

If you recall last time, we looked at the bridegroom's response to the bride's description of Him in the words of Song 1:12-14.

Her spikenard sent forth its sweet aroma when she sat at His (the King's) table; the fragrance of her spikenard, like Mary's spikenard that filled the entire house where Christ sat at the table. Yours/my love to Christ should diffuse from our lives like that!

She then said of Him... MY well-beloved is unto me a "bundle of myrrh" around my neck resting between my breasts and a "cluster of sweet fragrant camphire flowers" held close in my hands.

MY DESIRE (saith the bride) is to embrace and hold Him, and to do nothing that would provoke Him to depart from me! I cannot bear the thought living without Him and NOT KNOWING the expressions of His love to me.

I love the moving and powerful response of the bridegroom to her as He reassures HER that it is her beauty (AND HER EYES) that have taken hold on Him and captured His heart! He calls her "MY LOVE"!

It is as if He is stopping her from her fears; and what are her fears? That He would "BEHOLD" her infirmities and her imperfections and sins, and how could he love one so unworthy and imperfect as I! How is it that He sees ANY BEAUTY AT ALL in me! And because of her fears, His love to her would wane, weaken, and depart from her!

But THIS is what He beholds in her that is so beautiful; (which He so loves) it is THAT which He has adorned her with in grace, humility, and yes, in that she acknowledges her own infirmities and sins!

BUT there is something else here that has taken hold of Him, her eyes have captured His heart; "Thou hast doves' eyes"

You know as well as I do that our eyes speak without words, they disclose, communicate, and reveal our affections, desires, and the emotions of our hearts.

Notice that He chose ONE specific THING about her, and though He had adorned her with "all her beauty" though He had given her ALL THINGS that pertain unto life and godliness, it was THIS ONE THING in her beauty that He so loved, it was HER EYES toward Him!

"Thou hast doves' eyes"

They were not lofty or arrogant (like the eyes of a hawk or a lion), the bride's eyes did not wander in discontentedness and dissatisfaction from the bridegroom, but her eyes were singularly fixed upon Him in humility and sincerity.

Her eyes told the truth of her heart, she could not hide her love which she had for Him, which she felt so consistently unworthy to receive from Him!

Can you see here that His love to her, communicated personally and intimately to her FROM HIM is what beautified her and changed her!

This is what He beheld and loved so much in her, IT WAS His love which He lavished upon her returned to Him from her heart in kind!

It is for this that she cannot keep silent, I MUST TELL YOU THIS my well-beloved!

It is not me, BUT... "BEHOLD, THOU ART FAIR, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also, our bed is green. The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters are of fir". Psalm 115:1, Galatians 2:20

I am what I am because of thee saith the bride; how can I, who am so unworthy, saith the bride be beautiful! And this is what is so difficult in our lives as children of God... to understand how Christ could delight in us!

But then, we know that if there is any beauty in us, it is from what He has communicated to us and adorned us with in His loves, His graces, His humility, and meekness, which is now the outflow of our lives.

Do you remember THIS, that Christ says to you child of God, "Behold, MY LOVE...? Here, the bride cannot but quickly return this commendation to Him... "Behold, THOU ART FAIR, my beloved"

THIS love relationship, this love attraction should exist between you and Christ... And it should grow stronger and stronger with each passing day!

If Christ is so beautiful in the here and now, whom we see by faith and through veiled eyes, oh how beautiful when we shall behold Him face to face! *The bride then says: "Thou art pleasant"*

Psalm 16:11: "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore"

Psalm 36:8: "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures."

"Also, our bed is green", she doesn't say THY bed or MY bed, but OUR bed!

And so, she shares in what is His! "Our Bed" saith the bride, is where I enjoy rest with you "My Well-Beloved", it is where you lie all night between my breasts, it is my place where I enjoy secret intimacy and fellowship with you... it is also described here as "GREEN", (or as it means, flourishing, full of life, and fruitful). *Jeremiah 17:8, Psalm 1:3*

Beloved, we are to be green, full of life from Christ, and flourishing in church, by fellowship, intimacy, and communion with Him!

Psalm 92:12-14, Proverbs 4:18, Colossians 1:5-6, 10

Finally: Song 1:17: “The beams of (not my or thy house) , but the beams of OUR HOUSE are cedar, and our rafters are of fir”

“Our House” here is significant of the church of the living God... the beams and rafters are of cedar and fir. Saints of God are likened to goodly and strong cedars... Psalm 92:12,
Numbers 24:1-6