

CHAPTER 8 - THE DEVOTED LIFE (continued)

AN OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER EIGHT: The bride in perfect union and communion with her Beloved, ministers to her younger, spiritually immature sister. As the bride and her Beloved come up out of the wilderness, she leans completely on Him for strength and guidance. One of the most sacred moments in the life of the bride comes when the Beloved asks her to set Him as a seal upon her heart and her arm. The Beloved entrusts her with His vineyard, her personal one, as He leaves to minister in other vineyards. There is no hurt but just a longing for Him to return to her very quickly. The Song ends with the Mountain of spices instead of the mountains of Bether (division). There is perfect harmony between the Beloved and His wonderful bride.

The Bride continues:

V.1 "O that thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! When I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised."

She loves Him with all of her heart and wants every one else to know. She is not ashamed, as so many Christians are about their Lord in the world. In her there is a Holy Spirit boldness of heart. Feel the fervency of her "first love", love (Rev. 2:1-5) for the one nearest and dearest to her heart as she declares over and over in her soul, "I want to let the whole world know that Jesus is my Lord, the Love of my life, my everything!" She wants to show her Beloved public affection. Isn't that what "first love" is all about?

We who are God's new creation are unique. We are not only His bride but also His family. He is not ashamed to call us "brethren" (Heb. 2:11) even though we do much to disappoint Him. Has not the Holy Spirit, by the blood of Christ, placed us in the family of God and caused us to be spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ?

The Beloved calls His bride "sister" 5x in this Song. The terms "sister" and "brother" are used in the spiritual family – the body of Christ. Examples of this are found in Rom. 16:1 and Philemon 1:1,16. So we have the freedom to express our love for Him publicly because we are not only His bride but His family (Eph. 3:14). May His love be demonstrated in our love for our brothers and sisters (John 13:34,35)! (Serious references John 5:24 and 1John3:14)

"...when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee."

First love always makes a spectacle of itself. It talks about, thinks about, and publicly demonstrates its fervent passion for the object of its affections! What does it mean, "...when I should find thee without"? "Without" indicates publicly. Let the Word of God unlock the meaning. Read Mt. 25:34-40. When we minister to those in need (hungry, thirsty, a place to stay, naked, in prison, sick) we will find Jesus right there! That is how we lavish our love on Him publicly! He said, "...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Mt. 25:40). O the pleasure of spiritual love He must experience as we love on the hurting, the lost, the rejected, the failures! Read Gal. 6:10; John 13:35; Col. 4:5; 1 Thess. 4:12; 1 Tim. 3:7.

Then there is that very, very special time when His lilies regularly meet to love on Him. Although God is omnipresent something happens when believers meet with the specific purpose of gathering to His Name. He causes His anointing, presence and glory to be experienced when He is loved in "one accord" fervency. Jesus makes this point very clear in Mt. 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Praise God for a place He has provided for us to express our love for Him publicly. A place where we are able to share those spiritual kisses the Holy Spirit placed upon our hearts (1 Cor.2:9,10).

The local body of believers is the place where we can come to gather and express freely our love for what He is doing for us and in us. Isn't this what it means to be continually spirit filled? Listen, "...but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Eph. 5:18-21.

PRAY WITH ME: "Dear, dear Lord Jesus, Beloved of my heart, I love You. I love You alone! I do love my spouse, I love my friends, I love my children, but love for You supersedes all other loves. I worship and adore You only! Cause me Holy Spirit to kiss the Lord of my heart publicly by a willing heart to obey His Word no matter what the cost. Bring into my pathway those who are in great need. Give me discernment to see their need. Lord, I love to serve others and in so doing I am serving You! Father, keep my mind and heart on the alert. I want to "find" Jesus out there in the public arena and meet

"His needs". By doing so I will be kissing Him publicly! Lord, once again I bow my heart, soul and body to You. I break them over Your nail scarred feet in total surrender to You! In Your awesome name, Amen!"

Kiss Him with the submissive, serving will. The daily joy of the abundant life, the power of God controlling their heart; the peace, contentment and rest all of this brings will cause those around you to marvel and long to possess what possesses you.

V.2 "I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would (has taught) instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate."

