

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Season 2 Part 14 Song of Songs 4: 11-15



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 4:11-15:**

¹¹ “Your lips, my bride, drip honey;

Honey and milk are under your tongue,

And the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

¹² “A garden locked is my sister, my bride,

A rock garden locked, a spring sealed up.

¹³ “Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates

With choice fruits, henna with nard plants,

¹⁴ Nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon,

With all the trees of frankincense,

Myrrh and aloes, along with all the finest spices.

¹⁵ “You are a garden spring,

A well of fresh water,

And streams flowing from Lebanon.”

- **Daniel 12:3:** Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.
- **Romans 8:29-30:** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
- **Ephesians 1:18:** *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...
- **John 10:10:** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.
- **John 15:5:** I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- **Psalms 1:3:**
He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.
- **John 7:37-38:** Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”
- **John 14:3-4:** If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.”
- **John 4:13-14:** Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

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Main Points

- Garments symbolize the acts of the saints. When Jesus looks at us, He sees us clothed in white garments. We are being changed, by the Holy Spirit, into His image! We will shine like the stars forever and ever with glory. We are greater in Jesus than we think; God's glory is inside of you!
- When the Song of Songs was written there were two types of gardens: 1) an open garden, which was available to the public and 2) private gardens, owned by the wealthy for their enjoyment.
- The locked garden was private and exclusively for the owner. The King is saying to the Bride that she is locked up for Him alone. She will not allow anything else in that would defile her or her relationship with Him. This speaks about wholehearted commitment and consecration.
- We should have boundaries around our life, protecting our eyes, ears, body, heart, etc. from things which do not bring Jesus pleasure.
- There is nothing wrong with experiencing pleasure, but it must be under His authority.
- This is very practical. We should take action (and pray for the grace) to set up barriers for Jesus' sake. For example, eating can bring pleasure and temporary comfort in the flesh, but if it is not submitted to God's authority it can lead to health problems.
- Verse 13 speaks of the Bride's abundant, blossoming life. When we live our life as a locked garden, we will be very fruitful. An orchard consists of rows and rows of fruiting plants, and it will be the same with us as we grow in consecration!
- Part of being a locked garden is clinging to Jesus, not relying on your own strength. This is a place of brokenness and complete dependence on God. Fruitfulness resulting from consecration and commitment flows from true dependence on God and not one's own strength.
- The more we live in and under God's word, the more fruitful we will be.
- Verse 15 contains three different sources of water.
 - Spring – speaks of the indwelling Holy Spirit that Jesus says will become in us a well of water springing up to eternal life.
 - Well – a well holds water and expresses the idea of carrying the presence/anointing of God wherever we go.
 - Streams – streams are moving water, and speak of the giving of life, God's life being released to others.

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Discussion Questions

1. What was the difference between a public and a locked garden in Solomon's day?
2. What is the King communicating about the Bride through the garden language?
3. What boundaries has the Lord asked you to establish in your life? What is He currently focused on?
4. What is the difference between pleasure under God's authority and pleasure outside of it?
5. Why does being a "locked garden" lead to fruitfulness?
6. Discuss the spring, well, and streams in verse 15 in relationship to your own life in the Spirit.