



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 5:10-16**

10 “My beloved is dazzling and ruddy,
Outstanding among ten thousand.

11 “His head is *like* gold, pure gold;
His locks are *like* clusters of dates
And black as a raven.

12 “His eyes are like doves
Beside streams of water,
Bathed in milk,
And reposed in *their* setting.

13 “His cheeks are like a bed of balsam,
Banks of sweet-scented herbs;
His lips are lilies
Dripping with liquid myrrh.

14 “His hands are rods of gold
Set with beryl;
His abdomen is carved ivory
Inlaid with sapphires.

15 “His legs are pillars of alabaster
Set on pedestals of pure gold;
His appearance is like Lebanon
Choice as the cedars.

16 “His mouth is *full of* sweetness.
And he is wholly desirable.
This is my beloved and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.”

Other Scriptures:

- **Philippians 3:8-10**
- **Hebrews 1:9**
- **Nehemiah 8:10**
- **Revelation 4:5**
- **John 14:18**
- **1 John 1:5-10**



Main Points

- Review
 - The Bride went through the process of learning how to live by faith and not feelings; to embrace the “fellowship of His sufferings” and ascend her personal mountain in God.
 - During the season of testing that God was using to train her, the Bride remained faithful in love for the King (Jesus). She did not doubt, get angry, slip into disillusionments, but continued to grow deeper in love with the King. In fact, at the end she said she was “lovesick.”
 - She was completely willing and surrendered to the end that she might experience the fullness of God and His purpose for her.
 - The maturing process started out with the Bride focusing on the pleasures of God for herself, but it shifted into the realization that she was the King’s inheritance and it was first about Him.
 - During the period of training, it appeared from the outside like God was not with her. It was for this reason that the less mature believers (i.e., the Daughters of Jerusalem) questioned how she could continue in devotion to the King; what was so great about Him that made it worth continue to pursue Him.
 - The Bride then releases a clear and powerful description of the beauty and greatness of the King that was energized by the Holy Spirit to reveal the desirable reality of just who the King was (and is today!). This so impacted those questioning the worth of the King, that their perspective changed 180 degrees, and they wanted to follow and find Him too. This type of praise and declaration changed the spiritual atmosphere, brought revelation and living understanding.
- The eyes are the window to the soul.
- Jesus was anointed with the oil of gladness. He is joyful, happy, and free!
 - Sometimes experiencing joy is a choice. We have to step into it through believing in God’s word and declaring it and praising Him.
- We have emotions because God does.
 - God is a God of peace – He is relaxed; He is not stressed out. Before His throne is a sea of glass, it is completely still. For this reason, we should stay in God’s peace as well. Reject it when you feel yourself pushing, striving, and full of stress.
- If we are going to walk with God, have fellowship with Him, and experience progressively more of His presence, we need to grow in similarity to Him.
- The more we know Jesus in us (alive today); the more we know Jesus. We cannot have deep fellowship with Jesus and real peace and satisfaction if our concept of Him is far away in heaven. We find Him in us as we become like Him. We will not find Him if the general course of our life is in bitterness, stress, anger, etc. because He is not like that.
- We have the power to change the spiritual atmosphere, and lead people to Jesus. Jesus promised power to be His witnesses; the Holy Spirit came in Acts 2 to empower the church to be Jesus’ witnesses.
- The Bride drew people to Jesus, not by condemning them, but by declaring how wonderful and desirable Jesus is!



Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think testing is important for maturity?
2. Why, like the Bride, is it critical to remain faithful to Jesus through the testing season(s)? What did it result in for the Bride?
3. Have you ever seen the spiritual/inner reality of someone through their eyes? Discuss.
4. Discuss the concept of changing the spiritual atmosphere. Have you experienced this reality through the declaration and/or praise of the Word (Jesus)? Share any experiences with the group.
5. How does the “Law of Similarity” relate to the depth of our relationship with Jesus?
6. What is Jesus like emotionally?