After the consummation of the marriage there is a desire to go back home to the families and rejoice together over this wonderful union of committed love. It is a time of returning and saying thanks to the parents, especially the mother who has instructed the daughter in the proper ways of relationships.

Notice how the bride is initiating things she desires for her Beloved and it is with others, not as in **chapter two** where she only wanted to be alone with Him. The commitment in **7:10** is proving to be very real.

Spiritually, it is a time of demonstrating gratefulness to those who have been used to lead and guide the bride in her tender years as a believer. How beautiful it is to contact them (those who were your caring mother in the Lord) and let them know that their efforts were not in vain. The Lord used all of them to produce a beautifully mature *"Mary of Bethany"*! What an encouragement it will be to those who nurture new believers.

O how this bride wants to share Him with the one who had nurtured her. Spiritually, where have we been *"nurtured"* or *"mothered"* so to speak? Our spiritual *"mother's house"* is the church, the body of believers. The Lord, over a long period of time brought specific members of His family into our lives to supply us with what we needed to further our spiritual growth at that moment of time. Please read **Eph. 4:11-16!**

Yes, dear surrendered believer, go back to the church fellowship and share with young and old alike what it means to give your life over in total trust to love of Christ. Plant the seed in the hearts of the next generation. Encourage others who are where you are not to give up but to continue leaning on their Beloved, teaching others by example what all this means. Go back to your spiritual *"mother's house"*, the church, and be a visible example of your Mary of Bethany heart.

"...I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate...."

There is a very different lesson the Holy Spirit is trying to teach us here than in the other two verses where "pomegranate" is mentioned in **4:3** and **6:7**. In those verses the Lord speaks of a *"slice of pomegranate"*. He used it as a description of her. It was not actually in her possession. Here, it is her own personal pomegranate. In **4:3** and **6:7** she had some but not all of the characteristics of a pomegranate in her life which was worship of her Beloved. Now, she gives Him the juice of the fruit. To extract juice the pomegranate must be crushed. Jesus was bruised (crushed) for our iniquities and it pleased the Lord to bruise (crush) Him (**Isa.53:5,10**). What has been crushed in her life – it is her will. What greater act of worship could you give your Beloved than the crucified life (**Rom.6:6-14**)? What greater offering than to present your body as a living sacrifice to Him (**Rom.12:1**)? Praise God!

PRAY WITH ME: *"Dear blessed Lord, drink from my life all the day long and may it always be the taste of the spiced wine of surrender. Your joy is my joy! Your life is my life! Your will is my will! I love You with all of my heart! In Jesus name, Amen"*

V.3 "His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me."

His left hand is the Word of God to guide my thinking in every decision. However, if this is to happen I must first rest my thinking (head) in His left hand and accept (submitting my will) what God's Word says about a concern I have without question. Oh to have the **"mind of Christ"**, which we already possess (**I Cor. 2:16**), to have dominion over my thoughts. His mind is His Word.

His right hand represents the strength of the Holy Spirit. In an embrace it is the right arm (**Psa. 44:3; Isa. 62:8**) that holds the weight of the other person. Spiritually the Holy Spirit (also known as the Spirit of Christ) is our strength (**Acts 1:8**). I must rest my spiritual body in the arms of His strength. His right arm will guide me or restrain me whatever the need may be. The Beloved does not need the strength of my good intentions. If I plan without consulting Him; if I proceed without His power - no matter how good it might be, it is the flesh trying to do good. The glory will go to the flesh and not to the Beloved.

I like the Word "**should**" here. When I am faced with a decision, the Holy Spirit reminds me that the Bridegroom's hand should be guiding my thinking in the decision. If I am truly in love with my Beloved, then I need to make sure to run to His arms for that particular circumstance. He loves that kind of "**first love**", love from our hearts. Waiting in His arms is so important. Don't rush with a decision but be patient (**Psa. 25:3,5,21; 37:7**). He will give you absolute peace concerning it in His time! Stay in His Word, for through it you will experience **Psa. 119:105**, "**Your Word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.**"

She yearns to have Him control and support her emotional thought life (**left hand under her head**) and her actions (**right hand embracing her**). She is saying to Him, "*embrace my thoughts and my ways; be my restraint and constraint. I love you with all of my heart and I don't want to make one move without your gentle but strong embrace around me! As I go out to minister I must have Your spiritual arms embracing.*" This request He will gladly fulfill! Isn't this what is meant in **II Cor. 5:14**, "**For the love of Christ constraineth us...**"? Dear reader is this the desire of your heart?

