



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 7:9-12:**

” 9 And your mouth like the best wine!”
“It goes down smoothly for my beloved,
Flowing gently *through* the lips of those who fall asleep.
10 “I am my beloved’s,
And his desire is for me.
11 “Come, my beloved, let us go out into the country,
Let us spend the night in the villages.
12 “Let us rise early *and go* to the vineyards;
Let us see whether the vine has budded
And its blossoms have opened,
And whether the pomegranates have bloomed.
There I will give you my love.

Other Scriptures

- Psalm 127:2
- Psalm 4:8
- John 11:25-26
- 1 Corinthians 3:9
- John 4:34
- John 20:21
- Matthew 20:21
- Mark 4:34
- Luke 13:6

Main Points

- We live in a spiritual world. God protects us, but we are not always completely removed from the spiritual war that is always going on.
- God’s love comes to us even when we “sleep the sleep of death.”
- There is nothing that can separate us from God’s love in Jesus.
- Verse 10 is the climax of the Song of Songs wherein the Bride declares that she is Her Beloved’s and His desire is for her. She was completely secure in His love.
- We need to know that we know deep down that God loves us.
- Because the Bride is so secure in the King’s love, she is free to concentrate on others.
- The Bride uses the language of partnership – “Let us.” In partnership God’s work, mission, challenge, etc. becomes ours.
- The Bride wants to reach out to those that are in the “country and the villages.” She wants to go to the world, the same way Jesus did and does, to complete the assignment of God.
- The Bride rose early. This represents giving her best to Him.



- Serving because we love Jesus and want to see His kingdom built, is the focus of every mature believer.
- When we are sleeping we are most vulnerable to the spiritual environment we live in, so although God does bless us in our sleep, there is the reality of spiritual warfare that we have to deal with. Even though God has us go through the war, He is there with us, strengthening us.
- When we are in a place of brokenness, warfare, struggle, etc., we need to cry out to God. When we do, God strengthens us in His love and brings us closer to Himself.

Discussion Questions

1. How well would you say you know God's love? Discuss a time that you realized that God really does love.
2. Why is love, especially God's, so important to us during our time on earth?
3. What does God's love free a person from and for?
4. Discuss the "let us" verbiage the Bride uses in today's portion of the Song of Songs. What does it mean she is experiencing? How does it show her perspective on life?
5. How do we give our love to Jesus "in the vineyard?"