do you belong? Whom do you keep in your heart? To which kingdom do you belong? For your heart will be in the house of the kingdom that you come from. If you are from the kingdom of heaven, you will set your mind on things that are above; if you are from the earth, you will think about earthly things (Colossians 3:1-2).

From the earth: James 3:14-16 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

From above: James 3:17-18 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Drip nectar: that is when every mind and thought of yours has let the Lord be master and King. The nectar has filled your heart and flown out of your lips by itself, so that your lips will drip nectar.

Honey and milk are under your tongue: When your heart is full of Christ and his words, honey and milk are under your tongue; and when you speak of the grace of Christ, others are fed, and nourished.

The fragrance of your garments: Here it refers to the honorable conduct and the good deeds.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When you truly let me reign, you will have the good deeds and give forth fragrance."

Is like the fragrance of Lebanon: Lebanon is the holy mountain of the Lord, the fragrance of Lebanon is the aroma of the King, and the aroma of Christ is the righteousness of God.

The fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon: When the Lord is with you and you are one with the Lord, you will give forth the fragrance; when you truly let the Lord reign, you will have the honorable conduct and give forth the fragrance of Lebanon. This is the fragrance of cedar, the fragrance of Christ, by which it is known that you have walked in the righteousness of God.

4:12 A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a spring locked, a fountain sealed.

My sister: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "She is the one who has the same father and mother with me."

My bride: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the one whose heart is attached to mine."

A garden locked: "Garden" refers to the garden of heart. "A garden locked:" means that the heart of the bride is locked to keep out the world.

A spring locked: "Spring" represents mouth. "A spring locked" means that the mouth of the bride is bound by the truth and Spirit and is led by the Spirit. She obeys all that the Spirit has appointed her, therefore she is called "a spring locked" (Ezekiel 3:24-27).

One always becomes very zealous for the LORD on his own authority, but when the time of God has not yet come, when the vessels are not ready, and the pavement in the territory is not built, the one who is on his own authority will be liable to be fainthearted and fearful, and he will hinder the work of the Spirit, making it hard to bear fruit. Therefore, we will certainly need to be locked and sealed, and wait patiently for the time of the LORD, lest you be attacked, or the word of God be blasphemed, or the well of spring water be defiled. We shall imitate our Lord Jesus, and do nothing on our own authority. John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

A fountain sealed: Because the thoughts of the bride are controlled by the King, and her heart is ruled by the Lord, she no longer thinks about one thing after another on her own authority, for the dominion is given to the Lord completely. Thus the spring of water and the well will not be polluted, and she will become the well of living water and the fountain of the garden, and what comes out of her shall be the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, without spot, flowing directly from the throne of God. Only a garden of heart like this will bear all the choicest fruits.

# 4:13 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates with all choicest fruits, henna with nard.

With the locking and sealing as written in the 12th verse, the bride has laid up her inner life and anointing. By now, the garden of the bride's heart has become the abundant garden of life.

Your...orchard: refers to the garden of the heart of the bride; this is the garden of life.

Your shoots: refers to what the heavenly Father has planted, which is the word of God (1 Peter 1:23).

### Are an orchard of pomegranates:

- 1. It means that the word of God is clear and sweet within the bride.
- 2. It is a harvest of righteousness sown in peace (James 3:18).

"Pomegranate" 11 represents transparency, peace, love, connection, bearing, acceptance, and unity.

Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates: The anointing that the bride has laid up in her garden of life comes from the word of God. When her heart is enlightened and made clear by the word of God, it gives birth to the righteous fruits of peace.

With all choicest fruits: It means that the bride has borne the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, and all the choicest fruits.

Henna: It means that the bride now has many attributes of the Lord Jesus, such as humility, forgiveness, bearing, and any other attributes, which are like the little flowers of faith, hope, and love that are in blossom in layers.

Nard: refers to the life that gives forth its fragrance. Whoever has the humility of the henna has the fragrance of the nard.

4:14 nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes, with all choice spices.

Nard: refers to the aroma that comes forth after one has pierced himself by the truth, like the fragrance that perfumed when Mary broke the flask and poured the ointment of pure nard over the head of the Lord.

Saffron: represents the fragrance flown out of a heart that is fervent because of the zeal for the Lord.

Calamus (Jeremiah 6:20 or "sweet cane"): By the love for the Lord, the sweet water that supplies the need of people has flown out of the life of the bride.

Cinnamon: refers to the spices of life.

With all trees of frankincense: represents all spices coming from lives that are raised up to full obedience in the Father.

Myrrh: Myrrh is used for anointing the body of the dead, and the fragrance that comes forth from the anointing represents the fragrance from death of the old self (2 Corinthians 2:14-16).

Aloes: refer to the aroma from those who will joyfully accept it all for the Lord, when they are desolate, lonely, and are to be buried.

With all choice spices: That which gives forth its fragrance in all kinds of circumstances and under all oppression is with all choice spices (1 Corinthians 13:4-8), which was borne by the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Pomegranate is a fruit, which encapsulates many, gathered in sections, but all within one common skin. The many are the individual brides, the sections, represent His new purified churches, and the common skin, is the Holy Spirit covering over all of His purified saints.

### 4:15 a garden fountain, a well of living water, and flowing streams from Lebanon.

As written before, the heart of the bride was first locked from the world and was willingly sealed for the Lord, and she became a sealed fountain, so that she could keep the spring of water pure, that she could lay up her anointing and become a garden fountain, a well of living water, and flowing streams from Lebanon.

All these things are from the Spirit, all these are the grace of God, and all these are the glory of God!

Garden: refers to the house of God, the vineyard, as well as the garden of one's own heart.

A garden fountain: It means that your heart has become the fountain of living water. This is a heart that is reigned by Christ, and it is the temple of the Lord out of which flows the fountain of living water that supplies the house of God.

A well of living water: This well of living water is the outlet of God, and behold, this living water issuing out of the throne is watering toward the east, the south, the west, and the north (Ezekiel 47:1-12, Revelation 22:1).

From Lebanon: It is from the holy mountain and the temple of the Lord that this water is flowing out.

Flowing streams from Lebanon: When the bride has let the Lord be her King, there is the river of the water of life flowing from the throne of God. This river is the river of truth, bright as crystal. Take away the stone (the letter), and let the living water flow, that with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation, and with gladness you will draw water from the Spirit (Revelation 22:1-2, Isaiah 12:3-6).

4:16 Awake, O north wind, and come, O south wind! Blow upon my garden, let its spices flow. Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat its choicest fruits.

Verse 16 is a prayer of the bride in her own righteousness. She perceives that her life is already abundant, and that she is ready to conquer in any circumstance, yet this is actually to boast and make herself known. For now the life of the bride has not matured, though she has been equipped with the truth on the holy mountain, and behold, the faith and the power and the gifts, all these things came to be, yet all this is the adoring given by the Lord, **and she has not truly walked in it**. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Do not pray like this. If your life has truly matured, you need not ask for the condition, for I will measure the portion out to you in proportion to the life of each one of you."

Then in a vision, as we looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a woman, with her hair carried away by the wind, and her face turning dirty by the blowing dust, and she could bear it no more, so she turned from the north side southward, covering the sun with her hand she went toward the south, and with a straw hat on her

head she turned her face toward the ground, hiding from the north wind. This vision the Lord showed us is how she is in the spirit as it was described in chapter 5.

This is the prayer of the bride, which is actually asking for the environment, the cross, and the affliction.

We love the Lord and we are ready to take the cross for the Lord, but we shall not seek it on our own authority, for this is still in our own righteousness. When the cross comes, and when we do not flee but conquer through the Lord, God will be glorified in our victory.

#### North wind:

- 1. In nature (in the northern Hemisphere), it is cold when the north wind blows; in the Spirit the north wind refers to persecutions and all the scoffing;
- 2. When the north wind blows it represents the end of the time when the beast and the false prophets will persecute the true prophets.

Awake, O north wind: What the bride meant was this: "Awake, O environment! I am not afraid, for I am ready!"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Prayer like this comes from a life that is not mature; it is a prayer out of a moment of jealousy and the righteousness of oneself. At this time her life is still too young that she asked for whatever she wanted, and then she could not bear what she had asked for (for her life is not yet mature). She perceived that she had faith and strength, yet with her life not attained to that level, she has run ahead of me. Such a prayer which makes oneself known is not pleasing to the heart of God.
- 2. I have no pleasure in those who will make a noisy gong, but when circumstances arise they fear and hide. What is to glorify God? It is to do it secretly, rather let another praise you, and not your own mouth; to walk in the word of God is life, is to glorify God.

Pray then like this: 'Lord, I am willing to walk on a path of the cross, but it is too hard on my own authority; give me strength, O LORD, and save me; give me strength, O LORD my God, that I may exult over the north wind.' Thus you shall pray as how things are, according to the condition of your life. You shall first make peace with God, do not pray carelessly, but guard your mouth and your tongue. If you ask for the condition before your life has attained to that level, and then refuse to receive it, it is corrupt in the sight of God, and you will appear to be escaping the environment, which is an abomination that God hates. Do not boast before God or men, but work quietly for the Father who sees you in secret.

South wind: South wind is warm, making one at ease; it refers to a carefree circumstance, as well as the praise and approval from man, and all temptation.

Proverbs 27:21 The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and a man is tested by his praise.

And come, O south wind: This is still the prayer of the bride, and she prayed, "May all the praise and approval come! Let every temptation come! I am not afraid! I am ready."

She forgot the prayer that the Lord Jesus has taught his disciples, that says, "And lead us not into temptation (by direct interpretation: let us not fall into temptation)", therefore the Spirit of the Lord revealed that this was a prayer of self-righteousness.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This bride is a recent convert, her life is too young and she has not walked. When she truly walked in the truth she will become the life of the true essence of a bride."

Blow upon my garden: This recent convert continued to pray, "Awake, both north and south wind, and come! Blow upon my garden, and my heart will not tremble."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Though what she prayed for is good, her life cannot keep in step with it and she cannot do it. When circumstances arise against her, she will forget my words and will not discipline her body. What she has desired and said is plentiful but the labor is few, and this is the noisy gong and the clanging cymbal that are not pleasing to God.
- 2. If your life has attained to the proportion you will not need to ask for the environment, for God will measure out the portion to everyone according to his life, great or small.
- 3. When your life has truly reached to the level, be it the north wind or the south wind that blows into your heart, your heart shall not tremble, and indeed you will give forth your fragrance and conquer, and your heart will become a kingdom that cannot be shaken, as the beautiful Garden of Eden."

Let its spices flow: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The bride thought she was ready for me, and she thought she herself could give forth her fragrance to me. But unless you abide in me, you cannot bear fruit (John 15:4-5, 15:16). Therefore pray like this: "Father, I want to please you, I desire to put on the new life that you have given me. Give me strength, O my Father, and give me faith, and give me might to walk in the truth. My heart is your watered garden, O Lord, come to water me! And let my spices flow like yours."

Let my beloved come to his garden: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Here the bride has invited me sincerely and earnestly, so I came in, by the Spirit. Though I was invited to come in, her heart is not yet the kingdom that cannot be shaken. This was her jealousy for the moment, for her heart is not yet stable, but only in a moment of clear conscience."

And eat its choicest fruit: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When you conquer through me, your heart will eat its choicest fruit; but if you are defeated, there will be no choicest fruit but a good hope, for within the bride there is still righteousness of her own. To serve God in the true tabernacle, one must be led by the Spirit, not his own righteousness, or his own authority."

In Leviticus 10:1 this was recorded: Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them.

In Numbers 3:4 this was written: But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai... Now these things happened to the people of Israel, and they are written in the Scripture for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Today Jesus Christ is "a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man (Hebrews 8:2)".

#### **SELAH! STOP! PAUSE! AND THINK ABOUT THAT!**

# **Chapter 5**

5:1 I came to my garden, my sister, my bride, I gathered my myrrh with my spice, I ate my honeycomb with my honey, I drank my wine with my milk. Eat, friends, drink, and be drunk with love!

My sister: refers to the life that is not yet mature.

My bride: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Though you are the bride that has just been chosen, and your life is still very young, your heart is given to me, and my heart is given to you, thus you are my bride, my beautiful one.

I came to my garden: that is, the Lord came to the garden of your heart.

Gathered: taken, healed.

My myrrh: here refers to the deep darkness through suffering.

My spice: refers to the scar of love by loving the Lord.

My: It means that the Lord takes your suffering and scar as his.

I gathered my myrrh with my spices: that is, Jesus came and took the suffering from within you, healed you, blotted out your deep darkness, so that your scar may become the spice that gives forth its fragrance.

I ate my honeycomb with my honey: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. You shall feed on me, drink me, enjoy me, and eat my words. When you have eaten my full truth, you will understand all that is in my heart. When you know the full truth, then you will know me, and you will know the Father, for I and the Father are one. When you truly know God, your heart and your thoughts will be renewed, and ruled by God. Your renewed heart is my honeycomb, and your cleansed thoughts are my honey.
- 2. It means that what is in your heart is my full truth, and the thoughts from your heart are also mine, for you are mine completely. Thus you heart is my enjoyment, and your thoughts are my refreshment. Therefore I will come to eat my honeycomb with my honey. For it is the Spirit who works in you, and it

is the heavenly Father from whom are all things (that is when Christ is formed in you)."

My wine: It means that the anointing that you received from the Spirit abides in you.

My milk: refers to the finest produce in you by the Scripture.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "That is, the Spirit will guide you into all the truth. When you eat and testify to it in your life and environment that is the Word that has been tested and lived, and that is the milk I will drink."

I drank my wine with my milk: Jesus has come to the garden of the heart of the bride, and the bride has given the choicest parts of her life to the Lord. Both the wine and the milk belong to the Lord, so does the whole heart of the bride. Therefore the Spirit of the Lord said, "I came to my garden, my sister, my bride, I gathered my myrrh with my spice, I ate my honeycomb with my honey, I drank my wine with my milk." All these things are done by the Lord, and shall be offered up to the Lord. Glory be to the Lord!

We asked, "How can the churches of today have such wine and milk for you to enjoy?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Without the teaching and correction by the word of God, life will not grow; without the judgment of the word, man does not know how to fear God. Before one is taught and corrected he only seeks the advantage of the flesh, but only after he is judged by the word will he know to seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness (Isaiah 26:8-9). And when the kingdom of God and his righteousness is in you, you will become my enjoyment."

Friends: The one who is not against the Lord is for the Lord. (Mark 9:40, John 15:14-15)

Eat: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. First, go ahead with your own meal. Feed on the word of God and the full truth, and eat the scroll. (Revelation 10:7-10)
- 2. Secondly, invite everyone to eat with you. Now that you have been judged by the Word, you have come to the knowledge of the truth; now that you have arrived at the knowledge of the truth, you shall also invite everyone to the feast. Eat and drink with one another, and go to work with me."

Love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You are all my beloved."

Drink: Drink the water of life, and eat the word revealed by the Spirit. This is good medicine, and bitter medicine, but it is the word of life.

And be drunk: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Drink more, so that you may be healed of your disease, that your body be made strong, that you be strengthened in spirit, and that you be equipped sooner, to go out and join the reapers of the great harvest. We are heart to heart, you and I, come now, let us go and work together, and

let us go to redeem and release. Release my glory to fill all the earth, and loose whoever is held fast in the cords of his sin. And this, my love, is my will."

5:2 I slept, but my heart was awake. A sound! My beloved is knocking. "Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one, for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night."

I slept: meaning that the flesh is weak and faint, with no strength left.

- 1. After she had finished the prayer for her own righteousness, when the assembly was dismissed, and the work was complete, she went home to her bed, without praying to the Lord. There are many who have often neglected this.
- 2. In verse 4:16 the bride shouted her oath loudly, but now she has returned to her life in the flesh again. Whenever she is weary, sleep falls on her while she slumbers on her bed, shutting the door against the Lord who spends the night waiting. This shows that in her spirit her steps have not held fast to the path of the Lord.

But my heart was awake: It means that the heart of the bride still pants for the Lord, and her soul thirsts for the Lord. Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

At this moment, the bride was indeed weak and feeble in the flesh. She has made a breach with the prayer for her own righteousness in the church, and when she returned to her house she did not watch or pray, nor did she seek protection from the Lord before sleep falls upon her; and when she rose the next day, behold, she had become weak but perplexed, wondering what this meant.

Therefore, the teaching by the Scripture is this:

- 1. Pray for the Lord to shine on you day by day, and wash your feet so that you may be washed of your daily defilement and filth (John 13:8, John 13:10).
- 2. A servant shall render service to his master before he rests himself (Luke 17:7-10).

The Spirit sang: Apart from the Lord, I can do nothing; away from the Lord, all my days shall thirst. Abide in the Lord, you and I, like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing much fruit, ever full of green. I am my Lord's and my Lord is mine, and I abide in his love all the days of my life, with joy and peace.