PRAY WITH ME: "*My Holy Bridegroom, Beloved of my heart, keep me ever so spiritually sensitive that I will always know when I have moved slightly to the right or left of Your will for me. Crush my will! Crucify it! Press out all the juice of my pomegranate so I may give You a drink of what real, true love is for You! I know You'll never leave me nor forsake me. I want nothing but You! What is important today is that Your heart is blessed and Your will is accomplished in my life. I desire nothing but You! Nothing but You!*"

Caring so deeply for the welfare of His wife He says...

V.4 "I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he ("she") please."

Each time He has caused her to sleep He was preparing her for a new spiritual step. It is the same now. Between verses four and five much time passes. Together they are about to embark on a long journey into the fearful wilderness of this world (**v.5** implies that they have been gone for a time). He knows she will need rest for this very difficult journey fraught with dangers, yet filled with glory! So He takes her into His arms. Jesus says the same thing to you as He did to His disciples, "**Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while.**" (**Mk. 6:31**).

How beautiful, she falls asleep without a worry or care about anything. She is so peaceful and secure when her soul is totally enwrapped in His presence. May we feel that kind of rest, for it is so needed today. So often we are busy, busy, busy but there is little time for Him. We don't even hear our Beloved and ask Him to embrace us as in **v.3**. We burn out mentally and give up spiritually. This ought never to be! Falling into His embrace is simply a complete surrender to His strength. Listen to His voice saying to you personally, "*My love, come away for awhile and just sit with Me and rest. Let Me embrace you and hold your hand.*" He will make sure you have time to rest and there will be no guilt! You might just sit back and quote quietly to yourself the **23rd Psalm**, meditating upon it. Sit with Him outside and enjoy a tree, a mountain, flower, lake, a gentle breeze or a sunset that He has made. Tell Him how appreciative you are of it.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8

"My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches." Psa. 63:5,6

Because of **v. 5** we know that some time has passed. How much time, we do not know. It is obvious that she awoke from her restful sleep and went with her Beloved, hand in hand, ministering and serving in His many vineyards. The daughters of Jerusalem longed for them to return. They were chosen to be intimate helpers to prepare the bride for the journey. O what joy it brought to them! Each day they looked with expectancy out over the horizon.

Questions arise in their hearts: Did she continue on with the Bridegroom? Was there a time in the journey where she decided to go on no further? Did she keep her commitment of total surrender? Is her love for Him still as deep as it was just before they left? Then one day early in the morning, as the sun rose in the east, two figures appear. Excitement fills her intimate friends' hearts as one of them asks:

V.5 "Who is this that comes up from the wilderness leaning upon her beloved?..."

All their loving concerns were answered when they recognized that the two coming up out of the wilderness were Jesus and His bride! Observed is a full and enduring "**first love**" love for Jesus. Is this how those close to you see your relationship with Jesus? **Love leans!** Here is the fulfillment of His heart's longing as expressed in **Rev. 2:1-5**. Remember, the Ephesus church had everything going for them as a church except they had fallen out of love with Jesus.

The Holy Spirit beckons for you to draw near to this couple as He whispers into your spirit, "*Dear redeemed one, come and gaze upon hallowed things. Drink deeply the glory you are about to see and hear. I will allow you to see what this bride experienced in the wilderness with her Beloved! Because of your surrender I will teach you the deep things of God (I Cor.2:10) for your own wilderness journey with Me!*"

Dear reader, are you not spellbound by the sight of Jesus and His bride totally immersed in each other? And this is toward the end of their journey. Is not your heart beating faster as you long for this same relationship? Mine is! Does it not ache to grow in this beautiful leaning upon Him during your wilderness journey? Here is the answer to the abundant Christian life – LEAN! LEAN! LEAN! So many Christians will say, "*I'm hanging in there!*" NO! NO! NO! We are called upon to lean on Him! Lean on His promises. Lean on His love and rest in Him!

