



### Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 6:11-13:**

11 “I went down to the orchard of nut trees  
To see the blossoms of the valley,  
To see whether the vine had budded  
Or the pomegranates had bloomed.

12 “Before I was aware, my soul set me  
Over the chariots of my noble people.”

13 “Come back, come back, O Shulammitte;  
Come back, come back, that we may gaze at you!”

- **John 4:35-36:** 35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. 36 Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

- **1 Corinthians 3:9:** For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

- **Matthew 20:26-27:** 26 It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, 27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

### Main Points

- The “orchard of nut trees” represents the kingdom of God or the gathering of God’s people. God is developing and cultivating His people.
- The Bride goes into the orchard, the place among God’s people, where God was moving and ministering.
- When the Bride went into the kingdom of God and saw the maturing, struggling believers, something arose within her to come to their aid and help. She realized that she was in a place of strength (from God) and that she had something to give the people.
- Sometimes the fruit of our efforts to serve others on the LORD’s behalf do not show obvious signs of effectiveness, but if we continue, the LORD will release breakthrough.
- As she left to go down to the orchard, two groups of people spoke to her 1) some were calling to the Bride to “come back,” asking her to stay because they wanted to enjoy her life and anointing and 2) others that were happy to see her leave because they were tired of her commitment to the LORD.
- When we eat in the Spirit, we get hungrier.
- Jesus is known in a more intimate way by those who are connecting with Him in serving.



### Discussion Questions

1. Describe how we can interpret the orchard of nut trees prophetically.
2. Why did the Bride decide to go down to the orchard? What motivated this decision?
3. What were the responses of the folks around her when she decided to go down to the orchard?
4. What happened in her when she got to the vineyard?