A sound: This is what she has heard with the ears of her soul. It means that in her spirit she can still hear the sound of the Spirit, but because she sets her mind on the things of the flesh, and her spirit is weak, she has lain down and slept, and therefore she did not rise to open to the Lord in time of need.

My beloved is knocking: It is the Lord who is knocking. Do not quench the Spirit when you are in the Spirit, otherwise you will shut the door of your heart against the Lord.

My sister: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "She is my mother's daughter."

My love: refers to those who have been broken.

My dove: refers to all who are led by the Spirit.

My perfect one: And the Lord sees everything about the bride, and behold, she is very good. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Though you have counted yourself righteous, and did not stay awake but shut the door against me, now your body has become faint and weak, I will still earnestly knock at the door of your soul, and I will come to your heart to restore you and repair you. I will become your strength, and I will be everything to you."

Open to me: The Lord was asking, and he asked her to open the door of her heart to him again. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Whenever you are righteous in your own eyes, you have come out of me and returned to yourself. Then I will stand there waiting for you, and I will always wait for you, till you open the door of your heart to me again."

#### For my head is wet with dew:

- 1. Because she exalted herself and run ahead of the Lord, rejecting the Lord as her head (1 Corinthians 11:3), her own righteousness has shut the Lord outside the door for the night, so that Satan talked against the Lord, and breathed onto the Lord the breath of cold air. Therefore the head of the Lord was wet with dew. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am very cold, and I am lonely."
- 2. When darkness is over the world, the love of many grows cold, and the Lord will be shut outside the door for a long time (outside the door of the heart, and outside the door of the church). And because the Lord has stood outside for a long time, his head is wet with dew.

With the drops of the night: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The heavenly Father pours his anointing oil on my head twenty-four hours a day, but people were sleeping in spirit, not knowing that they shall take it from me, therefore my head is wet with the drops of the night." Then we saw in a vision, and behold, the anointing oil on the head of Jesus was so thick, that it dripped continually. We asked the Lord, "Why does it drip?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Because there is none who wants to receive it."

The night: is when deep sleep falls on men in spirit.

Dew: that is, sweet dewdrops, representing the power, the anointing, and the anointing oils of the Spirit.

My locks with the drops of the night: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. I have been standing outside the door for a long time, and I waited for you many days. Whenever you turn your heart back, I will enter into you, and you in me.
- 2. I have put on the power and anointing of my Father, and my whole body is full of treasure, and my hair is filled with the anointing oil, which is my full supply, like the drops of dew! The heavenly Father has given me his supply twenty-four hours a day, so will I also give my supply to you. The heavenly Father is the fountain of me, so am I the fountain of you, and you shall come and draw from me without ceasing. For this anointing oil is my faith, my power, my attributes, and my deity, and it is the anointing oil of mutual peace, and unity, within my bride.
- 3. Today, many of you do not understand that you shall rely on me in your works, nor do you pray to me to strengthen you, but instead you shut me outside the door of your hearts. Therefore, since you do not know how to put your trust in me, whenever you are in trouble at work you will grumble, and your life will fall into the deep valleys and cannot rise. But know that I am the upholder of your life, and I am your shield and your strength. For I am the LORD, strong and mighty. Learn to trust in me, and receive anointing from me."

# 5:3 I had put off my garment; how could I put it on? I had bathed my feet; how could I soil them?

Because the bride prayed in her own righteousness in the past, all that is written in verse three has been clarified, that the bride has seen affliction, and lived in weakness, and her own righteousness.

I had: The bride was speaking.

I had put off my garment: Now a vision was seen: Behold, the bride, clothed in fine linen, white and pure, and then she was spat upon twice, and she gave up, and will work no more. The fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints (Revelation 19:8). Now that the bride has put off the pure, fine linen, is she still a bride? It means that the life of the bride has turned away.

How could I put it on: The bride said in her heart, "I thought that I was good enough, why do they still do this to me? I perceived that I have been fully broken, how is it then that they still blame me? To walk the path of Jesus is too difficult, to preach the word of life is too hard, and I will preach no more, neither walk anymore (I will put on this fine linen no more)."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "A recent convert rejoices at boasting, but turns back in the days of trouble, for his life is not yet mature. When you turn to me, I will come to you, for I wait for you!"

I had bathed my feet: It means that the bride has confessed her sins and repented. She said in her heart, "Now that I am clean, how could I soil my feet again? I will not go. How could I be defiled by that place once again?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "For God has not called you for impurity, but to holiness. Dedicate your heart, therefore, and be holy, for it is you, my bride, whom I am sending to give light to the darkness!

Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

People always go wherever the light is, but by the law of God, he will send his bride to wherever darkness is. When the bride is made by God, she shall have this mind herself, which is hers in God, with her mind set on the things of God; and with the light and the love of God, and with the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, she shall go to the place that is in need.

Behold, now is the time to arise, and shine!

Isaiah 60:1-2 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

5:4 My beloved put his hand to the latch, and my heart was thrilled within me.

# The latch:

- 1. In the sight of man, it means that the unity of man and God is weakened (that is, man does not want to come near God, share with God, or pray to God), thus the door of his heart is not open to the Lord completely. When the man shuts the Lord outside the door of his heart, the Lord can only put his hand on the part of the heart (the latch) that still desires God, to revive the man so that he will answer God.
- 2. In the sight of God, the Scripture is an open door that God has set before man. Moreover, when God reveals to man through revelation, dreams, and visions, it is the latch (Job 33:15-18, Matthew 1:20, Acts 9:10-16).

My beloved put his hand to the latch: This is the beloved speaking to the heart of the bride. He put his hand with the mark of the nails on her, and drew her, calling her to rise up, for this is not the time to let deep sleep fall on her, but the time to harvest.

My heart was thrilled within me: The bride said, "God has made my soul understand, and my heart revive. My heart was touched again by his hand with the mark of the nails, and the love of the cross has come upon my soul once again, thus my heart was thrilled within me."

5:5 I arose to open to my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with liquid myrrh, on the handles of the bolt.

I arose: This is the reviving through unity with God in the heart of the bride, so she quickly rose and prayed, beginning to fear God, and opened to her beloved.

#### To open to my beloved:

- 1. When you are in the Spirit, answer God immediately, turn your heart to him, confess your sins and repent, and seek God for the forgiveness of sins.
- 2. Answer God with love, thirst for him, pray to him, go near to him, desire him, praise him, and worship him!

And my hands dripped with myrrh: When she prayed, she wanted to unite with God and open her heart to the Lord, but then she remembered the suffering she had been through at work, and she was afraid again. She said, "Behold, my hands for the work of God have experienced the suffering of the cross, and now the memory of them is still alive before my eyes."

# The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Good medicine is bitter, but it is for the healing of the nations; my way is hard, but it leads to the sweet, beautiful heaven. This Scripture is my full supply, so take it in your hands, and consider the word of God daily, for the word of God has the power of healing; and set your minds on the prophecy of Scripture day after day, for the prophecy revealed by the Spirit is the message for this generation.
- 2. Though your hands for the work of God have experienced suffering, the aim is to make you more obedient to the word of God, so that your hands may put on the power of God. When you are in distress, you shall cry out to God to receive his power and grace, for he is your help in times of trouble."

My fingers: It means the fingers of the bride at work.

Liquid myrrh: refers to the affliction and the experience of the persecution of the cross. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When you are caught in the affliction and the persecution of the cross, if you are defeated, you will have the bitter liquid myrrh; but if you conquer, you will have the power given by me."

On the handles of the bolt: When the bride remembered the suffering she had experienced, her heart trembled, and the liquid myrrh dripped on the handles of the bolt. This makes it clear that she did not conquer. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When you understand that this is a way of life, my word will overcome you, and the door of your heart will open, and you will understand the innermost part of the truth."

5:6 I opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned and gone. My soul failed me when he spoke. I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer

I opened to my beloved: It means that she answered God. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "After she has been weeping, playing, and quarreling long enough, she awoke, and her heart turned, and behold, she began to desire me, and she opened to me."

But my beloved had turned and gone: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The time is now far spent, so I left, for she is not the only one to be redeemed, there are still many others who are waiting for me (God gives opportunity to everyone to see whether you will take it). There is so great a crowd that calls upon me. I will go to the place where I am needed. To the one who knocks it will be opened."

# When he spoke:

- 1. He spoke to her through the Scripture;
- 2. He spoke to her through the preachers;
- 3. He spoke to her through the revelation of the Spirit.

#### My soul failed me: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. She did not give ear to my words, for she set her mind on going her own ways, which has restrained her from hearing my voice.
- 2. She was not pure but had desires in her heart. She did not understand, nor was she keen in knowing, my words and the dreams and visions that I have given her.
- 3. In the past she was not awake and did not understand; now she has understood, but judged herself unworthy, and therefore ruined and abandoned herself, and she found me not.

# I sought him, but found him not:

- 1. She was not pure in heart. Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 2. Her heart was not quiet, and she did not wait for God quietly. Isaiah 30:15 For thus said the LORD God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."... Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

I called him, but he gave no answer: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I told her to be quiet, be alone, meditate on God, wait for God, and I would return if she would be

alone, thinking of me and meditating on me. But she did not wait for me quietly, rather, she went about in the crowd, crying out, "Jesus, O Jesus, I love you!" She was hurried and disturbed, not quiet, or pure in heart, therefore I gave no answer."

5:7 The watchmen found me as they went about in the city; they beat me, they bruised me, they took away my veil, those watchmen of the walls.

In the city: It refers to the city of Jerusalem, as well as the church of today.

The watchmen<sup>12</sup>: refer to the church leaders, the chiefs, the pillars of the house of God, preachers, and fellow workers.

The watchmen found me as they went about in the city; they beat me, they bruised me: After the watchmen found her as she was, they did not encourage her with the word of God, but rather beat her and bruised her with the words of a man's mouth.

These things are written to admonish everyone: he who seeks the Lord in the crowd by his own zeal and his own accord will not find the Lord; seek him as God would have you. God has commanded us to be pure and quiet in heart, return to our chambers, wait for God, and seek God. And in this way, seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you; ask, and it will be given to you. (Matthew 7:7)

Those watchmen of the walls: refer to the watchmen of the church and those who pray for others.

Veil: represents glory, honour, esteem. Here it means that they took away the esteem and honor of the bride.

They took away my veil, those watchmen of the walls: It is God who, through those watchmen of the walls, took away her esteem and honor, and took away her own righteousness and her arrogant pride. This is the grace of God; this is from the hand of God.

If you truly love God and encounter all this, when others beat you and bruise you, how would you repay them? The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Because you love me in your heart, you will be comforted by the word of God and forget what has happened, and there will be no wound in you, and for you, this is to be doers of the word, and this is to show the righteousness of God. Let light be reflected out of you, such a one is loved by God, and is the one who truly loves God."

5:8 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him I am sick with love.

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 12}\,\rm In$  Scripture, watchmen usually refer to intercessors.

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem: The bride still went to the church to seek God, and she spoke to the brothers and sisters of the church, adjuring them, and said, "Whatever you would do to me, whether you bruise me, beat me, or mock me, still I urge you, if you find my beloved, that you tell him I am sick with love, my spirit faints within me, and I want my beloved, O Jesus, I need him, and I want him to come into my innermost part and save me!"

If you find my beloved: Now a vision was seen: Behold, these daughters of Jerusalem knelt down to be one circle in a room, praying and seeking the beloved. They themselves have not found the beloved!

That you tell him I am sick with love: The bride said, "If you have reached to God through your prayer and found my beloved, do not forget to tell him that I am sick with love. For I do not understand; why is it like this to love the Lord? And is there anything wrong to love Jesus?" Actually, it is because that her life is so delicate that she still abides in herself.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. She needs endurance and character. God allowed her to have some experience so that her discernment may abound more and more, but she was defeated when she met the experience, for her life lacks maturity, character and endurance. Have you forgotten that love is patient and kind? Have you forgotten that the one who endures to the end will be saved? And have you forgotten that if you endure, you will also reign with me?
- 2. From all places she seeks out those who are abounding in anointing and gifts. When she still puts her trust in man in her heart, how can I enter her heart? But when she aspires to be quiet and puts her trust in me, she will find me; and when she returns to the Scripture, she will meet me."

5:9 What is your beloved more than another beloved, O most beautiful among women? What is your beloved more than another beloved, that you thus adjure us?

# O most beautiful among women:

- 1. Someone who loves in the church came to encourage her.
- 2. When you see someone who is weak in spirit, speak to her encouragingly so that her spirit can arise, and tell her, "You are right to love the Lord, and you are doing well to seek the Lord, for you have faith." A word fitly spoken, in Proverbs 25:11, is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

What is your beloved more than another beloved: The crowd asked the bride, "What is your Jesus more than another Jesus? Why have you come to seek him? What will you do when you find him? What is the reason of your search for Jesus? And why do you not seek him directly?" Those who love in the church said these to test her. With these questions, they will know how much the bride knows about the Lord and the Scripture. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will fill up what is lacking in her, and I will help her in whatever she may need from me."

What is your beloved more than another beloved? This question is given to each one of us today: What is your Jesus more than another Jesus? What is the reason of your search for Jesus? In those ministry years, Jesus asked all the men who were with him, "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20) "What are you seeking?" (John 1:38) Today this word is also asking you and I: How much do you know about Jesus? What is Jesus like in your heart?

That you thus adjure us: The bride's knowledge of the beloved does not suffice, nor is her understanding of God enough. Though she was well equipped on the holy mountain, the truth must be tested and sealed in the environment, so that faith can be mixed with the word. Therefore the beloved, by asking "What is your beloved more than another beloved" a second time, turns the gaze of the bride to the beloved a second time, and leads her to the wells of salvation once again.

#### 5:10 My beloved is radiant and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand.

My beloved is radiant and ruddy: This is the Spirit who is leading the bride, making her ponder, declare, and praise the beloved, turning her gaze and thoughts to the beloved yet once more.

#### Radiant: refers to the beloved:

- 1. The Holy One.
- 2. The Blameless One. He is the Spirit, he is the Light, he is the Word, and the Word became flesh. Conceived by the Spirit, borne by the Virgin Mary, he comes from the might of God. He came as the savior of all people (only those who believe in Him).

3. The pure milk, is his body.

## Ruddy:

- It means that the beloved has shed his blood and laid down his life for us. The bride knows that without the shedding of the blood of the beloved there is no forgiveness of her own sins. And only by shedding the blood of the beloved can she obtain access into this covenant of grace in which she stands, protected and covered. Hebrews 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
- 2. It represents his ruddy heart, facing toward the heavenly Father.

Distinguished among ten thousand: No one can be compared to him. He is the Lord God Almighty, he is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He is the God who made the heavens and the earth, the Lord who is the ruler of all his possessions.

5:11 His head is the finest gold; his locks are wavy, black as a raven.

His head is the finest gold: Here the bride arises to witness that the head of the beloved is full of redemption and glory. His head has been beaten a thousand times and refined a hundred times, it is the finest gold refined by the crown of thorns. His head sends out his command to the whole world, it is the head of the whole earth, the treasure house, the ore in gloom, and the finest gold. Colossians 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Colossians 2:9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

His locks: represent the obedience of the beloved. Philippians 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

His locks are wavy: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Locks are wavy' also means that every hair of mine is a thread of truth that I have set for you beside the way. And behold, every hair of mine:

- 1. Has a mystery, as the grace I have given to you;
- 2. Is the ore, the salvation, and the truth;
- 3. Represents obedience, for I obey every counsel of the heavenly Father;
- 4. Refers to the meaning of my every word, my grace, and the word of God, of which you eat, and it never runs out, and you use, and it never fails."

And the bride bore witness:

- "1. Hallelujah! The locks of my beloved are wavy, and my Lord is full of grace and steadfast love, filled with wisdom and supply. He is the King of glory!
- 2. My king is so glorious, but because of me he was despised, spurned, and condemned, therefore his locks are also 'black as a raven'."

# Black as a raven: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. When I am burdened with the sins of all the children of man, my locks are black as a raven;
- 2. When my children have sinned, Satan stands against me to defile and profane my name, and therefore my locks are black as a raven;
- 3. My head supports two kinds of people: those who disbelieve and subvert the truth, and those who believe in God, but disobey the truth. Because of these two kinds of people, my locks are black as a raven.

But your sins, my children, I have borne up. For this day is a day of the forgiveness of sins, this day is a day of salvation, and this day is a day for a wide door of grace to be opened to you! This very day, my children, is a day to open the fountains and cleanse you from sin! Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)"

5:12 His eyes are like doves beside streams of water, bathed in milk, sitting beside a full pool.

#### His eyes:

- 1. His eyes are full of living water of the Spirit.
- 2. His eyes are like doves, and his gaze over us is love.

The bride continued to bear witness about the beloved, and said:

- "1. The eyes of my beloved search all our innermost parts. (Proverbs 20:27)
- 2. The eyes of my beloved lighten our darkness. (Psalms 18:28)
- 3. The eyes of my beloved see, his eyelids test the children of man. (Psalms 11:4)
- 4. And the eyes of my beloved winnow all evil. (Proverbs 20:8)"

Beside streams of water: beside the living water of the Spirit. When led by the spirit, the church shall have living water. It shall be a church of God the Master, and a sanctuary of the Lord.