The Holy Spirit speaks to you again dear reader, "*This is exactly why I am leading you to watch them. I want you, my precious holy one, to know how to walk in your wilderness journey! Be patient! Lean on Me! You have already begun to walk in this manner without realizing it. The Bridegroom is so pleased that you, His blood bought child, are going to join Him in this intimate, hand in hand walk into eternity! Look, at the pathway on which they are walking. Isn't it glorious? But first, I must have you look at what you do not desire to see, so that your love may grow even stronger in Him. What you will witness will cause your love to lean on Jesus that much more.*"

The Holy Spirit turns your eyes away from the pathway itself to see what was enveloping both sides of the narrow path on which they are traveling. Your heart sinks. You are in shock and feel faint. You are seeing the wilderness as it actually is, in all of its sheer, naked evil. Never before in your wildest imagination had you conceived of anything so offensive, atrocious, foul, obscene, destructive and hateful.

Evil spirits of depression, lust, dullness, boredom, spiritual disinterest, distraction, gossip and unforgiveness claw and scratch at the minds of the poor souls who are not walking in total submission to the Beloved. There are believers wallowing in the mire of self, all the while thinking that they are pleasing God in their lackadaisical walk! Within their reach is the path of safety, surrender and full satisfaction, but sadly, they turn away. They but need to repent and pray the protective promises of God's Holy Word in faith, then glorious restoration on the true path of victory and the abundant life will be experienced!

A cold and convicting pain of sadness sweeps over your soul as you are seeing much of what your spiritual walk has been. It has been neither hot nor cold, but a halfhearted faithfulness, all the while thinking that nothing was really wrong. You cry out, "*O dear God, how I have sinned against You! Precious Holy Spirit deliver me from lukewarmness! Oh how I have hurt my Beloved! Cause me to walk like this couple! Let me feel the total spiritual satisfaction flowing between them! Lord, I am so sorry! Thank You for allowing me to see all of this before it was too late and have spent my life totally on the wasteful, meaningless and temporal.*"

At this very moment the gentle, Holy Comforter fills you totally with Himself and tells you to, "*Turn your eyes away from this scene of emptiness, this wilderness of stony waste (Jer.17:6), this desolate and parched land (Jer.12:10; 50:12) where the enemy readies himself to ambush the lovely bride of Jesus (Lam.4:19)! You're forgiven by the blood of your Bridegroom! Be filled with Me! Be filled with glory! Be filled with heartfelt surrender. It is done!*"

Your heart breathes a quieting sigh of relief. You know it has happened! A phenomenal peace floods your soul! As you gaze upon this couple coming up out of the wilderness, you see yourself in them. Joy floods your soul looking at this narrow path, full of light and glory. The misery of the wilderness scene disappears from your mind. The Holy Spirit takes your hand once again and draws you right next to them. You now are able to observe every detail of their walk.

In a gentle voice the Spirit says, "*Look how completely she leans upon her Beloved. Draw closer to listen to the peaceful Words whispered between them. Learn from them.*" You notice that the bride's arm is interlocked with His arm, held ever so tightly against her side. As she looks up at Him she says, "*My love, I was so weak in myself, but now I feel Your strength flowing through me. O my Husband, I love You so much! Your arms feel so good to me my Love, there is so much strength in them (Isa. 41:11)!*"

Jesus looks at her with eyes filled with joy and says, "*Just to hear you say that brings such satisfaction to My heart. I'm so glad My Father gave you to Me (John 10:29)!*" Their steps are so unhurried, so steady, so restful in a purposeful pace, leading them up to the many dwelling places (John 14:2,3) where they will live together forever! When the bride becomes a little weary on this journey, her Beloved just gives her a hug and reminds her that it won't be long 'till they will be home! That spiritual hug imparts a renewed strength and refreshing vigor for her to continue on.

She leans her head upon His strong shoulders and shares, "*I used to get so confused, not really knowing the right pathway which would please You, my Beloved! It was awful. Sometimes I felt I was doing OK as Your child and then I would find myself way off the true path. It was terrible. I was so empty. I wanted to do what was right for You but seemed to always miss the mark. But now I am filled with You! Even though the enemy of my mind attacks, I simply turn the eyes of my heart and look at You, speaking a Word of promise and immediate peace comes. O how secure I feel leaning upon You my dear Bridegroom!*" Jesus glances at her eyes and His heart is ravished. He quickly turns away as a tear of joy falls onto His cheek (**Song of Solomon 4:9; 6:5**).

