

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Season 2 Part 13 Song of Songs 4: 9 -11



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 4:9-11:**

⁹“You have made my heart beat faster, my sister, my bride;
You have made my heart beat faster with a single glance of your eyes,
With a single strand of your necklace.”

¹⁰ “How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride!
How much better is your love than wine,
And the fragrance of your oils
Than all kinds of spices!”

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.”

- **John 11:1-46:** *Jesus weeps over Lazarus' death.*
- **Hebrews 4:15:** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.
- **Romans 12:16:** Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- **Matthew 6:3-4:** But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.
- **Revelation 22:12:** Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.
- **Ephesians 4:30:** Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- **Romans 8:29:** 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;
- **Matthew 12:50:** For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.
- **Matthew 22:30:** For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.
- **2 Corinthians 2:14-15:** But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;
- **1 Kings 10:2:** So she came to Jerusalem with a very large retinue, with camels carrying spices and very much gold and precious stones. When she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.
- **Philippians 4:8:** Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.
- **Other Verses**
- **Revelation 19:8**
- **Revelation 16:15**
- **Revelation 3:18**

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Main Points

- We often only think about God in terms of His moral qualities, His power, etc. It is important to realize that He is a person and He is touched by human emotion.
- Jesus sympathizes with us. That is, He can feel what we feel and relate to it in the same way that you can relate to someone else who is experiencing something you've experienced.
- When we choose to love God, it makes Him happy. Small things like spending time with Him, condescending to the lowly, serving others, not giving in to fear or other sins are expressions of love for Jesus.
- The expression "My sister," used by the King, when read prophetically can be understood as Jesus connecting with us in our humanity. It could also be said, "My brother."
- The King echoes the expression of satisfaction and joy that the Bride used in Song of Songs 1:2. He does this in view of the Brides maturing love. Again, Jesus feels the same way toward us as we mature in our love and faithfulness to Him.
- Wine is the symbol of earthly celebration.
- A fragrance is the invisible express of something or someone. The King is saying that the internal qualities of the Bride are very beautiful to Him. The way she loves Him, the way she obeys Him, the way she speaks to Him, the way she follows Him...all these things touch the King like the smell of flowers touches the nose.
- The fragrance of Jesus is being released from our life to God.
- Spices are used as gifts in the Bible.
- The King calls the Shulamite "My Bride,"
- Honey takes a lot of effort to produce. Jesus is saying that when we speak words that manifest His life and nature – words that please the Holy Spirit – it takes a lot of effort, and it is sweet to Him.
- Milk and honey speak of abundance. The King is saying that abundance is flowing from the Bride's mouth now that she is more mature. Abundance is the opposite of poverty, lack, fear, death, etc.
- The word for Lebanon means "white."

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Discussion Questions

1. Re-read Hebrews 4:15 and discuss how it relates to today's passage in the Song of Songs.
2. The King/Jesus says, "How much better is your love than wine." What does wine speak of? Why does He say this?
3. Discuss the nature of a fragrance/aroma. Why does the King reference the Bride's fragrance? How does this point relate to your daily life and relationship with Jesus?
4. If honey and milk represent abundance, what does it mean to have honey and milk under your tongue?