His eyes are like doves: that is, the eyes of the Spirit. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "'The eyes of doves' also represent my heart and my Spirit. When my eyes are on your heart, my Spirit will rush upon you, the lightning of the Spirit will be sent forth, you will have fellowship with me, and we will be one in the Spirit."

# His eyes are like doves beside streams of water:

- 1. His eyes ran to and fro throughout the whole earth, leading people into the ark.
- 2. The church led by him has his eyes, that is, those who have the gifts of the Spirit and the gifts as prophets. And the Lord is the Spirit.
- 3. Whoever reads the Scripture through the Spirit shall have living water flowing out from them.

Bathed in milk: His eyes are filled with truth, word, and living water.

Milk: is the word of God, the anointing of God (1 John 2:27), and the pure, spiritual milk, refined and purified seven times (that is, the word of God has been tested on the Lord Jesus). Therefore, his eyes are bathed in milk, sitting beside a full pool.

And the bride testified, and said, "My beloved will not look at you and me on his own authority, but through the truth and the Spirit he will look upon you, me, and everyone."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "In nature, an eagle created by God flies toward heaven; in church, the eyes made for me shall also be cleansed by the word of God, so that they will not miss their way, turning either to the right nor to the left, that they may lead my church to mount up, till they reach to the throne of God."

Sitting beside a full pool: His eyes are perfect, he winnows all evil with his eyes, and his judgment is righteous altogether.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "My eyes are the guides to the church, ranging through the whole earth. My eyes sit beside all the churches where I am the master and every place that is God's, like the eyes of an eagle, the eyes of a prophet."

The Spirit sang: Glory to God Most High on his royal throne, glory to God Almighty with his steadfast love, and glory to God in the highest!

5:13 His cheeks are like beds of spices, mounds of sweet-smelling herbs. His lips are lilies, dripping liquid myrrh.

The bride continued to testify for the beloved, and said, "The cheeks of my beloved are like beds of spices, his beauty and fragrance like the mounds of sweet-smelling herbs. His heart and his eyes are all in his church, for he is the good shepherd, and his face shines upon me (the church)."

## His cheeks are like beds of spices:

- 1. His cheeks give forth the pleasing aroma of life, drawing great crowds to come near to him and follow him.
- 2. When we open the Scripture, his word gives forth its fragrance, and his face shines upon us.

His cheeks: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "My cheeks are filled with words, the word of God. I chew and break it into pieces, and it becomes the revealed words, like the fine flour grinded by the Spirit, that is, the way of life by reproofs and discipline."

Like beds of spices: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Like the beds on the terraced fields, which represent the revealed word. I have prepared these beds one by one, until you come to eat." When we have fellowship with him and kiss him, he will feed us bit by bit, watering our hearts with the water of life, feeding us with the word of life."

Then a vision was seen: It was late into the evening, when the whole earth was at rest and quiet, and the bride was sleeping and taking her rest, and behold, the Lord Jesus, clothed in a white commander's garment, sat in a tent, made of white, fine twined linen, like the white tent in his chamber; and he sat there, reading the Scripture. The sister who saw the vision asked the Lord, "Lord, are you not weary?" The Spirit of the Lord answered, "I am not weary." For he is the God who will neither slumber nor sleep. When we are sleeping and take our rest, our Lord reads the Scripture, and he chews and breaks the word of God, prepares the beds one by one, until he feeds us bit by bit. And his mouth, while feeding us, gives forth its sweet-smelling aroma, which is, his love. And when we have eaten, we will also give forth this aroma like beds of spices.

Like... mounds of sweet-smelling herbs: His cheeks are fragrant, like mounds of sweet-smelling herbs.

Mounds of sweet-smelling herbs: refer to the feast given by the Lord. The Lord chews and breaks the word to make a wedding feast. Then another vision was seen: On a mountain there was a terraced field with many beds, and on top of the mountain there was a platform, that is, mounds of sweet-smelling herbs. And behold, a group of people, clothed in white robes, sat down in groups and ate with the King. They are at the marriage supper of the Lord, and they are the ones who love God, who desire to walk on the Way of Holiness, and who have become one with the Lord. (Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 19:7-9)

His lips are lilies: The bride continued to bear witness about the beloved, and said, "His lips are holy like lilies, clothed with power from on high, proclaiming the good news from the kingdom of heaven."

Dripping: His word proves true, like the distilled essence, giving life to man.

Liquid myrrh: His word is the word of life.

What was dripping from his lips is the word of life, the good medicine to heal all flesh, and his law. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3). This word has been experienced by Jesus, it is the spiritual milk that has been refined through him seven times.

5:14 His arms are rods of gold, set with jewels. His body is polished ivory, bedecked with sapphires.

His arms are rods of gold: The bride said, "His hands with the mark of the nails have become rods of my faith, but even more as a goal of my faith."

- 1. The mark of the nails in the hands of the beloved is to the bride a rod of gold. Gold represents faith, so it is a rod of faith; and it is also a rod of grace. This is the way of faith that the Lord has prepared for his people, so now with faith, hope, and love, he will lead his people before the Father of lights.
- 2. The mark of nails in his hands is the mark of victory, of love. Therefore what is in his hand is the staff of gold, that is, the golden scepter of mercy, the golden scepter of power, the golden scepter of authority, and the golden scepter of faith, hope, and love. With this golden scepter he will rule over the nations, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God (Revelation 19:13, Revelation 19:16). In his right hand he holds seven stars, which are his messengers; it means that he rules over and upholds each of his rods of gold which are his outlets. He will rule over his people with the word of God. This is the victory of the cross, the brightness of the cross, the authority of the cross, and the grace of the cross.

Set with jewels: The bride said, "This is the scar kept for me. This is the life lived in humility.

Set: To "set" requires one to set with flame, baking, and refining. This is the scar of the hole after the hands of the beloved were pierced by the nails of iron. This is the mark of love and the mark of his humility and obedience.

Jewels: refer to the fine, moist jewels (beryl); in spirit, it represents humility, as it is refined in the character of humility. Humility is one of the twelve attributes of Jesus. Humility is glory, humility is power, and the character of humility of the Lord Jesus abides in everyone in the New Jerusalem. Humility is the highest glory in his kingdom.

If we have the humility of Jesus we will obey the truth, that we might be always sanctified, and be always cleansed by the washing of water with the truth, until, in spirit, we are pure in heart and are one in peace, and then we shall have the character of the fine, moist jewels.

His body is polished ivory: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is my body, which is laid down for you. Do this as I have done it for you. Only by laying down your life do you prove that you truly love me, for only by laying it down, are you obedient in

remembrance of me. 'Polished' means given oneself up and broken, and 'Ivory' is holy and blameless."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "All the hardships I endured on the cross are the polishing from the heavenly Father." In the eyes of flesh, it was the scribes and the chief priests and the Pharisees who accused Jesus, and it was the Roman soldiers who flogged Jesus and crucified him, but the Lord Jesus received it all from the hand of God his Father.

The body of the beloved is so beautiful, and holy, like the ivory, but for my sake it was scourged with scorpions by the soldiers until the skin broke out afresh, like the polished ivory. Upon his body "the plowers plowed; they made long their furrows (Psalms 129:3)". 1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It was love that strengthens me, so that I may bear the affliction. All that I have done is by love." And behold, the Lord sang the word, "And all for loving you, beloved."

Ivory: Ivory is also a treasure to test the poison, as it has the function of discernment. At that time, whoever struck him, he knew; and why they struck him, he also knew. But because of the great love with which he loved us, he joyfully accepted it all. Therefore at that time Jesus could bear such grievous affliction, because he provided it out of the might of his heavenly Father by prayer.

Then a vision was seen: An elephant drew up water into his trunk and put it in his mouth, and then the trunk rolled around a log, and carried it away.

The trunk represents prayer, and the strength of the elephant is in his trunk . This indicates that, in that year, Jesus provided his strength out of the might of his heavenly Father by prayer, and it was by prayer that he could bear such grievous affliction, and it was by prayer that he carried away the log, and had forgiven all who flogged him and crucified him.

This is the beloved concerning whom the testimony of the bride was borne! This is my beloved!

Bedecked with sapphires: Sapphires represent obedience. His scars from the blows are the symbols of his obedience, as an eternal weight of his glory.

Bedecked with: It means that all his body were full of wounds, in demonstration of the obedience of our Lord Jesus to the will of his Father in heaven.

Bedecked: Only by refining with fire can it be bedecked.

Sapphires: represent the obedience and victory of the Lord Jesus. It also refers to the prize of the obedience to the will of the heavenly Father.

Bedecked with sapphires: Each stone represents a truth that has been lived. The beloved has prevailed, one by one, against various tests and trials and temptations, and

has done the will of the Father, and therefore was given these twelve stones. He has conquered, so these stones are bedecked on his body, as the twelve stones on the heart of the high priest, as signets for twelve pieces of truth and for the twelve tribes. And when we conquer, it shall come to pass that an eternal redemption shall be secured for us as the heavenly Father has planned. Also in the same way, the twelve stones of the New Jerusalem will be bedecked in the holy temple in the heart of the bride, that is, each truth shall be lived by imitating Christ, and experienced through the fire and the water.

Bruises upon bruises, and wounds upon wounds, behold, flowing out is his abounding love, by which the Lord has forgiven and welcomed us; bruises upon bruises, and wounds upon wounds, behold, so precious and noble have they become in the eyes of his bride, that her heart was captivated by their beauty, which is like the bedecked sapphires.

The Spirit sang: My Lord, my soul loves you, O Lord, I thirst for you! Draw me after your love, let my soul knit to yours. I need you, O Jesus, refine and purify me, that I may be yours fully! And touch me with your love, O Lord, that my soul may be yours completely!

5:15 His legs are alabaster columns, set on bases of gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, choice as the cedars.

His legs: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am the founder of truth, I am the cornerstone, and I am the foundation and the pillars of the church. My legs are the columns of truth, walking in the way of life.

Alabaster: represents holiness. There is no flaw in him, nor is there any blemish in him.

Columns: refer to truth. He is the Rock. He is the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through him.

Then we saw a vision: Behold, the legs of the Lord, one a pillar of cloud, and the other a pillar of fire, are full of light! All his steps are according to the truth and through the Spirit, and with the light his legs walk in the path of truth, among the seven churches. The churches must learn to draw out of him to become his bride of glory.

The bride said, "This is my Lord, this is my beloved, and this is him whom my soul loves. His might cannot be described, nor does it fail, and all that we need can be provided out of him."

Set on bases of gold: The Father is the foundation and pillar for the Lord, who sits with his Father on his throne after he was raised up to glory.

Bases of gold: that is, the throne of grace of the Lord. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Lebanon: a great, majestic, high mountain, representing the Lord Jesus, our mighty fortress.

His appearance is like Lebanon: Lebanon represents the holy mountain. The bride said, "Jesus is my mightiest mountain! He, only he, is my trust!"

Choice as the cedars: The bride said, "He has put on the choice as cedars, and the incense has gone out from him. Now if I walk in him I shall also give forth my fragrance."

- 1. His appearance is choice as the cedars, lofty and upright; he is the founder and perfecter of truth.
- 2. His appearance is choice as the cedars that give forth their fragrance of life, be it in the winds or the rain all around. Though he was rejected by the builders, he has become the cornerstone of the temple of New Jerusalem. And the temple is Him (Revelation 21:22).

5:16 His mouth is most sweet, and he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Here the bride continued to bear witness about how good her beloved was.

#### His mouth is most sweet:

- 1. His mouth is as sweet as honey, and his manna tastes like honey (Exodus 16:31-33). For in his mouth are the Spirit, the life, the authority, and the power. He speaks, and it comes to be; he commands, and it stands firm. As the word leaves his mouth, the dead is raised. (John 6:63, Mark 1:22)
- 2. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Blessed are you if you eat my words, believe my words, and do my words!"

He is altogether desirable: He is desirable because he obeys his Father in heaven; he is desirable because he is filled with the glory and grace from the heavenly Father.

Oh, Amen! Everything about my beloved is desirable! His whole body, from top to bottom, and from inside to outside, is desirable! For he wore the crown of thorns for me, his head is desirable; he walked through a path of life for me, his feet are desirable; he was crucified for me, the mark of nails in his hands is desirable; he was stricken for me, his wounds are desirable; he has honey and milk and supply in his mouth, and his mouth is desirable... Oh my beloved is He! He is my friend, and he is altogether desirable!

O daughters of Jerusalem: O all of you, who are built by the Lord!

This is my beloved: This is Jesus, to whom I have borne witness.

This is my friend: This is my close friend, whom I desire, I love, for I cannot live without him! I must exalt his name, and tell of his salvation, forever and ever!

When the bride bore witness about Jesus and exalted his name, she has led both herself and her hearers to the wells of salvation.

The Spirit sang: You are my portion of a lifetime, you are the pursuit of my days; you are the songs all the days of my life, and you are my familiar friend all the years of my life.

# **Chapter 6**

6:1 Where has your beloved gone, O most beautiful among women? Where has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?

O most beautiful among women: In chapter 5, when the bride exalted God, declared the name of God, proclaimed the glory of God, told of the grace of the beloved, and bore witness about Jesus who laid down his life for her and who has done everything for her, the daughters of Jerusalem praised her, and said, "You are the most beautiful among women." And because she made the good testimony about the Lord, she became the most beautiful among women.

The daughters of Jerusalem, who are the fellow workers of the church, praised the bride that she had spoken well, and said, "What you have spoken has made us understand with our heart, and be enlightened, that only the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and only the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, is salvation to everyone who believes." Thus, for a second time, they were brought before Jesus Christ.

Where has your beloved gone... Where has your beloved turned: The crowd continued to inquire more closely, and said, "O your beloved is so good, but where has your beloved gone? Where has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?" When the love of many has grown cold and turned back, and they cannot find the Lord, nothing will kindle a fire in their hearts but to keep count again of the grace of God and his salvation. For the love by the cross turns the heart back.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Wherever there are those who worship me in spirit and truth, there I will go; wherever there are those who thirst and hope and search for me, there I will go; wherever there is love, there I will go; and wherever someone loves me, to them I will turn."

That we may seek him with you: How then can we seek him out? The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Devote yourselves to prayer with one accord, and when you are secured through prayer, then the Spirit returns to the church, you have found me." For the Lord is the Spirit!

The Spirit sang: With one accord we are here to pray, descend from heaven, O the Holy Spirit of Pentecost...

6:2 My beloved has gone down to his garden to the beds of spices, to graze in the gardens and to gather lilies.

Has gone down to his garden: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I have come, that is, I have come to your heart."

The bride has experienced being with God, and now she knows that only by opening her heart to the beloved can she invite him to go down to the garden of her heart and come to her. This is to tell everyone: After you have prayed and reconciled yourself to God, first restore the garden of life of your own heart, and find God for yourself, then you may lead the women in church to seek God with you.

#### To the beds of spices:

- 1. Here the "beds of spices" refer to the heart of the bride, which is filled with desires to welcome the Lord, to open to the Lord, and to give forth its fragrance to the Lord.
- 2. Jesus has gone down, that is, he has entered into the innermost parts of a willing heart: a heart that desires to be set before God to serve him and to work for him, to sit with the Lord, to make known the mighty power of God, and to serve in the house of God with the Lord. These "desires" are the beds of spices that have opened to the Lord, and these blossoms of many desires are the beds of spices in the garden of the heart of the bride.
- 3. When Jesus has gone down to you, you will have life and truth, and you will understand the way, then you shall have peace and joy so that you may give forth your fragrance to the Lord.

#### In the gardens:

- 1. It refers to the church;
- 2. It represents the heart of man.

To graze in the gardens: Whether it is the heart of man, or the church, it is Jesus who shepherds them; it is the beloved who grazes, not man. (Men are only fellow workers with God.)

When the Spirit of the Lord is at work and grazing in our heart, even if we have been harmed somewhere in our soul, if we are still willing to open our heart to God again, and give ourselves to the Lord again at the place where we were hurt, and if we still desire to work with the Lord and render service with the Lord, with one accord (for your heart is the bed of spices), the Spirit of the Lord will heal us in the place where we were wounded.

To gather: to welcome, to choose.

Lilies: It means that they are holy and consecrated for the Lord. Every time the bride comes out of her weakness and out of herself, she has continued to lift up her eyes to the Lord, to weave intimately together with the Lord in the depth of her soul, and be drawn by the Lord without ceasing. Thus, she was lifted up in her spirit, step-by-step while with each step, cleansed by the truth; and in the truth, she is sanctified, and set apart as the holy lilies.

Then in a vision, we saw that the Lord gathered lilies in his hand, and he said, "Come! Come down to the gardens and graze with me." This is the second calling of the Lord. The Lord was calling to those lilies who are prepared for him, that is, who have made freewill offerings for him, to join the great harvest.