As Jesus points to a pleasant green pasture, He says, "*Let's stop here for awhile and sit together. I want to share a few things with you. I have always been the 'Way.'* I am so thankful you responded to My Spirit as He drew you into deeper truths concerning My heart toward you. I am leading you to our home, My love, My sister, My spouse. O how happy you and I will be for eternity! Be encouraged, there are just a few more miles to go and a few more stops on the way to pick up other lilies to go with us. I'm so thankful that you will never refuse to go with Me again." He pauses and puts both of His hands on her cheeks. Looking into her eyes with admiration, He says, "*It was worth every single stroke of the whip, every nail driven into My body for what I see in Your eyes right now My dear wife!*" She could see tears of joy well up in His eyes. For a long while they sat together in the green grass under the shade of the apple tree (**SofS 2:13**). Then, taking her by the hand they continued to go up out of the wilderness. They walked from village to village and through the countryside ministering, caring and loving others. All the while she snuggled up leaning upon His everlasting arms (**Deut.33:27**).

The bride speaks very little. Her eyes stay riveted on His loving gaze. There is much being said with her eyes making Words unnecessary. He was guiding her with His eye (**Psa. 33:18; 34:15**)! She feels so encouraged and confident about the direction in which He is leading. She places her left arm around His side knowing that this is the only place she ever wants to be. He is so blessed by these loving acts. His glory bursts out all over the pathway!

Watching them intently you speak within your heart to the Holy Spirit, "*Even though this wilderness is so horrible, it is as if it did not exist to them. What an 'up' experience this is for both of them. My eyes have been so focused on the wilderness itself, I have missed the joy of Jesus (John 15:11)! Jesus is so sure footed upon this pathway and knows exactly where it is leading. That is what I want for my life dear Holy Spirit.*"

For this bride, it was a walk of grace upon grace; His grace alone (**John 1:16**). The more she leans upon her Beloved, the more she realizes that all of this is so undeserved! She proclaims with joy, "***I have 'found grace in the wilderness.'***" (**Jer. 31:2**).

As you watch them, you point out to the Holy Spirit, "*At times it was difficult for me to distinguish just how many were walking, one or two.*" The Holy Spirit responds, "*Yes, she has become so much like her Beloved. She is entering into the oneness her Beloved had prayed to the Father for her (Jn.17:22,23). It actually makes her look like Him (Rom.8:29). Isn't it wonderful? This can be the same for you, as you in loving surrender lean upon your Beloved in this wilderness-. Don't ever forget this scene. The bride is so taken up with the Love of her life that she is not aware of the transformation.*"

The unhurried pace gave her time to whisper to His heart, "***Your mouth is most sweet...my Beloved!***" He responded by saying, "***How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! How much better is thy love than wine!***" He held her close to His side as they continued to walk. She felt so safe. He knew her heart was fully His! She leaned upon Him to hear that still small voice. She leaned upon Him for she had no strength of her own. She leaned upon Him because He alone was the Way up out of the wilderness! As her heart is filled with overflowing love, she holds His hand even tighter, overwhelmed with unspeakable joy singing quietly to her Beloved:

"What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms!

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms!

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms!

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms!" Elisha Hoffman

As they walk up out of this wilderness the Beloved reminds her of a blessed secret shared with her earlier. Knowing these things will keep her ever leaning upon Him who has become her wisdom, purpose, protection and strength. "*Don't forget that...*"

V.5 "...I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee."

O the infinite purposes of an omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent God! Praise His holy name! Was there ever any doubt in the mind of God that His plans to have a bride for His Son would go unfulfilled? O the glories of the purposes of God, to know that I was on His heart before I was born and then raised up under the protection of the apple tree which is none other than Jesus Himself, (see 2:3) listen:

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth." (II Thess. 2:13).

