



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 8:5-10:**

“Who is this coming up from the wilderness
Leaning on her beloved?”

“Beneath the apple tree I awakened you;
There your mother was in labor with you,
There she was in labor *and* gave you birth.

6 “Put me like a seal over your heart,
Like a seal on your arm.

For love is as strong as death,
Jealousy is as severe as Sheol;
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
The *very* flame of the LORD.

7 “Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor will rivers overflow it;
If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love,
It would be utterly despised.”

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?

9 “If she is a wall,
We will build on her a battlement of silver;
But if she is a door,
We will barricade her with planks of cedar.”

10 “I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers;
Then I became in his eyes as one who finds peace.

Other Scriptures

- **Psalm 40:2-3**
- **Revelation 15:2**
- **Ephesians 1:13-14**
- **John 10:14**
- **Philippians 3:8**

Main Points

- Throughout her journey the Bride has become united with the King and she is coming out of the wilderness in victory. As we lean on Jesus, He will bring us through the wildernesses of life victoriously.



- At the very end of the song, we see that the Bride's journey has come full circle. The King reminds her of where He first encountered/found her under the apple tree.
- The seal on the heart and arm, represents the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The King marked the Bride for Himself forever.
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a baptism of firey love. That love cannot be quenched or overcome, it is more powerful than anything in the world. In the natural world, water can put out fire, but this is not true of God's firey love.
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit is progressive. He continues to gain greater and greater possession over us and takes us deeper and deeper into God's love.
- The King's love is all consuming – just as death takes every living thing, so God's love is stronger than this; it demands everything!
- Nothing can compare to the value of God's love.
- The little sister represents less mature believers. Maturity in love expresses itself in concern for other people.

Discussion Questions

1. What does the image of the Bride leaning on her Beloved mean?
2. Discuss a time that you leaned on your Beloved in one of life's wildernesses.
3. What is the seal on the Bride's heart and arm?
4. Discuss what Rabbi taught about the progressive nature of this seal.
5. God's love is "as strong as death." What does this mean for those of us who are part of His Bride?