### 6:3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he grazes among the lilies.

I am my beloved's: The bride said, "I am not my own anymore, for my heart is the Lord's, and I belong to the Lord only." Once again the heart and eyes of the bride have returned to the beloved, and her spirit is strengthened and jealous again. It is the fire of love from God that has ignited her; it is the flame of the Holy Spirit that has lighted her.

And my beloved is mine: My beloved is not of the others, he is mine; My Jesus is not of the others, he is my Lord and my God. Now I and the Lord are heart to heart, one reflecting the other.

The bride said in her heart, "Now I have a one-on-one relationship with him, so we are no longer two but one, and it is no longer 'we', but 'I'. He was dead for me, and is raised for me, and he will come again for me. As he laid down his life for me, I ought to live for him. I, and he, he and I, no longer have a third person between us, for 'I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine."

Lilies: refer to the pure hearts and the holy and righteous churches.

#### He grazes among the lilies:

- 1. He is the holy God, who grazes in the holy hearts at all times, building the true tent.
- 2. He is calling his saints and his servants to graze with him, that is, by his holy trumpets and his holy mouth, he will proclaim the truth of God and his teachings, and reveal mysteries in the Scripture. He will graze among his chosen servants.

6:4 You are beautiful as Tirzah, my love, lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners.

My love: The bride is the one who has been refined for the Lord. By the refining as described in chapters 4 and 5, she searches and thirsts for the Lord even more. Though

she was bruised, and her veil was taken away, in the streets where she sought the Lord, still she has undertaken to seek and desire the Lord and bear witness about the Lord. She has led the daughters of Jerusalem to seek the Lord with her, to eat the bread of life with her, and to drink the living water of the river of life with her. Behold, her life has become even more transparent and bright, mature and beautiful.

You are beautiful as Tirzah: This is the praise and compliment to the bride from the Lord.

Tirzah: is a majestic city, beautiful in elevation. From the day when parts of Israel were cut off, until Omri king of Israel built Samaria. For fifty years, it was the head of the northern kingdom of Israel. At that time, the city was the greatest in its extent and watering channels, and the water ran in a moat around this fortified and beautiful city.

The Lord was praising the bride beautiful as Tirzah, like the city of the King, for she gave her testimony to the Lord with great boldness, and her heart would rather hold its holiness for the Lord, and therefore her heart was like the beautiful city. She walked in all the ways of the Lord, and her purity of heart was above all others, therefore the beloved praised her heart as being beautiful as Tirzah, and pure as the city of the King that shall never be moved. Her heart is the true tent built by the Lord and the beautiful palace made by God.

Lovely: This is a noble love, a love of a beautiful life.

Jerusalem: It is the head of the southern kingdom of Judah, the city of the great King.

Lovely as Jerusalem: "Jerusalem" refers to the peaceful habitation, the holy temple of God. It means that when your heart is lovely it becomes the holy temple of God.

Whatever the bride has met on the outside, in her heart she kept her desire, search, and thirst for the Lord, and therefore God saw her heart as being so lovely, lovely as Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the city of the great King, so also is the heart of the bride in the sight of God - O Jerusalem above, behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares God Most High. This is symbolic for his bride, who is like the radiant, beautiful sanctuary, who is the New Jerusalem, built by God, and who is the glorious bride of God. Behold, the heart of the bride has become the joyful Garden of Eden for God.

Awesome as an army with banners: as the guards of the emperor, full of dominion and fear.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The army is victorious because they trust in me with all their heart, they trust in me fully to conquer, and they wait for my commandments only."

The beloved describes his New Jerusalem as awesome, imposing, majestic, and fearful, for this is an army of victory; he also points out the strength of her inner being, as well as her great confidence without fear of her enemies, suffering, or death.

With banners: This is opened by the beloved, the Lord Jesus. The Lord has built his New Jerusalem, and he will adorn it with banners, and bare it before the eyes of all the nations: This is His church, His army, and His bride. When the bride is built, bound firmly together by God, she will become the holy city Jerusalem above. Psalms 122:3 Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

The Spirit sang: This is an army of victory, this is an army of praise, this is an army of prayer...

# 6:5 Turn away your eyes from me, for they overwhelm me— Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead.

This describes the bride's wholehearted hope in the Lord, trust in the Lord, and obedience to the Lord. In chapter 5 she saw the departure of her beloved, now she understands at once and has found God. She knows that all she has had, and all her help came from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. She understands that she shall hope in God for everything, and she no longer dares to do anything of her own accord. The bride said, "I will hope in him, and hope in him, and I will always hope in him." Psalms 121:1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

Turn away your eyes from me: When he was face to face with someone who looks to him, the Lord said, "Turn away your eyes from me, look to the Father, for I have done everything just as the Father taught me. And look to the cross, for only the cross is the foundation for bringing salvation for all people (Colossians 2:13-15)."

We asked, "Lord, what is the cross in your sight today?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The meaning of the cross is to die to the old self and be one with God. This is the will of God. The cross is the place where you shall deal with your old self and lay down your old self, as a sacrifice to him. The way of the cross is my way, it is a way of suffering, death to the old self, breaking of the self, and sacrifice, and it is also a way to resurrection, to life, and to heaven.

The cross is a sign for the sacrifice of the believers. The cross that I bear, you will bear. Those who live in the frames must be crucified and die to the old self, and walk on the same path with me.

The cross also includes all unjust treatment, which if you will endure and bear for my sake, the great power of the cross will be shown in you. This is the great power of sacrifice, death, and love, and this is the cross."

Then in a vision we saw that the Lord Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called Golgotha.

Finally, the Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The cross is the will of the Father. When you look to the cross, you are looking to the great power that raised me from the dead, to the mighty power of the heavenly Father."

For they overwhelm me: The Spirit of the Lord said again, "Turn away your eyes from me<sup>13</sup>, look to the Father, and look to the great power of the cross and the resurrection. Everything that I have done is for the will of the Father, for loving the Father, and for loving you. And because of love, I willingly submitted to the will of the Father. In those years my flesh on earth was also weak, and it did not want to die (Luke 22:41-45, Hebrews 5:7-8), but all these were done because of the love for the Father and the love for you. It was love that strengthened me, so that I could obey the will of the Father. Therefore, all these things were actually done by the Father, according to His will, and therefore you shall look to the Father. When the end comes, I will deliver the kingdom to God the Father, for it is the Father's kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:24)."

Such is the embodiment of the obedience and the humility of the Lord Jesus. In those years when he was in human form on earth, he humbled himself and exalted the Father; today his Spirit has come, and yet he still humbles himself and exalts the Father. When the life of the bride is built, and when this luxurious, great kingdom of heaven is built, Jesus, this King of the kingdom of heaven, who is still with such humility, will deliver both the kingdom and himself to the Father. He has given us an example, for he is the goal that the Father has set up for us, so that we may imitate the obedience and the humility of our Lord Jesus, as he has showed us on earth.

Your hair: "Hair" represents obedience, which means that the bride is able to imitate the beloved and obey every truth.

Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead: The bride is able to obey and walk valiantly in all the teachings of God, and this strength came from her imitating the beloved to fall down before the LORD (to be humble and obey), from her quietly waiting for the LORD (quiet and pure in heart), from her leaping down to enjoy God and the grace of God, so that she can quietly eat of the word of life from God in green pastures, and from her connecting to God (through prayer, reading the Scripture, fellowship, tacit understanding of God, and meditating on the word of God). This is truly a lovely life.

6:6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes that have come up from the washing; all of them bear twins; not one among them has lost its young.

<sup>13</sup> When the Lord Jesus revealed to us, "Turn away your eyes from me, and look to the Father." It was impossible for us to understand, so we argued with the Lord for a long time, "But you are our goal, for apart from you who can we look to?" Here we have seen: our Lord Jesus is so humble that we cannot even imagine! Behold, he has built the bride, and delivered the kingdom to the Father, and all he has done is to bring us before the Father. The Lord has taught us to pray like this: "Heavenly Father, O Father, our Father in heaven!" The Lord Jesus is truly our

goal, our perfect example. Let us be imitators of Him!

The bride is now built. How was she built? She was

The bride is now built. How was she built? She was built by continually hoping for the Lord, longing for the Lord, and imitating the Lord. Since she is built, the Lord brings her before the Father. Now the bride and the Lord has become one, so she will look only to the Father. But before we are built, we shall look to the Lord, and look to him without ceasing, so that we may provide out of him the power to conquer, and become the conquerors!

Your teeth: She chews and eats the word of God repeatedly, day after day.

A flock of ewes: refers to a group of shepherds and preachers who have been called out by God. The more ewes eat, the more abundant milk they will give. Today if you eat more of the word of God, you will provide even more of the spiritual milk to others.

Your teeth are like a flock of ewes: For the shepherds and preachers who have been called out by God, what shall you do to be abounding in the anointing? Your teeth shall have the power to chew, and you shall eat of the word of God daily, consider it repeatedly, break the word of God into pieces, understand it, eat it, and walk in it, so that it may become life and power to your bones, and then you will be able to feed others. Eat more, so that you may give more milk, and provide more abundantly to others.

Have come up from the washing: Renewed by the Spirit and the truth, making the old root of the first creation obsolete.

Have come up: Eaten up, lived, and then spoken.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When my servants humble themselves and keep in step with the Spirit, they will enter into God's river, the water of life, that is bright as crystal, that which will wash away all the filth of my church, and cleanse the leprosy (the defilement of sin, and the sinful nature) from everyone. Whoever has come up from the washing of this river of faith is like an infant, born of water and the Word, who has become my glorious bride, who will enter the kingdom of God, and become one with me."

All of them bear twins: The bride chews the word of God, which is both of the letter and of the Spirit, which is a sharp two-edged sword, with life, power, and authority.

The Spirit of the Lord continued to reveal, "For those who have come to this stage of life:

- 1. They all have experienced a rebirth, with desires for the kingdom of God (John 3:3).
- 2. They are all born of water and the Spirit, destined to enter the kingdom of God, and to have me reign in them (John 3:5).
- 3. All of them can bear and multiply, and they are eloquent and ready to feed. (A vision was seen that they were feeding children who were two or three years old. These children were very hungry and thirsty, each holding a small bowl. The bride was feeding them bit by bit, and asking them, 'What is the matter with you? What are your symptoms?' Then she prescribed the word of God to them, pointing out certain chapters and certain verses to them, and prayed for them.)

4. It means that the hands of the bride have power to heal, release, preach, and fight against the wolves, and they are effective both literally and valiantly.

This is a group of shepherds who have no fear of death, they are the true children of God, and they are the glory of God."

Not one among them has lost its young: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Not one of my words has failed; all of my words will pierce through the heart of man, for the Word has been fulfilled. This also refers to the full truth.
- 2. No one among them has miscarried, and no one has died; all of them are saved, and it is the truth of God that gives them life.

6:7 Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil.

Your cheeks: represent the thoughts and intentions.

#### Veil:

- 1. Refers to the human mind, which is part of the tent of your body. When you are cleansed by the Word, your veil is removed. 2 Corinthians 3:16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.
- 2. "Veil" also represents the false mask. When your thoughts are not clean, not peaceful with others, but rejoice at wrongdoing, you are behind your veil.

Like halves of a pomegranate: meaning each seed is clear as crystal, and transparent, and all have come from life. Pomegranate symbolizes that the seeds are pressing in on one another. The Spirit of the Lord charged us, saying, "Love one another. Whatever restraint there is, your thoughts must be blameless, and you must love. Only love can remove the veil that is over your thoughts."

Finally, the Spirit of the Lord reminded us, "Be careful, lest you fall in the schemes of the devil. Beware of false prophets, and do not be deceived by your veil, but make a distinction between black and white. Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, but you shall distinguish between spirits (Psalms 119:104-108), until you all attain to the unity of the faith (Ephesians 4:11-16)."

The cheeks of the bride are like halves of a pomegranate. What is in the pomegranate?

6:8 There are sixty queens and eighty concubines, and virgins without number.

Coming from the same pomegranate, there are sixty queens and eighty concubines, and virgins without number.

Sixty queens: A vision was seen: Peoples of different languages, clothed in different garments, held each other by the hand, and behold, they were leaping and dancing, all together, like brothers. The Spirit of the Lord revealed to us, "They represent all peoples and tribes, and they are the heads of each tribe, the firstborn of sheep, and the forerunners, who are the leaders of the church I have chosen from all nations. Therefore, be united, all of you!"

Eighty concubines: The Spirit of the Lord revealed to us again, "Every one of them is a chosen mouth of mine, to spread my words among the lands as preachers. Coming from all nations and tribes, they are the ones who love me wholeheartedly and desire to follow me on the way of life (the way of sanctification). These are all my children, who are pure to me, who are willing to endure suffering and sacrifice with me, and who are my good and faithful servants."

They are the good stewards of the church, but not perfect. Though "sixty" and "eighty" are plenty, they still represent imperfection, for only "seven" is the perfect number ("seven" refers to those who are cleansed by the full truth, who are born of water and the Spirit, and who are to enter the kingdom of God).

Now the thoughts of the bride is renewed by the word of God, and behold, they are transparent, and are able to bear "sixty queens", "eighty concubines", and "virgins without number", so that they are all one in Christ Jesus.

Virgins without number: From all nations and languages, those who desire only the Lord, who love the Lord without turning away their hearts, and who are pure and betrothed to the Lord, are the virgins.

To summarize verses 7 and 8, the Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Because the bride has been through the judgment by the Spirit, having been judged and cleansed by the water with the word, her veil has been removed, and she is no longer a head to herself, and she no longer looks upon anything on her own, but lets me reign completely, now she has become one with me. Behold, her thoughts and intentions are so transparent and clear, that she now has my heart as hers, with her heart reflecting mine. Unity begins first with thoughts, in the thoughts of the bride. When no one thinks on his own authority, but all let me be the head, naturally we will be one. This is my beloved bride.
- 2. Since every thought of hers has come from the salvation, and her every intention has come out of life, her thoughts are my queens, and her intentions are my concubines, and all the cells of her body are my virgins without number, and thus her thoughts and intentions are one with those who belong to me.
- 3. When she let me be her head and is one with me, her thoughts are clear and transparent, and in her mind, she will be in love, unity, and connection with my queens, concubines, and virgins without number. Therefore, unity, love, and connection begin in the head. First, let me be the head, then you may be

one with the sixty queens and eighty concubines, and virgins without number."

Ephesians 4:15-16 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

6:9 My dove, my perfect one, is the only one, the only one of her mother, pure to her who bore her. The young women saw her and called her blessed; the queens and concubines also, and they praised her.

My dove: refers to those who are led by the Spirit.

My perfect one: the one who imitates the Lord.

We asked the Lord, "How can we become such a one?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Look to me every hour and every moment, then you are the conqueror, the perfect one."

The only one: refers to the people and the church who will regard the Lord as their master, that is, the Jerusalem above.

The only one of her mother: is the only one who is born of the Spirit, led only by the Spirit, united fully with Christ. It is the one, who lives by the Spirit, and keeps in step with the Spirit, that is, the New Jerusalem.

Pure to her who bore her: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The Jerusalem above is born of me, came from me, and is pure to me. I am pure to my Father, and all I have done are as the Father has taught me, for I and the Father are one. O Jerusalem above, I have found her after my heart, for she and I are one, and she is my betrothed bride!"

The young women: refer to the children of Jerusalem, now referring to the brothers and sisters of the church.

Saw her and called her blessed: How can one not envy those who have such a good relationship with God?

The queens: represent the church leaders chosen by God from all nations.

Concubines: refer to the pastors and preachers chosen by God from the lands.

The queens and concubines also, and they praised her: When these leaders, pastors, and preachers saw that the bride has such a good life and such a good church, they were not jealous, but they admired and praised the word of God. Then a vision was seen: A group of people lifted up their hands, praising God, and they were praising the church where Jesus is the master, the true tent built by Jesus himself, and the New Jerusalem made by God the Father.

Then the Lord revealed to us another vision: When the crowd was praising and admiring the bride, but behold, the bride was looking to the Lord only, and she lifted up her hand to the Lord, and said, "O LORD God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty, I love you!"

6:10 "Who is this who looks down like the dawn, beautiful as the moon, bright as the sun, awesome as an army with banners?"

Who looks down: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It was I who looked down, and I looked down upon the bride to test the works and character of my bride. Behold, both the character of her inner being and her external works have appeared, shining as bright lights! All of them were clothed in white linen, beautiful as the dawn."

Like the dawn: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. They are like the sun that has just risen, on eighth or ninth hour in the morning, and like the fire that was just kindled, shining brighter and brighter, growing greater and greater.
- 2. The new heavens and the new earth are yours, as you are my first-fruits, and I am your strong rear guard." James 1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures.