Paul testified to this glorious truth in Gal. 1:15-16, **"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood."**

Listen to Isaiah concerning this wonderful truth when He states, **"And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant." Isa. 49:5**

Jeremiah confirms the thought of God dealing with us even before we were born when He makes this astounding pronouncement, **"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou came forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Jer. 1:5**

The Psalmist knew about this when he wrote by the Holy Spirit, **"Upon thee I have leaned from my birth; thou art he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of thee." Psal. 71:6**

And again, **"Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." Psal. 139:15**

Our glorious God does not leave things to happenstance! It's true concerning His prophecies! Were they not written as absolute certainties? Praise the name of Jesus for the following Words of comfort and purpose for your life and mine, **"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it." (Isa. 46:10-11).**

Praise His holy Name, the bride was loved by Him before the world was ever created! Again, what a thought, you were on God's heart before you were born! Listen to the Words in v.5 once again.

"...I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee."

God our Father planned a bride for His Son before the worlds were created. Doesn't that comfort you dear Christian? He cared so much that He brought you up, nurtured you and lavished His protective love for you under the apple tree!

She had exclaimed in 2:3, **"As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons..."** Praise God we have always been under His watchful care and protection. So important are you that He has a host of angels ministering to His bride (Heb. 1:13,14). Dear surrendered reader, listen to your Beloved whisper into your ear, **"I have loved thee with an everlasting love" (Jer. 31:3). "...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Heb. 13:5).**

She meditates in her heart, **"O may this never, never change! There is no other place I desire to be except listening, talking and walking with my Love! What peace! What strength! What assurance!"**

He already knew what she was thinking and immediately responded to her longing. He spoke with passion to His surrendered bride and asked her to do something very, very important. Here is the defining moment for her Christian walk in this wilderness journey. Her Beloved pauses once again, looking down at the pathway. There is an eternal seriousness written over His countenance. Then, He raised His head, looking longingly into her eyes, with a quiet finality in His voice says...

V.6 "Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel (severe, unyielding) as the grave: the coals (Heb."flames") thereof are coals (flames) of fire, which hath a most vehement flame ("of the Lord")."

The Word **"seal"** is the same Hebrew Word for **"signet"** or **"signet ring"**. The king (or his representative) would affix the royal seal to a document representing His authority, will, ownership, protection or direction. It was to be permanent! **Esth. 8:8** is a wonderful example of this: **"Write ye...in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing**

which is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse."

The seal from King Jesus today is the Holy Spirit (**II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30**)! The Holy Spirit is the seal placed within us and assures us that what God promises in His Word He will perform! That "*sealing of the Holy Spirit*" took place the moment she received her Beloved as her personal Lord and Savior. However, in this verse, He is asking her to set Him as a seal upon her heart and arm because she knew she was already sealed according to His Word!

He smiled, "*I placed the seal of My Spirit upon your spirit, but now My darling bride, your heart must have My seal upon it for that is where you make your decisions. Then it must be put on your arm that carries them out. With each decision you must place My seal upon it, then nothing will ever come between us as we walk together up out of this wilderness. It will demonstrate more than anything else the love and surrendered heart you have for Me. My beautiful bride, this is something I will never force upon you. I want you to willingly place Me on your heart and arm. It will be a permanent, eternal seal!*" She knew this was the most holy and sacred moment of her life. His desire was her desire. Nothing else mattered!

A powerful presence of the Holy Spirit filled her whole being. Speaking in her spirit the Holy Spirit said, "*Dear surrendered bride, this is the ultimate gift of joy you can give to your Beloved.*" The enemy fought this decision with all the demons of fear and doubt he could bring against her. But it was to no avail because she kept hearing what the Holy Spirit had just revealed to her! Her eyes stayed steadfast upon Jesus. With longing, pleading Words she said, "*Please, my Love, I must have this seal. I must give You this joy. I must satisfy Your heart, for nothing else matters to me!*"

Her Beloved's eyes sparkled with delight. Intently gazing at His hands He slowly opened the palms exposing the scars and said, "*My faithful bride these are the seal for you, the scars of My crucifixion. They are the guarantee that I will never leave you nor forsake you. They are the assurance that My love for you is eternal. They are My pledge that your sins will never rise again to condemn you and the safety that no one can snatch you out of them (John 10:28)! My Spirit's indescribable power will be released in you! Then you will know My love which surpasses knowledge (Eph. 3:19). You will be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19) and be transformed from glory to glory in Me (II Cor.3:18). My seal will cause you to always triumph in all the battles of life which you will face (II Cor.2:14).*"

She touched His outstretched hands and lifted them up to look more closely at the scars. Overwhelmed at what she saw, tears fell uncontrollably upon them. Catching her breath, in a forced whisper she exclaimed, "*My name, I see my name, it's there, there in Your hand! Right in the middle of Your scar!*" She stood there speechless. Then, He lifted up her face to look deep into her eyes and said softly, "***Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you upon the palms of my hands...***" (**Isa. 49:15-16**)!

