

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

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Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 4:1:**
How beautiful you are, my darling,
How beautiful you are!
Your eyes are like doves behind your veil;
Your hair is like a flock of goats
That have descended from Mount Gilead.
- **2 Peter 1:20-21:** ²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
- **Luke 24:13-35:** *Jesus uses the Hebrew Bible (Moses and the prophets) to reveal Himself to His followers on the road to Emmaus.*
- **Isaiah 44:24:**
Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb,
“I, the LORD, am the maker of all things,
Stretching out the heavens by Myself
And spreading out the earth all alone,
- **Colossians 1:16-17:** ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
- **Hebrews 12:6:** for those whom the lord loves he disciplines, and he scourges every son whom he receives.
- **Ephesians 5:29:** for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church
- **Psalms 18:35:**
You have also given me the shield of Your salvation,
And Your right hand upholds me;
And Your gentleness makes me great.
- **1 John 3:1:** See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

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Main Points

- Review
 - Scripture was written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the purposes of the Holy Spirit are to 1) reveal Jesus and 2) glorify Jesus.
 - The whole Bible is about Jesus (see Luke 24:13-35).
 - As we move into Chapter 4, the Bride is coming out of a season of discipline because she chose to stay under the shade tree, as opposed to following the King up the mountain (i.e., conquering her fears and putting to death things in her life that He wanted to remove). When she did this she lost fellowship with the King because He withdrew His presence. Eventually, she decides that she needs to go up the mountain to find His presence again. When she does this, the King comes again and begins to affirm and encourage her – His love never changed.
 - When we disobey God, although we are secure in His love and precious to Him, He will discipline us because He wants us to follow and obey Him completely to mature and gain victory in life. His love never changes, but the way He relates to us does.
- Jesus is affirming the Bride in chapter 4, not because she had obeyed, but because her heart had changed and she was now open to obey. She still had not yet gone up the mountain.
- The primary way that God causes us to grow in His grace is through cherishing us. We become what is spoken into and over our lives. When we believe that God loves us, that we valued, and can become who we are supposed to be; it will happen!
- God's gentleness made David great, and that is why God is so great, because He does not come down on us for failure and weakness with harshness, but instead with loving discipline and encouragement when we say "yes" to Him.
- Our failures do not define who we are (e.g., Peter's failure to stay faithful to Jesus and Song of Songs 1:5).

Jesus speaks to our destiny, to our budding virtues. If you are His, your name is recorded in heaven and you are destined to rule and reign with Him forever. You have greatness in you and Jesus knows it

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Discussion Questions

1. Based on 1 Peter 1:20-21, why can we be confident interpreting the Song of Songs as a prophetic revelation of Jesus and the Church?
2. Discuss the Bride's story leading up to chapter 4. Specifically, talk through what we learn about the King's call, the Bride's disobedience, and the King's discipline.
3. When the King begins to affirm the Bride in 4:1, has she completely obey what the King had previously asked her to do (SS 2:10)? What does this teach us about the way Jesus relates to us?
4. What is the primary way Jesus brings us to maturity?
5. Do you feel like God is disappointed in you? How does Jesus view our failures?