#### Beautiful as the moon:

- 1. Where does the moon shine? In the night. For the moon does not give its own light, but reflects the light of the sun. Likewise, you yourself do not shine, but who abides in you so that you may shine? It is Christ!
- 2. The Spirit of the Lord revealed again, "Here is my church, and behold, the more darkness she is in, the more she shines! She is a church full of light and brightness, looking to the cross. This is a troop that reflects the brightness of the cross, being the light in the darkness, beautiful as the noon (Isaiah 60:1-3)."

Bright: Having been refined and purified, they are all red (that is, burned thoroughly, refined, and purified), and will be made into swords, sharp knives, and the new equipment for reaping the harvest.

Bright as the sun: bright and pure, as a life lived fully in the attributes of Christ. All that she sees is light, is the love of the Father, for she is without flaw, without blemish, and without wrinkle, and behold, she is the church in splendor, shining like the sun!

Isaiah 60:1-3 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Matthew 13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Who is... awesome as an army with banners: This awesome army is the army of the LORD of hosts, and Christ Jesus is the commander of the Army of the LORD. Every one of them in this army is a mighty warrior who lifts up his face to God.

The Spirit sang: (Psalms 24:7-10) Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

6:11 I went down to the nut orchard to look at the blossoms of the valley, to see whether the vines had budded, whether the pomegranates were in bloom.

I went down: The beloved went down.

The nut orchard: meaning a whole unit, the whole orchard of walnuts. Why is the nut orchard a parable for the church of the bride? The walnut looks ordinary on the outside, but inside it is full of nourishment and supply. The walnut has a very high value as a refreshment, as the walnut kernel nourishes the brain, and its membrane helps with sleep... and it has many other values as medicine and food.

Walnuts are ordinary on the outside, each covered with a green coat, like the brides, each wearing the robe of humility. Humility is the power of God, the cover of God, representing the abundance of life. To enter the gate of the kingdom of heaven, the beginning of the attributes is humility.

Humility is the highest glory in the kingdom of God, and it is the glory of God. In the latter days, the true children of God will become more and more humble, while the weeds will become more and more haughty and visible. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "In those years when I was on earth, I had no form or majesty, and I was but a lowly carpenter. My bride also has such attribute of mine."

I went down to the nut orchard: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It means that my heart and my Spirit have gone down into the heart of the humble, for I, myself will supply their heart. The church of the humble is my glory, and I will go down to such churches and become their supply in every way.

To look at the blossoms of the valley: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

"1. This means that although the life is already good, God will still test it. My true tent and my kingdom are without flaw, and only when they are built can they be delivered to the heavenly Father. Like David, who already had his life abundantly when he was old and advanced in years, but still he was tested once again with a young woman (1 Kings 1:1-4). This is to refine repeatedly, and to try repeatedly, until you have become pure gold.

2. Not only that my bride has put on a robe of humility on the outside, I will also go down inside of her, to see if she has truly humbled her heart. 'To look at the blossoms of the valley' means that I will look and see if she has grown the finest, heavenly blossoms, and if she has gained the life of humility, the life of greater abundance."

To see: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am the one who sees."

Whether the vines had budded: Vines bud in the spring, when the winter leaves and the spring comes, which means that the old is dead and the new is alive, as life being renewed continually. The beloved loves his church, so he nourishes and cherishes and tests it. We asked, "How do you test?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "True gold is not afraid to be refined by fire." A new life of the bride, and a new church of the bride, shall be refined and tested, repeatedly.

Whether the pomegranates were in bloom: At the same time the bride is refined, the Lord will continue to examine her. How to examine? By things and people around you, by stirring up a condition against you, and see whether your thoughts are still transparent, whether you are still holy, whether you will still endure, forgive, and desire to connect with him. The beloved wants to see: Have the twelve tribes become one in the Spirit? Do they truly love one another? The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I really care about my church, every hour and every moment."

6:12 Before I was aware, my desire set me among the chariots of my kinsman, a prince.

Before I was aware: While you were tested, you were seen as having peace, love, unity of mind, and brotherly affection in you, yielding fresh fruit each month. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the one who truly loves me, for she keeps my words, and before I was aware, my heart was drawn to her, and I have made my home with her. John 14:23-24 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me." 2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

My desire: refers to the Spirit of the LORD (Isaiah 40:13).

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Every hour and every moment, I pray for my church, I am with my church, and I am with my bride."

Set me: meaning to dwell, to be settled. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will dwell in the heart of my bride, for inside of her, all the impure things that have been made have been removed, by water with the word, refined and tried, again and again, and her heart has become a kingdom that cannot be shaken."

My kinsman: who is distinguished to be in a place of honor. The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. For whoever loves God and does the will of my Father in heaven is my father and mother, and my beloved brother and sister, and they are of one heart with the LORD.
- 2. The firstborn is one, one alone; so also is my bride, who is one, and one alone."

Among the chariots of my kinsman: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the chariot with white horses (Zechariah 6:3), which is my true church, my New Jerusalem."

Set me among the chariots of my kinsman: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will dwell in a heart that loves God and does the will of my Father in heaven, so will I settle in a church as such. I honor such a man and I honor such a church, for this is my church and this is my bride. I am with my church, and I am with my bride."

6:13 Return, return, O Shulamite, return, return, that we may look upon you. Why should you look upon the Shulamite, as upon a dance before two armies?

Return, return, O Shulamite: The daughters of Jerusalem were saying, "Return, return!"

Why did they ask the Shulamite to return?

- 1. For behold, Shulamite has gone to reap the harvest with her beloved, seated in the chariot with white horses.
- 2. They regard Shulamite as their idol: Behold, how good she is! How much she loves the Lord! This is to look to man more than God.

Shulamite: The root of the word means:

- 1. Person:
- 2. Secure (peaceful);
- 3. Perfect.

Shulamite represents a perfect, new person, who is created after the image (which has the attributes of the Lord Jesus) of her creator, in true righteousness and holiness.

Return, return, that we may look upon you:

Here the Lord asked us:

"1. Who did you come to the church to see? People or God?

2. If you look to man, your life will always be the same, and you will fall away; if you look to me, and only to me, your life will change, and you will never fall away."

## Why should you look upon the Shulamite: The Spirit of the Lord asked:

- "1. To whom are you looking? The leader? The anointed one? What have you seen? Why not rather look to God?
- 2. No matter how strong others are, it is not your strength; No matter how close others are with God, it has nothing to do with you, and it does not represent your fellowship with God. You must look to God and seek God for yourself, you yourself must have a living one-on-one relationship with God, and you must follow in my footsteps."

## Look upon:

- 1. When you "look upon" others, you stop moving forward. The army of the Lord has gone forward, but he stopped there, looking upon others as upon a dance.
- 2. They are the ones who will sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play, and play as they go, but never set their heart to seek God. They stopped going forward, and thus are out of sync with the army of the Lord.
- 3. Do not look upon others, but find your own place. Wherever you have gifts, there you shall serve God faithfully. Do not look upon others with good lives, lest you worship them as idols; do not look upon others without good lives, lest they pull you down. Look only to God and follow God. Learn today to forget what lies behind you and strain forward to what lies ahead, pressing on toward the goal, for only the violent will take the kingdom of heaven by force.

(Mahanaim): by the letter it means "two camps, two armies" (Genesis 32:1-2), which refers to the heavenly and spiritual army (Colossians 3:2-4) and the earthly and humanly (of the flesh) army (Colossians 3:5-6). The heavenly army sets their minds on things that are above, seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness (Matthew 6:33); the earthly army sets their minds on things that are on earth, seeking the good things of the flesh, seeking what they are to eat and what they are to drink and what they are to wear, and people like these are the Gentiles in the sight of God (Matthew 6:31-32). Ezekiel 44:9 Thus says the LORD God: No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the people of Israel, shall enter my sanctuary.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am concerned for you every hour and every moment, so you shall move forward every hour and every moment, and meditate on the promise of God every hour and every moment. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in God, and set your mind on the things of God, every hour and every moment, without ceasing."

Finally, whether you are in the day of prosperity or in the day of adversity, look upon no other, nor their lives, nor any circumstance, but look to your only goal, so that you may press on forward. This is an advice to those who were looking upon the Shulamite.

Do not be the one chasing the light, but be the one in the light.

Thanksgiving prayer: Our beloved Abba, Father, our graceful Lord Jesus, thank you, for only you are worthy of praise! Behold, a new creation of human appeared, and the brides are built, all by the wisdom and grace of Abba, our Father, and by the fruit of the labors of our Lord Jesus. Only by the Lord Jesus can all these be done. O our beloved Lord! Thank you for being an example to us in all things, and thank you for being the first representative of this new creation of humans. You are so gentle, humble, and obedient, O Lord, you are full of grace! The bride you have created is the only New Jerusalem, and only such a bride can be betrothed to the King of kings, so that she may dwell in you all the days of her life. Your measurements have not decreased, from before all times until now. By no means is it what the tradition and religion have told us: We will be the bride as soon as we believe, and we will be the New Jerusalem as soon as we have faith. We have seen your standard, O Lord, for it is the standard of God. You have told us in 1 John 3:2: Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him. because we shall see him as he is. O Lord, keep us in your name, so that we may be purified like you, so that we may become your bride in the new self. In the holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

## Chapter 7

In chapter 4, the beloved praised the bride, beginning from her eyes, which means that to become a life of the bride one must begin to look to God. Then she saw the kingdom of God and the glorious beauty of God, which ignited her desire and hope for God, until she followed God steadfastly.

In this chapter, the beloved praised the bride from the sole of her foot to the crown of her head, and he praised her, beginning from the sole of her foot, because the bride has walked with the soles of her feet on the ground, on the way of life; and she has followed the Lord Jesus Christ, with the soles of her feet on the ground, to enter the kingdom of God.

7:1 How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O noble daughter! Your rounded thighs are like jewels, the work of a master hand.

O noble daughter: This is the one who loves God, and who is loved by God, who is after the heart of God, and who has entered the light. (Psalms 45:13-15)

How beautiful are your feet in sandals: For the one who has entered the light, where is her beauty? The beauty of the noble daughter is in her feet, in her feet that are in sandals, for her feet are on the ground when she follows the Lord on the way of life. All her steps are according to the will of God and she is obeying the Lord, therefore her feet are in sandals.

Sandals: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "These are my betrothal gifts for her. Because she wears them, she it is who is my beloved; and since she has my commandments and keeps them, it is she who loves me.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed again, "Today I will give you the sandals, provided that you love me. For only the one who loves me can wear these sandals, and only those who hear the word of truth and believe, and who are on the path to life, can wear these sandals. These are the shoes of the gospel of peace given by God. (Ephesians 6:15)"

Your rounded thighs: meaning the thighs are full, full of power. This is because the noble daughter has continued in the way of the truth, stable and steadfast. Her rounded thighs come from her following closely in the footsteps of her beloved, and her desire to deny herself, to lay down her old self, and to follow the beloved in the ways of the cross.

Like jewels: Jewels are stones that represent humility, gentleness, steadfastness, and observance.

Your rounded thighs are like jewels: The beloved is praising the one who is walking in the way of the truth steadfastly, who can do so because of her attributes of humility, obedience, gentleness, steadfastness, and observance. It is with these attributes that she can walk in the way of life, and that she can walk well in the way of the Lord, so that the more she walks, the more powerful she becomes. Such a one is loved by God, as the apple of his eye.

A master hand: Refers to the hand of the Mighty One, the LORD.

It is the work of a master hand, the work of the hand of the LORD in her.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The work of a master hand: made into vessels of gold, or of silver or any vessels of different kinds for honorable use. The "noble daughter" is she who is the vessel for honorable use, the work of a master hand.

The Spirit sang: To you, O LORD, do we lift up our soul, and earnestly do we seek you! For we are your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus. Our soul waits for you, O LORD, to give us the precious word, so that with the anointing oil of the Spirit, be it fulfilled in our hearts!

7:2 Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat, encircled with lilies.

Navel: refers to the midpoint at which the whole body and the whole heart join; the vital point for life. The navel of a child is joined with his mother, so is the navel of the noble daughter with the Spirit. And behold, with the mighty power of the Spirit, she never lacks mixed wine.

Your navel is a rounded bowl: We saw in a vision a small cup of the wine, full of the grace of God, which are the various gifts of the Spirit from heaven, for God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3). The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Let your life be coupled, associated, and joined to me, and I will make your cup overflow (Psalms 23:5)."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Grace in the world is a frame (if one believes in Jesus only for the good of the flesh, such a building is a life in the frame, a church in the frame), but what is fulfilled in the church of the bride, in the rounded bowl of the navel of the noble daughter, is my grace of the Spirit.
- 2. This cup of grace is full of precious wine, and this wine is the anointing, that is, the anointing of power, the anointing of faith, the anointing of hope, the anointing of healing, the anointing of release, and the anointing of prophecy, like the fountain of living waters." Therefore, collect a multitude of the true grace, which is every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Never lacks mixed wine: It means that if your heart trusts in the Spirit and Jesus, the Spirit will mix the wine for you, that is, he will mix faith with the word, the truth with the Spirit, and blessings with life. If you put your trust in him daily, you will never lack mixed wine, for he will make your cup overflow.

## Your belly is a heap of wheat: The Spirit of the God revealed:

- "1. The belly of the noble daughter is strong, strong like a heap of wheat. Wheat represents food, the word of God. When you observe my words by the Spirit, you have let the "word" abide in you, at the same time retaining the grace of God and the anointing of God.
- 2. Wheat also represents the grain that has not been grinded into fine flour, meaning that man has not fully understood the truth of God. Only by the grace of God and by the Spirit can one grind the wheat into fine flour, so that he may understand the truth of God, and eat it. This is the Word revealed by the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit. 'For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life' (2 Corinthians 3:6). The Spirit is the word revealed by the Holy Spirit, and it is the Spirit that has made known my words and my heart, so that your heart may be enlightened, so that you may have a closer fellowship with God."

How to grind the wheat into fine flour?

- 1. Be steadfast in reading the Scripture and prayer (read in prayer). Before you read, have a fellowship with God (by worshiping, praising, and praying), then, after you are closely connected with God, read the Scripture, and read in prayer in the light of God, so that God may reveal his words to you layer by layer, like opening a pancake of a thousand layers. Such is the word revealed by the Holy Spirit.
- The word revealed by the Holy Spirit is the fine flour. Eat up for yourself first, then add to it the fire of the Spirit, cook it, and it will become the bun for others.

Encircled with lilies: meaning you are now encircled with witnesses.

Lilies: Represent holiness. It means that when you eat up the word of God you will have the attribute of holiness, and you will have witnesses about your life from those

around you, for every word out of your mouth will come from the fountain of holiness. Jeremiah 15:19 Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them."

Your belly is a heap of wheat, encircled with lilies: It means that the new wine is put into fresh wineskins, so that you may become the holy trumpet, to declare the message of the heavenly kingdom of God.

## 7:3 Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

Your two breasts: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When you have eaten up my words, your two breasts will be formed, full of the anointing of the Spirit, ready to feed others."

Like two fawns: "Fawns" pant for flowing streams, representing a mature life, which pants for the word of God, thirsts for God himself, and Jesus Christ is her fountain of living waters.

Your two breasts are like two fawns: Life matures from a thirst for God (thirst for God himself, his words, and the Spirit), by which your two breasts will be filled with an abundant supply, full of the anointing of the Spirit.

Gazelle: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It represents those preachers who are full of the anointing of the Spirit and of faith. The anointing of the Spirit is my power and my faith."

#### Twins:

- 1. Born again after we confessed our sins and repented, when we first believed (John 3:3).
- 2. Born of water and the Spirit, having been cleansed by the washing of water with the word (John 3:5).

Twins of a gazelle: This noble daughter is a preacher who is full of faith and the anointing of the Spirit. Not only is she born again to SEE the kingdom of God, but she is also born of water and the Spirit, to ENTER the kingdom of God, to submit to God.

7:4 Your neck is like an ivory tower. Your eyes are pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim. Your nose is like a tower of Lebanon, which looks toward Damascus.

Your neck is like an ivory tower: This describes the neck of the noble daughter as very white, pure, and strong.

Like an ivory tower: Ivory can test the poison, representing the discernment of the Spirit. Ivory also describes those who are pure, white, holy, precious, and strong.

Tower: is tall and strong, with the ability to look to God.

Your neck is like an ivory tower: The neck of the noble daughter is pure and white, holy and strong, because she is willing to bear the yoke of the truth. She has taken root in the truth, and looked to God steadfastly therefore, in front of any different doctrine or false way, she has the discernment of the Spirit, for she is now mature, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that she may no longer be carried about by every wind of doctrine.

Your eyes: refer to the eyes of the noble daughter that are good for fighting and retrieving, as the eyes of an eagle, or the eyes of a prophet.

Heshbon: is the city of Sihon, the king of the Amorites. Literally, it means "instruments, schemes".

Bath-rabbim: is the name of the city gate. Literally it means "daughter of multitudes". In those years, Moses made Israel go out and fight until they took Heshbon, and gave this city to the tribe of Reuben the firstborn of Jacob (Numbers 21:25).

Pools... by the gate: It means that there is a large cistern from which the whole city drinks. Though the cistern was hewed out by man, its water is sure, for at its bottom there is an opening of the spring that springs up water. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This means that although you are reading the Scriptures by yourself, if you pray earnestly and look to me, I will be your foundation of living waters. Behold, there is living water above, but you also have a spring in your heart." Then in a vision we saw an opening of the spring, spring up from the bottom, and that was the supply in your heart by the Spirit of the Lord. "Do not look only to the opening of the spring, which is provided by me, but look to me!"

Your eyes are pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: The eyes of the noble daughter are bright as crystal that can see from far away, that can see the truth and see it clearly. When she sees the word of God clearly, she will understand the heart of God, and therefore will truly know the LORD.

Do you want to have the eyes of the noble daughter?

- 1. Whatever you see before you, learn to fight and retrieve, and then you shall have water to drink. Fight along the way, and conquer, and with the Spirit with you, you will understand the word of God more and more.
- 2. If a shepherd has the spiritual gift to prophesy, learn not to look to people or circumstances, but pray earnestly, and look only to the Lord, then you shall have water to drink.
- 3. If you believe in God, God is before you. Let Jesus be your eyes when you read the Scriptures, then you shall have water to drink, and a vast supply for others.

Your nose: Nose is where the air goes through, meaning prayer is the path through which one reaches to God.

Which looks toward Damascus: Damascus is a city, and it literally means "the judge". The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "On his way to Damascus, the great light of the Spirit judged Paul, and behold, there Paul was released, and was made into my vessel for honorable use, being much more bold to preach my truth, to carry my name before all people (Acts 9:1-30). Only he who falls to the ground in my light, like Paul, overcome by the light of the Spirit and turned back by my words, can receive the new anointing and mission from me."

Lebanon: a white mountain, an intensely white, spiritual high mountain.

A tower of Lebanon: It means that a tower of prayer, built on the spiritual high mountain.

Your nose is like a tower of Lebanon, which looks toward Damascus: When you have reached to God through prayer, God will give you light, and when the Spirit comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8-11), and when you repent, you will reach to the spiritual height, joined to the LORD.

Then we saw a vision: behold, a big elephant was kissing a great white tree with its trunk! The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This great white tree represents my body, and the boughs represent all my members. They are the ones who will pull the chariots for the house of God, all of them majestic steeds, each taken of a hundred as shepherds and preachers, all of whom possess gifts, for they have made a covenant with me. I have called them to my holy mountain to receive my judgment. My word of judgment will remove all that remains by the will of man, all that is of the flesh, and my Spirit will burn up all the wood and the hay and the straw, and I will build the New Jerusalem. I am the truth, I am the light, and I am the Spirit. Anything that becomes visible is light, therefore whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. After the judgment, these majestic steeds will become preachers like Paul, as a group of true prophets who have died to their old self.

7:5 Your head crowns you like Carmel, and your flowing locks are like purple; a king is held captive in the tresses.

Your head crows you: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Her head is the one that let me be the King. Though her head is on her body, she has a close fellowship with me."

Carmel: It literally means "fruitful, garden; God's vineyard". It represents the holy mountain of God, the treasure of God, and the place where God is King.

Your head crowns you like Carmel: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

"1. Whenever you let me be your head, you will have the fruitful garden in you.

- 2. When you no longer belong to yourself, your head will be my Mount Carmel, my fruitful garden, and my treasure. You are mine and all your thoughts and intentions are mine, your head is my throne." "Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, and above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne." (Ezekiel 1:22, 26)
- 3. When Jesus is your head (1 Corinthians 11:3), you will have living waters, anointing, and wisdom, coming down directly from the throne to supply your needs, so that you are filled with revelation.

Like purple: The hair was black, but because of the love and obedience to God, it turned so red that it is like purple.

"Purple" means having the glory of God, an honor given by God.

Your flowing locks are like purple: The noble daughter now has the honor and glory from God, because she loves and obeys God.

Then in a vision we saw God holding a winnowing fork in his hand (Matthew 3:12). We asked the Lord, "Why is he holding a winnowing fork?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "There is no more winnowing, for the chaff is no more ('the chaff is no more' means that there is no longer any deceit in the life of the noble daughter)." But we saw God picking and choosing in the winnowing fork with his hand, clearing it of little stones. We asked the Lord, "Why did you pick out the little stones?" The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The little stones refer to the Scriptures that are not revealed by the Spirit, but are spoken according to what seems good to oneself. There are no more great mistakes, and all the impurities and fabrications and dealings have been winnowed out of life." Then we saw again, behold, the beloved blew with his mouth, and removed the little feathers out of the winnowing fork, and behold, it is now indeed flawless! The Spirit of the Lord continued to reveal to us, "Now no impurity has remained, for after being picked and picked, and chosen again, the noble daughter has become a good soldier of God, chosen out of a hundred."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When I say one, she does not say two; when I walk ahead, she follows my footsteps from behind (a vision was seen: many people were walking in the great footprints of the Lord, and when they have passed, behold, the footprints on the ground were like those from one person, without a second line). This is my noble daughter, my bride, the New Jerusalem that I will build."

A king is held captive in the tresses: Because of the obedience of the bride, the heart of the King is held captive. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "If you listen and obey me on all things, I will never leave you. My Spirit will abide in you, to eat with you, and you with me."

7:6 How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights!

O loved one: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "She has become my loved one because of her obedience. The noble daughter is my loved one, so is my church, those who do the will of my Father in heaven, and those who are led by the Spirit."

How beautiful: How beautiful and pleasant the "obedience" is in the eyes of the beloved!

Pleasant: It means whoever obeys God knows the mind of the Father. Such a one is pleasing to God.

With all your delights: Whoever obeys God will find delights in the sight of both God and man.

## 7:7 Your stature is like a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters.

Your stature: It means that the stature of the noble daughter has matured, for she only desires Jesus and trusts in Jesus in every step she takes, therefore, her stature can grow to be like a palm tree.

Like a palm tree: Palm trees are known to be straight and hard; every year a covering of their old skin falls and a layer of new skin comes up. It represents the life of the noble daughter, who looks to Jesus continually and is renewed constantly.

Your stature is like a palm tree: Every step up is new for the noble daughter, for every step is renewed, and in every step she is determined to ask for the Lord, trust in the Lord, and look to the Lord. There is no end to this way of life, as Paul has said, "Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)."

Your breasts are like its clusters: When the stature of a palm tree is matured, the breasts are formed. "Your breasts" refer to truth and love. When you eat up the truth, you will walk in love, for love is its fruit. The clusters of a palm tree can be crushed to make palm oil, which tells us, that the noble daughter not only has eaten the truth, but also has been tested by the truth for seven times.

Like its clusters: It means that the breasts are full of milk, ready for feeding. Then a vision was seen, that the breasts were facing down, dripping milk, one drop after another, and behold, many children were holding their cups, receiving the milk.

Your breasts are like its clusters: Now the noble daughter has not only the abundance of life, but also the riches of milk. The word of God and the supply of God never runs out when you eat, and never fails when you use it, for they are full of the grace of God. And God provides for her directly from above, because the Lord has become her head. Galatians 1:12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

7:8 I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its fruit. Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples,

I say: The beloved says; the King says.

The palm tree: Here the palm tree represents the victorious life and a victorious church.

Fruit: refers to the church leader.

Lay hold of: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will lay hold of you."

I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its fruit:

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. The church of the noble daughter is a victorious church, and the noble daughter represents the leader and messenger who have prevailed. I will come to her and lay hold of her heart.
- 2. I will enter into the heart of my messenger, and by my messenger, lay hold of every fruit."

Then we saw a vision: The Lord was holding a thick rope (refers to the truth), standing on a palm tree on the mountain. And with the rope, the Lord was pulling the men up, one by one. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I love my leader and my church, and I will lay hold of them, and guide them, with the truth. It might appear that the leaders and the messengers are working, but it is I, I and my messengers, who are working together."

Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine: When a mature life is built by God, it becomes a channel for God's supply for good works, to turn many to righteousness (Daniel 12:3). Here "you" still refers to the noble daughter, as well as a good leader and messenger of the church.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "May the leaders of my church teach well, shepherd well, and do well, leading my church to conquer. Such a church shall have the good works and the victorious fruits. Revelation 22:12 Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. A healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. What have come from this church are sweet, good grapes, which are the good works from life, which are the fruits of a conqueror. This church has glorified my name, giving forth its scent." (John 15:16)

Glory to God! Glory to God Most High!

The Spirit sang: Glory, glory to the Lord Jesus! Glory, glory to the Lord Jesus, for he is the Savior of all people! Glory to the Lord Jesus!

Your breath: represents the prayer of the noble daughter.

The scent... like apples: It refreshes the heart of men, bringing peace to them.

The scent of your breath like apples: It means that the prayer of the noble daughter is the prayer of a conqueror, and the prayer of this messenger refreshes people and brings peace to them. The scent from a prayer that is after the heart of God is like an apple, pleasant, peaceful, and merry to the heart of man.

7:9 and your mouth like the best wine. It goes down smoothly for my beloved, gliding over lips and teeth.

And your mouth like the best wine: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Flowing from the mouth of the noble daughter are the words of anointing, which are the messages coming from the throne, to heal, to release, with my great power. These words of anointing coming directly from the throne are the best wine.
- 2. When one worships and praises God in spirit and truth, he is sending the best wine to God."

This is because that the bride usually has a close fellowship with the beloved, and she prays always, with the Lord being her head. Her head has become the treasure of the Lord, therefore, her mouth is like the best wine.

(She said): The noble daughter said.

It goes down smoothly for my beloved, gliding over lips and teeth:

What does it mean by saying, "It goes down smoothly"? It means that you shall do as God has told you, and walk as God has commanded you. No matter how difficult the circumstances are, for the sake of my beloved, I will accept, be thankful, and praise. This is what it means, in saying, "It goes down smoothly for my beloved".

Like Paul and Silas, who were praying and singing hymns to God (Acts 16:25), that was to "go down smoothly for my beloved"; when the three friends of Daniel were in the burning fiery furnace (Daniel 3:16-30), that was to "go down smoothly for my beloved"; when Peter was sleeping peacefully between two soldiers in prison (Acts 12:6), that also, was to "go down smoothly for my beloved."

The Spirit of the Lord continued to reveal, "When you let it go down smoothly for me, you have gladdened my heart, and my grace will glide into you. When the bride receives the grace from God, and then let it flow out of her mouth, it will have the power to revive those who are in deep sleep, that is, to glide over lips and teeth (of the sleeper)."

(The sleeper): refers to those who are blind in spirit, who wears themselves out groping for God.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. When you go and help those who are blind in spirit with faith and love, as you did it to them, you did it to me, and thus you have given delight to my heart.
- 2. When you let my words glide over the lips and teeth of the sleeper, to revive and heal them, you have made my heart glad. My words are the good medicine, healing to all the flesh, but you must heal yourselves first, then you may cure the others.
- 3. I have many children who are spiritually asleep, because they received the words of grace, the words of ease, that is, the false gospel. Proverbs 1:32

  For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them. Therefore, eat my scroll, and let it go down smoothly and willingly (Revelation 10:9-10). When you have eaten, your heart will be merry, and I will be pleased; when you preach it through me, and let it glide over the lips and teeth of the sleeper, my heart will be more pleased than ever."

## 7:10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me.

I am my beloved's: The noble daughter said, "I am my beloved's, and I love him. I want to abide in his words, for I belong to him, I thirst and hunger for him, and I hope in him. I have taken from his hand the ministry he has given me, at the same time I am being entrusted with the stewardship and the burden. Therefore, the noble daughter said, "Lord, send me, for I am yours!"

And his desire is for me: Now the bride is heart to heart with her beloved, and the two meet together.

I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is a couple that have met and loved each other, heart to heart. They are the lovers who have taken the heart of God as theirs, who have set their minds on the things of God, and who are of one mind with me."

### 7:11 Come, my beloved, let us go out into the fields and lodge in the villages;

This is a lover who is of one mind with the beloved. She said, "Come, my beloved, I want to work together with you!" Now we saw a vision: behold, the bridegroom and the bride were going out into the fields, hand in hand.

Let us go out into the fields: It means that now she can work with the Lord, walk with the Lord, and dwell with the Lord.

#### The fields:

1. In the sight of God, "The fields" refer to the fields that will be sowed by God, a place where a house will be built, for God will build a New Jerusalem, on the foundation with gold, silver, and precious stones.

2. In the eyes of man, "The fields" represent the desolate heart of man and the uninhabited church, a church that cannot be shepherded and raised. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Though people here have believed in me, they did not build their life in the truth, but rather on the foundation with wood, hay, and straw. This is a church that is built on the outside, in the frames, full of the will of man. However, there are a group of people who seek me and want me here, where I will sow and reap."

Then the noble daughter said, "I want to work with the Lord, I want to walk with the Lord! As long as the Lord is with me, whether in good or bad condition, I will go with my beloved. Wherever the beloved goes, there I will go; whomever the beloved loves, whom is my beloved."

The Spirit sang: Wherever you go, wherever, there I will also be with you. Your kingdom is my house, for I am already yours.

The villages: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is a place of poverty and want in spirit, where there is only the letter, not the Spirit, nor is there any work by the Spirit. But there are also those who seek me and desire me."

And lodge in the villages: It means that the noble daughter and her beloved will dwell together. This is a person whose desire is for God. She and God, are like form and its shadow, never depart from each other; where God is, there is she with him. Though the villages are poor and lacking, there are a group of people who seek God, desire God, and thirst for God, therefore, the beloved will no longer leave, but stay there to shepherd, lodging with the noble daughter. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I will tear down all the structure of the frames, and I will build this church on my rock. Each one of you shall begin with your own household. Husbands, love your wives; wives, submit to your own husbands. All of you, honor your father and mother, obey the truth and the Spirit, listen to your shepherds in the church, and love one another, while you are on the path to life. This is a construction built on the foundation with gold, silver, and precious stones; this is a building of life. Only a church like this will be one with God, and only such a church may enter the kingdom of God."

7:12 let us go out early to the vineyards and see whether the vines have budded, whether the grape blossoms have opened and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.

Us: refers to the beloved and the bride; you and the Lord, I, and the Lord.

#### Vineyards:

- 1. The garden of the bride's heart, of a person's life.
- 2. The church of God.

Let us go out early to the vineyards: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Every morning I wait for you, to have a fellowship with you, to enter the vineyard of your heart and see whether your life has grown and has been renewed."
- 2. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "If you rise early every morning and pray for the kingdom of God and the house of God, your heart has gone out with me to the vineyards."
- 3. The bride (noble daughter) said, "Let us, I and the Lord, the Lord and I, go out early every morning to the churches, to shepherd, to sow, and to work in the land."

See: It means that the bridegroom and the bride are to keep it and work it, for the bride and the Lord are now of one heart.

And see... whether the grape blossoms have opened: For a leader or messenger who works with God, he shall be concerned with God for the life of the church, on whether it has grown, changed, or been renewed.

Whether... the pomegranates are in bloom: The Lord and his bride will inspect his church together and see whether they have loved one another, whether they have manifested the glory of God. For by this God is glorified, that the churches have love for one another.

There: refers to the fields, the villages, the vineyards, including the prayers in every morning.

There I will give you my love: The bride said, "O my beloved, I do it all for the sake of loving you! You are my only one, you are my life! For your sake, my beloved, whether it is in the fields, in the villages, or in the vineyards, in every morning, I will give you my love. For I do it all for the sake of loving you!"

The Spirit sang: Let me give you my heart, O Lord, let me give you my love, all for my love for you, my beloved, which is my true value and purpose.

7:13 The mandrakes give forth fragrance, and beside our doors are all choice fruits, new as well as old, which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.

The mandrakes: are a kind of fruit that stirs up desire.

The mandrakes give forth fragrance: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The beautiful love has come." The bride said, "This beautiful love is that the Lord has died for me, and I will live for the Lord. This beautiful love is the love of the cross that controls me, so that I may zealously love God, love man, and love his church."

Beside our doors<sup>14</sup>: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be 'beside our doors'. Here it means that one has entered the kingdom of God."

Doors: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "To enter the door means to have life abundantly. Doors are where God and man unite and dwell together, where God and man enjoy each other forever. When you enter by the door you have entered the innermost part of the heart of God, doing the work of God with God. The doors also represent our beautiful hometown, our splendid paradise."

Are all choice fruits, new as well as old: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Only the sheep that have entered by my door can bear these fruit. He who has entered my door has entered into Christ, into the kingdom of God, and such a one will bear fresh fruit every month, all choice fruits by the Spirit, new as well as old. 'Fruits' refer to the lives that have been lived, meaning that they have manifested my various good attributes. The Holy Spirit will lead you to send out his light, and let your spices flow, which are all choice fruit 15 by the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)."

Which I have laid up for you, O my beloved: The bride said, "I love you, O my beloved! I love your attributes, I love your character, and I love your words - I love you altogether! Because of love, I desire to obey your words; because of love, I want to manifest your attributes; and because of love, I will bear all these choice fruits, which I have laid up for you."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I have accepted your heart, for you are my bride, you are my sister, you are my beautiful one, and you, my bride, are my delight!"

The Spirit sang: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God! I lift up my soul to you, O LORD, and I ponder your grace. Lead me to your Most Holy Place, let me find you! Lead me to your Most Holy Place, O LORD, and let me be delighted in your presence!

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> When one believes in the Lord, having confessed his sins, repented, and is born again, he has entered the door of the sheep (John 10:7), but he has only entered into the outer court, into the protection of Jesus (John 3:3). After one has believed in the Lord, if he continues to eat the words of the Lord through the Spirit, and having been cleansed by the washing of water with the word, he will enter into the kingdom of God (John 3:5). Here the "door" means that it is through the cross that one may enter into Christ, into the kingdom of God. (John 10:9)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Fruit in Galatians 5:22 is singular, the 9 portions are like individual segments of a mandarin.

## **Chapter 8**

Who was speaking in chapter 8? Was it the beloved? The Holy Spirit? Or the bride? How wonderful, how profound it is! To be careful, several of us, fellow workers with one accord, devoted ourselves to prayer, seeking God, looking to God, and inquiring of God.

God is our Help in time of need. His light continues to enlighten us, and the Spirit continues to reveal for us. In chapter 8, behold, it was the one who has entered into Christ completely, appearing in the form of Christ! It was the Shulamite who was speaking; but it was also the Holy Spirit, and the beloved, who was speaking, for they have become perfectly one. To whom was she speaking? She was speaking to the daughters of Jerusalem, to the brothers of the church.

8:1 Oh that you were like a brother to me who nursed at my mother's breasts! If I found you outside, I would kiss you, and none would despise me.

You: refers to you, who have entered into Christ.

Like a brother to me: here "me" refers to the one who has taken the form of Christ, who is the bride.

Oh that you were like a brother to me: The bride said, "Oh that you all were like Christ, that you all put on the life of Christ, that you all were lovers of my beloved, that you were with him heart and soul, and that you all had entered into the kingdom of God, into the glory of God!" Now the bride has appeared in the form of Christ.

My mother: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It refers to the heart of the LORD, the seven spirits of the LORD, which is the Holy Spirit."

Nursed at my mother's breasts: The bride said, "The one who is born of the Spirit, led by the Spirit, and united with the Spirit, is the one nursed at my mother's breasts." The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "May you all receive the words from above, may each one of you receive the same kind of food, may all of you abide in the teachings of the anointing, and may you all walk in the same way of life with me."

Outside: It means that for those who have not entered into Christ, who are uncircumcised in heart and flesh, and who do not truly know God, they are on the outside.

If I found you outside, I would kiss you: The bride said, "Wherever I go, and if I found someone who was still outside, but his heart desired to receive the teachings of the anointing, and to walk the way of the cross, I would kiss him."

What does it mean by saying, "I would kiss you"? The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "That is, to impart my words to him, make known to him the path of life, be his shepherd with your life, and, with the love of Christ, love him. Whatever stage of life he is in, just love him."

And none would despise me: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Who shall despise such a one who loves God? You have walked in love, who would despise you?"

Like Jesus in those years when he was with the prostitutes and the tax collectors, who could despise such love?

8:2 I would lead you and bring you into the house of my mother— she who used to teach me. I would give you spiced wine to drink, the juice of my pomegranate.

I would lead you: We asked, "Who would lead whom? The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the bride who would lead the brother. No matter who you are today, and no matter what influence you have, remember this: you shall bring the person before God, and let him reconcile with God (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)."

Bring you into the house of my mother: This is the bride who will bring the brother to come to the knowledge of the Spirit, and bring him to the church led by the Spirit.

The house of my mother: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It is the church where I reign and where I am the Master. They live by my Spirit, and also keep in step with my Spirit, and such a church is the house of my mother." Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Desert the false gospel and false teachers, and I will lead you into the kingdom of God, let you receive the word of life, and guide you to the feast of my life."

She who used to teach me: This is the Shulamite who was speaking. She wants to receive the teachings, although she has become a bride, she still continues to eat the word of life.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "To the humble I give my teachings, but to the proud I give nothing."

I would give you: Here "you" refers to the one who is willing to receive the teachings.

Spiced wine to drink, the juice of my pomegranate: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This calls for a walk in the truth of love, to deny oneself, and to die to oneself. It requires that each seed shall offer its free offerings, to sacrifice, to lay aside oneself, to break oneself, not seeking one's own glory, so that it may be crushed, pressed, and blended into the juice of a pomegranate, which is then made into spiced wine; only the one who humbles himself to receive my teachings can drink this spiced wine made from the juice of the pomegranate. This means that when the fellow workers love one another, and their gifts serve one another, it will make known the glory of God greatly, and the Spirit will open the way exceedingly, releasing the revealed words abundantly, so that all who desire to receive my teachings may drink the spiced wine made from the juice of the pomegranate."

The revelation of the two scrolls, the Song of Songs and the Revelation, is the spiced wine made from the juice of the pomegranate, the fruit of the work of the whole church together with the Lord.

Spiced wine: It means that there is no more self, for everyone uses his gift to serve one another, with all workers gathered together as one, joined with the Spirit, and the words thus revealed is the spiced wine.

I would give you spiced wine to drink, the juice of my pomegranate: This refers to the whole church, the true children of God, who are the sons of God, who have humbled themselves to receive the teachings. They are willing to break themselves, to remove the temper and the water from their own lives, and to discard their conceit, so that in the end they will blend with one another, love one another, and, as a whole, put on the life and the fragrance of Christ. Because they steadfastly long for God, hope for God, and desire to receive his teachings, the Spirit would give them spiced wine to drink, which is the juice of the pomegranate.

8:3 His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me!

His left hand: refers to the might and anointing of the Spirit.

My: refers to the bride.

Under my head: This means that the head of the bride is controlled by the Spirit completely.

His left hand is under my head: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. The might of my Spirit will open her mind to understand. Shulamite is the one who has entered Christ, who has put her trust in God completely. She believes that the left hand of the LORD, that is, the mighty power of the Spirit, will bear her head up.
- 2. My left hand is under her head, so now her head has become a computer of heaven (a parable given by the Lord), empowered by my Spirit. When the

might of my Spirit is within her, her mouth is my mouth, her eyes are my eyes, her teeth can chew my words, and her five senses are the screen of this computer. She can cry or laugh, speak or sing (in the Spirit), all by the works of my mighty power. (Then a vision was seen: behold, a word was written on the screen of the computer: Obedience.)

3. Because she is willing to obey, I will lead her with the mighty power of the Spirit."

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

His right hand: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It represents the authority of my words, that is, my truth, and the truth will set you free." Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Embraces: upholds, by his truth.

His right hand embraces me: her whole being has been borne and carried by God.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. The one who has entered Christ, leaning back against me, I will embrace her, and I will uphold her with my truth. It is because of her faith that I do valiantly, showing my authority.
- 2. My words raise the dead. Lazarus was raised from the dead, behold, the one who desires to live, I will make you alive! You are a new creation of my words, bearing the life of heaven. And behold, you are the new self, a spirit with life, who will make known my mighty power.
- 3. You are mine, you belong to me, and you are the exceedingly perfect bride that I have created. You are about to manifest my glory."

8:4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.

O daughters of Jerusalem: still refer to all who are being built by God.

I adjure you: This is the Holy Spirit and the bride adjuring the daughters of Jerusalem.

Not stir up or awaken love: that is, not by the hands of man, for love is awake when it pleases. Therefore, do not awaken my beloved (referring to this brother) by the works of man.

It: refers to the brother.

It pleases: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It means that the self is willing to offer for the sake of love, and desires to follow me in the way of life (to walk in the way of the cross), as it pleases, for love shall not be forced!"

In the Song of Songs, such verse appeared three times. In verse 2:7, the bride was saying, "Do not use the hands of man, for God has his own plans, his own 'appointed time', and his own authority. I shall wait until the beloved himself awakens me." In verse 3:5, it was the beloved who was saying, "I will draw you after me, but if you will not run, I will not force you. I want you to make a freewill offering."

Until it pleases: In this verse, the bride and the Spirit were adjuring the daughters of Jerusalem, "Do not use the hands of man, let the love of this brother awake as it pleases, until he makes his freewill offering for the sake of love. To walk the path of the Lord no one shall force anyone, but all shall come by their own free will."

8:5 Who is that coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved? Under the apple tree I awakened you. There your mother was in labor with you; there she who bore you was in labor.

It is the Shulamite, who is coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved! Likewise, this verse is telling the brother how to come up from the wilderness: lean on the beloved closely, hold fast his hand, then you may come up from the wilderness.

Leaning on her beloved: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "That is, leaning on me, leaning back against me. My bride leans on me in everything, submits to me in everything, and prays for me in everything. Whatever she encounters, she holds fast my hand and will not let it go! For in the heart of my bride is this firm belief: 'His left hand will be under my head, and his right hand will embrace me! It is he who has carried me and pulled me up. Everything is done by my beloved, glory to him!' That is how she has come up from the wilderness, leaning on me."

The wilderness: is the only path to a mature life. As it was described in chapter 3, the great and terrifying wilderness, a dry and thirsty land, is full of fiery serpents and scorpions, but it also has the pillar of cloud, the pillar of fire, the manna, and other supplies, for the grace of God is always sufficient for us (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, Deuteronomy 8:15-16). The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The wilderness' refers to a stage when one does everything according to his own will, according to his own righteousness, when one is wayward and full of the temper of a wild donkey (Jeremiah 2:24-25). It is also a stage when Satan oppresses and afflicts people (Mark 1:12-13). But, at the same time, in the wilderness there is the company of the pillar of cloud, the pillar of fire, the grace of God, and God himself who is with us, as well as his revelation, his guide, his supply, and his words. So then, it will depend on whether the one in the wilderness will know how to lean on me, for he who knows how to lean on me will come up from the wilderness into victory. (Isaiah 35:1-2)"

Who is that coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The one that is coming up is the conqueror, the church I love, and the bride whom I have loved.

- 1. The seven churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 represent the churches of today on earth. Though they are not blameless, they have become conquerors and come up from the wilderness, leaning on me. These conquerors will enter into the glory of heaven, as described in chapter 4.
- 2. The church in Revelation chapter 4 refers to the conquerors who will come up from the wilderness, and become the church of heaven, the church of the air, and the church that is to enter the kingdom of God, to worship before the throne, and to minister in the kingdom of God.

I: refer to the Spirit and the bride.

You: still refer to this brother

The apple tree: represents Jesus Christ, as well as his attribute of humility, and his words.

Awakened you: Awakened are those who are in deep sleep in their spirit, who are at ease in life, and all those who eat the bread until they are satisfied, and all those who enjoy the grace for the flesh.

Under the apple tree I awakened you: The Holy Spirit has come, to set you free, and the word of God has come, to revive the soul of man (Psalms 19:7-8). The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "You have carried my name, but you have done things of your own accord, and you covet enjoyment and ease, because what you have heard before was the false gospel and the words of grace. Today I have awakened you under the apple tree, and given you the word of life, so that you may understand suddenly, and know that you are called not just for what is good on earth, but you are the ones with missions!"

The Spirit of the Lord asked again, "Are you truly awakened? If your soul is not awakened, it is not a true awakening. He who is truly awakened knows the calling from God." Therefore, for those of you who are truly awakened, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, when you receive your calling. In a vision, we saw a multitude who have received their calling, walking northward (meaning willing to bear the affliction, and walk in the way of the cross), and behold, they were each carrying a great trumpet on their back. The Spirit of the Lord revealed again, "You shall be preachers like Paul." For the Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth (Psalms 50:1-5), and calls his true children to accept his calling, to bring others into the kingdom of God, for the time has come for the grains to be gathered into the granaries. Behold, under the apple tree the Holy Spirit will awaken you, my beloved brother!

The Spirit sang: Full of faith, full of hope, and full of joy, is the army of the LORD, behold, they are passing over the Jordan, carrying the Ark of the LORD. The LORD is with them, to possess the land, and let this message spread over all the earth.

Your mother: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It refers to the Spirit, and the church that bore you, as well as the shepherds, leaders, and preachers."

In labor: It means that one is truly and willingly serving the LORD.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The Spirit is in labor for you, I am in labor for you, the intercessors are in labor for you, the shepherds are in labor for you, and we all are serving you, children of God."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Respect those shepherds, for whoever respects them respects me. They are in great toil, and there they are in labor for you (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)."

There she who bore you was in labor: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I have come to the earth from heaven, I have lived for you, died for you, was buried for you, went into heaven for you, and will come again for you. I will neither slumber nor sleep, but I will pray for you, in labor, twenty-four hours a day. Truly, truly, I will most gladly spend for you. In all things, I have shown you as an example, but how much have you become as I am? Arise, and labor! Your mission is in your very presence!"

The Spirit sang: I saw that the throne of the LORD, has come down to the land of promise. And out of the throne flew rivers of living water, giving moisture to the south, north, east, and west. People from all languages looked, and behold, Jesus will release the earth! Then a multitude of workers arose, to bless all the earth. Glory! Hallelujah! Lift up your hands to God the Father, thanks be to him for his wondrous great love, that has come down to the land of promise! Glory! Hallelujah! Lift up your hands to God the Father, thanks be to him for his great love beyond all comparison, that has come down to the land of promise!

8:6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD.

Set me as a seal upon your heart: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I have already set my bride as a seal upon my heart, and I have written your name, which is in the book of life, on the tablet of my heart. I urge you, today, set me as a seal upon your heart!"

We asked the Lord, "What shall we do to set the Lord as a seal upon our heart?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

"1. You shall remember my words every hour and every moment, and manifest my glory through my words. You shall look to the brightness of my cross, and

make known the great power of my resurrection (only by your denying the old self and dying to the old self may you proclaim my glory). When you manifest my words every hour and every moment, it shall be like a seal, and never again shall it be lost; like the engraving of a signet, and never again shall it fall. The bride has engraved this sardius on her heart, and has become one with the seal of God. Galatians 6:17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. Revelation 7:2-4 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

2. This seal, on the forehead, says, 'Truth and Holiness', and whoever has this seal is the conqueror, the victorious church; if you have this seal you are holy and without blemish. But now you have not yet achieved this, however, I believe in you, so hold firm, and hold fast, and you will conquer ('hold firm' means that the Lord commands us to hold the faith of God)!"

Upon your arm: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is a mark that anyone can see, a mark that the bride has taken on the mission for the sake of loving me. When one reaches the stage of the bride, like the priesthood of a high priest, he will bear the missions and the duties of the twelve tribes (Exodus 28:29)."

As a seal: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "That is, you are engraved with a signet, you are mine, and this is confirmed." It is like in the army in the former days when the horses of the army were seared with an iron seal, testifying that the horses of the army belong to a certain division.

As a seal upon your arm: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This means that the bride loves the bridegroom, and she has accepted the mission from me, carried the heavy burden from me, raised my signal, and followed me firmly to go forward. This is the one who loves God, for she has taken on the mission, received what God has entrusted to her, as a seal upon her arm. This is the church with a mission, a group of children who bear the burdens." Now is the time for the revealing of the sons of God (Romans 8:19).

Then a vision was seen, behold, a man was carrying a great banner, as he went on ahead, and many followed behind him, carrying small banners, shouting as they go, "Conquer! Conquer!" They are the ones who have taken the burdens of the Lord and the missions of God as seals upon their arms.

For love is strong as death: The Spirit of the Lord asked, "I have been crucified for you, for my love is strong as death, will you walk the way of the cross and lay down your old self for me?"

We said, "We will, O Lord, we will also love you as strong as death!"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "If you will love me as strong as death, I will burn you with the fire of love, for you were made out of dust, and I will burn you with the fire of love until you are clear like glass, without alloy, without dirt, and as transparent as me."

We asked, "What does 'transparent' mean?"

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "When you understand the Lord, and the Lord understands you, you have been burned into one. Then you will know the mysteries of God, your heart becomes bright, and everything becomes transparent: transparent gospel, transparent truth, transparent messenger, and transparent New Jerusalem, all burned into one, for this is the power of love, for love is strong as death."

## Jealousy is fierce as the grave:

Jealousy: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I the LORD am a jealous God, you shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3-5)

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is love with jealousy, like the love between a husband and a wife, when suddenly, one day, one of them had a third person, and the other lives worse than being dead because his heart is in torment - this is the love with jealousy. The jealousy of God comes from his godly love. I loved my church, to the point that I gave myself for her - this is the most godly love between earth and heaven."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "To see those whom God loves going down to Sheol is a cruel thing for God." Like an old man losing his son, which is a cruel thing to him

The jealousy of God is different from that of man. The jealousy of man comes from passions and envy, but the jealousy of God comes from love and holiness. When men have sinned and acted wickedly, it will rouse the jealousy of God, for these sins will bring men to Sheol, into the lake of fire, away from the presence of God forever (Revelation 21:8).

Its flashes: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It refers to the flashes and power of the word of God. This is the authority of my words, for my words are like flashes that can pierce to the division of joints and of marrow (Hebrews 4:12). I rule over all, and my flashes will pierce through the world, to the end of the earth. Wherever the flashes are, there it will become bright. My voice goes out through all the earth, and my words to the end of the world (Psalms 19:4)."

Are flashes of fire: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am the flame that can reach the heavens above and the earth below; I can pass through the heavens and crush Sheol. I am a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap. Malachi 3:2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. Whoever wants to be refined, I will sanctify you, so that you may become the transparent glass; whoever wants to be bleached, I will make you without flaw and without blemish, like Him who created you.

The very flame of the LORD: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am a consuming fire, the very flame of the LORD (Hebrews 12:29), and I will wash away the filth of my children by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning (Isaiah 4:3-4). I am able to kill and to give life, but I will test and see whether you are obedient. I am waiting for you to obey, and when your obedience is complete, I will punish every disobedience (2 Corinthians 10:6)."

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Only my love is genuine, for all that I have I will give for you, for I count the world as loss because of the surpassing worth of a soul, and it was of my own will that I went on the cross for you, and suffered flogging and shame; this is the love that many waters cannot quench, neither can floods drown it; this is the love that I have given to you. I also wait for your love to me, which is the love that many waters cannot quench, neither can floods drown it."

Love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Love is in your inner being, it becomes hot within you." In a vision, we saw that the fire of love was burning straight up, full of strength, and the floods came, and the winds blew, but it was not quenched, because its strength was exceedingly great, and behold, this fire of love from the heart was blazing upward toward God!

Many waters cannot quench: Here the waters refer to the mocking and scoffing of many.

Many waters cannot quench love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "The fire of love is in your heart, as a true love that cannot be quenched, no matter how great are the waters or how much is the scoffing. The fire of love in your heart blazes straight up toward God, and it cannot be shaken even by thunder. It is like me on the cross, while the crowd was spitting on me, cursing and shouting, my love was not shaken even by thunder."

Floods: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It refers to the flood and tribulation in the world, as well as every wind of doctrine and deceitful schemes." Then in a vision we saw the waters of Noah, with its waves roaring, each mightier than the former one, beating on that ark, and behold, the water is earthy yellow, like the water of the Yellow River. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This is the flood of religion, a tribulation. This means that, at the end of the age, the true children of God will be attacked, and the natural will persecute the spiritual (Galatians 4:29), the false women will persecute the true women, and the great red dragon and the beast will persecute my true church (Revelation 12-13)."

Neither can floods drown it: This refers to those who truly love God, and no flood is great enough to drown their love to God.

If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "What I want from you is not the material, but your heart - come, my beloved, and love me!"

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If a man offered... all the wealth of his house: This wealth refers to what is external, what seems good to one's own eyes.

Offered for love: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Love is not offered by money, nor is it bought with a high price. This holy love cannot be exchanged for money, and no matter how much money it is, this love between you and me cannot be exchanged."

Would be utterly despised: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This love is the love of complete sacrifice; it is a love of faithfulness, a love from within oneself, and a love that cannot be exchanged. If a man offered money for love, not only would he be utterly despised, but your very own being would also despise yourself." If by the love to God you are willing to offer money, time, and energy to support the work of God, it will be remembered by God.

8:8 We have a little sister, and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister on the day when she is spoken for?

From this verse, we see that the bride began to work together with the Lord, with one accord, upholding a newly risen sister.

We: are the prophets, prophets of God, and we are the pillars of the church, sons of the LORD.

We have a little sister: This is a fresh sprouting leaf of the vine. It refers to the newly risen co-workers, whose lives are still immature, but they are the rising stars of the church.

Breasts: represent the maturity of life. When one has eaten the water with the word, her life will mature, and she will have breasts. But the little sister has no breasts yet.

She has no breasts: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It means that she is not fully grown. Though she has received my words (and accepted them), she did not walk in them. Her faith and love are not mature, and she is not ready in the truth."

On the day when she is spoken for: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. It is the day of preparing, the day to get yourself ready.
- 2. It refers to the day when she is called to work for me.
- 3. It is the day to weave the fine linen as a wedding garment for herself. The day when you are spoken for is the day when I will see if you are ready in every aspect of your life, for I will come to take you."

## Wedding garment:

- 1. Tunic: to equip, to do everything for the Lord in your heart. It also means that the attributes of Christ dwells bodily in you.
- 2. Cloak: refers to the act of righteousness (the good deed) that is brought out to light.

Then in a vision we saw a wedding garment missing a sleeve on the left. The Spirit of the Lord revealed to us, "Neither truth nor revelation shall be missing, by this you may weave your fine linen well." Today we shall have not only faith, but also the works; we shall not only be led by the truth, but also be guided by the Spirit, so that we may weave our fine linen well. (Missing a sleeve on the left means missing the guidance and revelation of the Spirit.)

What shall we do for our sister: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "These are the ones who are to prepare the bride for the Lord. The kingdom of heaven is taken by the violent. If you are not violent, and you have no breasts, how can you become a bride? I want you all to prophesy, not wishing that any should be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal, for if you have not love, you are a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

8:9 If she is a wall, we will build on her a battlement of silver, but if she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

A wall: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It represents the one who can protect the church, like the pillars of the church, the watchmen of the church, and those who carry the burden for my house, who are faithful to me, who has my heart as his, with his mind set on my things, and who have missions. Anyone who serves the Lord faithfully in the church is a wall, and the wall is the heart of man. However, this little sister is not yet a wall."

Silver: represents the salvation of God.

A battlement: represents a watchtower.

We will build on her a battlement of silver: Facing the little sister, we shall build on her a battlement of silver with the salvation of the Lord. This is the prayer and watching for the little sister, given by the bride and her fellow workers before God.

1. Pray with faith for the little sister (the prayer of faith truly has great power).

- 2. Build her up with truth, with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone.
- 3. Help her with love, and, as an adult sheep loves her baby lamb, love her, carry her, strengthen her, and keep her, so that she may become a mature disciple of Jesus.

A door: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. I am the door of the sheep.
- 2. 'Door' also refers to the mouth and the prophet of God. A shepherd is the door of the sheep."

Then, in a vision, we saw two men who were fellow workers, one with truth, and the other with revelation. And behold, they held out their hands, which buttressed into a door. Then we saw many little sheep went into the door. When fellow workers compose together they become doors. Jesus is the door of the sheep, shepherds are the doors of the sheep, and love is the door that will bring the flocks to Jesus, to the dwelling place of God and man, which is the true tent that the Lord himself set up, where the Lord himself will be the shepherd.

The Spirit of the Lord specially commanded us, through revelation, "Love is the door. If you have love for life and for the soul, you will bring people to me, therefore, love is the door. You are the salt, and you shall have a function in the ministry of reconciliation. The mouth of the one who prophesies speaks with the attributes of God, that is, he speaks the attributes of God by the love of God, and by the love of God he brings people to the kingdom of heaven, and thus brings God and man together. The whole Scripture is about love from God."

We: refer to those who work with God, with one accord.

Boards of cedar: are the good material for the tent. They represent the messengers who are broken, died to the old self, full of obedience, full of faith, and full of anointing.

Enclose her: protect her and strengthen her.

We will enclose her with boards of cedar: The Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. Those who work with the Lord shall help this rising star, protect her, and strengthen her with the word of life.
- 2. If she is a door, I will help her with those fellow workers in the church who are full of faith and power, and I will send my messenger with the great anointing to help her, and I will also anoint her."

8:10 I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers; then I was in his eyes as one who finds peace.

I was a wall: The Spirit of God revealed, "He who has the ability to protect is the wall, the one who can offer it all to me is a wall, if you alone will bear the burden to guard and enclose the flocks, you are a wall, and those messengers and leaders who are full of faith and power are walls."

My breasts were like towers: In spirit it was seen that the breasts of the bride were high and lifted up, tall as buildings. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Stored in her breasts are food and pure milk that has been purified seven times. The word of God in her is the food that does not run out when you eat it, and never fails when you use it."

Then: is when you are ready, when your breasts are like towers.

I: refer to the bride – the Shulamite.

Then I was in his eyes as one who finds peace: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I am your keeper, I am the foundation of your life, and great shall be the peace of you. He who preaches the good news with beautiful feet, and who puts his trust in me, finds true peace, for in me you will have peace."

8:11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard to keepers; each one was to bring for its fruit a thousand pieces of silver.

Solomon: its root means "peace", referring to Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace.

Baal-hamon: by the letter it means "a multitude".

Had a vineyard: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It means that there was a church that was not corrected by God. Though the vineyard has not turned back, it is still mine, it is still the house I am to build."

Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon: This means that the King has a church that belongs to him out of a multitude, but it is not blameless, and it needs to be corrected by the word of God.

He: refers to the king himself.

The vineyard: This is the house of God, the temple of God.

Let out... to keepers: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It means to let it out to my trustworthy children, my intimate ones, and the messengers and leaders who are full of power."

He let out the vineyard to keepers: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I let out the vineyard to the one who submits to me as the master. He alone can carry the burden to guard and defend the flocks, for he is the messenger and leader who is full of faith and power."

Fruit: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "This fruit is the one who has my redemption, and, this fruit is you; this fruit is also the light and the salt, the good works from life."

Then in a vision we saw a great heap of fruits, with clusters of grapes. The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Each grape represents a Christian, and I am the true vine (John 15:1-5)."

Pieces: shekels, the name of the coin in Israel.

Silver: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "It represents salvation, my redemption."

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "'A thousand pieces of silver' represents salvation and gift. Every Christian is bought by me for a thousand pieces of silver. 'A thousand pieces of silver' is also the gift to the watchmen of God, so that he may shepherd the church. At my coming he shall deliver to me what was my own with interest, so that he may receive the prize from me, and enter into the kingdom of God, enter into the joy of his master." (Matthew 25:14-30)

Was to bring... a thousand pieces of: The Spirit of the Lord continued to reveal for us, "That is, to have an exchange (I have saved you by redemption, and by my redemption you shall go and save others)."

Was to bring... a thousand pieces of silver: The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "I have bought you for a thousand pieces of silver, and at the same time given you a gift of a thousand pieces of silver, which you shall spend to buy people and fruits, then deliver to me the people and fruits that you have exchanged with it, a thousand pieces of silver. All glory to God, all your works, and glory, to God! Wait for your prize, for the Spirit is the guarantee of your inheritance."

8:12 My vineyard, my very own, is before me; you, O Solomon, may have the thousand, and the keepers of the fruit two hundred.

My vineyard, my very own, is before me:

## My:

- 1. Refers to the bride. This is a being in one, for she has become one with the heavenly Father, with Jesus, and the church. The church of the Lord is the church of the bride. The bride manages the vineyard of God with care, and she can faithfully take on the work that the Lord has given her as her own, to govern and manage diligently. While the bride is governing, Jesus is watching, so this "my" also refers to Jesus.
- 2. Though it is the bride who manages, glory shall be to Jesus; though it is Jesus who governs, glory shall be to God! What a wonderful thing it is!
- 3. Here "my" refers to the bride (the church leader who is one with the Lord), Jesus, and the heavenly Father.

The Spirit sang: Sing to him, sing praises to him, all to my LORD, my God, worthy are you to receive the singing and praises! We cry aloud, exalting the name of Jesus,

hallelujah! Making melody to the LORD, hallelujah! Praising the LORD, hallelujah! Hallelujah!

You, O Solomon, may have the thousand: This is the glory of God, glory be to God! The bride continued, and said, "This is the one thousand earned, it is all yours, for it is you who have done it. You have bought me for a thousand, and for a thousand I have bought your glory, this is the glory of God, and I am not independent of you. You, O Lord, may have the thousand, for it is you who have done everything!"

And the keepers of the fruit two hundred: This is the reward for the labor. For to everyone who has will more be given (Matthew 25:29). For example, if God gives you a thousand, and you make a thousand, then God gives you a thousand two hundred, the two hundred is your reward from God. What does a reward include? It includes the unity between you and God, the revelation, and your deeper understanding of God, by which your life in spirit will continually go up, and become abundant and humble; the more humble you are, the more united you are to the Lord, and the more mystery you will receive from God; this mystery is Christ, and this is the reward from God. This reward also refers to the kingdom of God and the inheritance that is kept in heaven for you.

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "Enter into my joy, O my children! The five loaves and two fish you eat will be more, the more you eat, and all the good things will be added to you, my children, who seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

8:13 O you who dwell in the gardens, with companions listening for your voice; let me hear it.

You: refer to the bride of Jesus, the leader of the flock, the partner of Christ, and the messenger of God.

O you who dwell in the gardens: It refers to the bride, for she has entered into the kingdom of God. Behold, the kingdom of God comes on earth, upon the heart of those who let God reign. He who has the kingdom of God coming into his heart, dwells in the kingdom of God, and lives on earth as it is in heaven.

Companions: refer to a group of conquerors.

With companions listening for your voice: It means that they want to listen to the voice of the bride, and hear the voice of the true prophet, for this is the voice of the LORD.

Let me: This is the bridegroom who was speaking.

Hear it: It means that the bridegroom wants to hear the words in the heart of the bride.

Let me hear it: The bridegroom said, "My bride, do not forget, no matter how great the threshing floor is before you, your heart shall return to me at all times. Let me hear the words you say to me in your heart, and may you have fellowship with me in your heart continually. For you and I have been heart to heart, sweet as honey, I want to hear the words in the heart of my bride, day after day!" Then a vision was seen, behold, in the heart of the bride it was written, "Obedience". The bride desires to answer the calling from her beloved, that is, no matter how busy the work of the house of God is, do not forget the request by the grace of the beloved, that she shall constantly have a fellowship with the beloved in her heart.

## The bridegroom said:

- "1. When your heart returns, my joy is complete; when you have fellowship with me continually, my heart will rejoice.
- 2. Let your mouth tell of the grace of God and the might of God without ceasing."

8:14 Make haste, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of spices.

My beloved: This is the prayer of the bride. The bride said, "I long for you, my beloved, I desire you! Wherever you send me, without you, my beloved, I cannot go forward."

Make haste: The bride continued to pray, "Make haste, my Lord! Come to the throne of my heart and reign over all! Make haste, O my Lord! Take back the nations, and win the whole earth! Come quickly, to govern and rule over all! Make haste, O Lord, your kingdom come!" (Revelation 22:20)

Be like a gazelle or a young stag: moving swiftly, running fast, meaning to ask the beloved to come quickly.

On the mountains of spices: referring to the holy mountain of God.

Spices: Meaning that one has done the good works, giving forth the fragrance of Christ.

Spice: refers to the humility of Jesus, the life of abundance.

Mountains: refer to the church of God that has entered into Christ.

The mountains of spices: The Spirit of the Lord continued to reveal to us, "This is a spiritual place, the dwelling place of the bride, a church of the air, a church where I reign, the Jerusalem above, and the holy mountain in Christ. When you enter here, you will have the abundance, wisdom, and knowledge of God, for in here are hidden all the treasures, and here are the kingdom of God!"

#### The end of verse 14:

The Spirit of the Lord revealed, "No matter how abundant your life is today, call for me continually, and call upon me in every way and everywhere. Wherever you go, let me lead you!"

Make haste, my beloved! Come and rule over all;

Make haste, my beloved! Come and reign over us;

Make haste, my beloved! We hunger and thirst for you! We desire you!

Make haste, my beloved! We love you, love you, and love you!

Finally, the Spirit of the Lord revealed:

- "1. The sermon on the mount is ended, now I speak to you with my word of authority: when the revelation of the whole book of the Song of Songs is finished, your breasts shall be like clusters, and you shall be equipped to go and reap the harvest.
- 2. Be in the same spirit, and take the same steps, partner in the gospel of the kingdom of God, release the power of God, and declare the glory of God! I will be with you wherever you go, to the end of the age."

The Spirit sang:

I saw that the throne of the LORD,

has come down to the land of promise.

And out of the throne flew rivers of living water,

giving moisture to the south, north, east, and west.

People from all languages looked,

and behold, Jesus will release the earth!

Then a multitude of workers arose.

and they come to bless all the earth.

Glory! Hallelujah! Lift up your hands to God the Father;

thanks be to him for his wondrous great love,

that has come down to the land of promise!

Glory! Hallelujah! Lift up your hands to God the Father;

thanks be to him for his great love beyond all measure,

that has come down to the land of promise!

We sang: Let us offer our heart of thanksgiving, to God Almighty, majestic in holiness, for he gave his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ! Now the weak are made strong, and the poor become rich, for the LORD has done great things for us.

# **Epilogue**

Revelation 3:13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 22:16-17 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.