She took His right hand and gently, with a holy reverence, placed the scar over her heart and declared, "*O my Love, I promise to You that every decision I must make will be made by You. Every thing that would vie for my love and attention will first be filtered through Your scar!*" All of a sudden an indelible mark of His scar appeared over the door of her heart. An inexpressible, heavenly glow of joy filled Him. She then took His left hand and placed it over her arm. Looking into His eyes with a holy fire of devotion the Words poured forth, "*Every action, every activity in my life will have Your approval. It will only be for Your glory.*" She closed her eyes and felt wholly immersed in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Contentment and peace filled her soul. Jesus, bursting with love, said, "*Thank you, thank you, thank you - you have made My joy complete!*" (**Col.2:10**). In this powerful presence she fell limp in His arms - His left hand was under her head to give rest to her mind and His right arm embraced her to impart strength.

Power and glory filled her to overflowing! Deeper than ever she understood what her Beloved meant concerning being baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire (**Luke 3:16**). Her attitude and actions, her desires and decisions would be entirely under the Spirit's control. She would gladly walk in the pathway of crucifixion (**Rom. 6:6-14; II Cor. 4:7-18**) - dead to self and independent ambition, but alive in His resurrected life. Everything in her life would have His seal of approval on it. She would say with each decision, "*Your will be done in my heart as it is in heaven - never my will!*" (**Mark 14:36; Mt. 6:10**).

This is true dying to self; the crucified life, every desire, decision and circumstance filtered through the cross. You ask the question each time, "*My Beloved, would You be pleased with this?*" "*Would You be pleased to watch this with me?*" "*Would it please You if we listened to this together?*" Place His hand in front of everything! The crucified life is total confidence that He knows best. The crucified life brings into the heart a wonderful godly fear giving heavenly wisdom and holy direction. His voice, presence, power and love will be experienced as never before. **You will fear to hurt the One you love!** That's spiritually healthy fear (**Psa. 147:11; Prov. 1:7; 3:7;10:27; 14:26; Eph. 5:21**)! While she continued to rest in His embrace He shared how infinite and eternal His love is for her...

"...for love is strong as death, jealousy as cruel (unyielding) as the grave..."

Jesus explains, "You see, My loving beautiful wife, death is unyielding and so is My love for you! I will never cease to love you with a 'first love' love! My jealousy is for your good! It is as strong as the grave for it is unyielding! My passion for your welfare is as flames of fire from on high! O dear bride of My heart, never forget that I have a holy, protecting jealousy (Exo. 20:5; 34:14; Deut. 4:24; 5:9; 6:15; Josh. 24:19) which will always fight for you against the enemy."

A holy blaze rushed through her entire being (Heb. 12:29). It was a commitment to pure motives and a desire for greater holiness ablaze in her spirit and soul. She leaned close to Him with tears of joy running down her cheeks! Thrilled beyond her wildest dreams, she looked at Him, "YOU are consumed with me!" "YOU ARE consumed with me!" "YOU are CONSUMED with me!" "You are consumed WITH ME!" She burst out in song....

*"Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art,
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Here I gaze and gaze upon Thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole." Jean Sophia Pigott*

The Lord bid His lovely bride to once again look at His nail-scarred hand. He said, "*I want you to never forget what I went through to have you as My wife! And now My precious bride, let's continue the journey up this path in the wilderness.*" He beckoned her to look just beyond the side of this narrow path. The mist, which had been hiding its contents, began to lift. Pain shot through her soul! Her eyes, once again, looked upon everything that was detestable to Him. With vehement scorn, all sorts of demons shrieked, screaming unspeakable filth at Him and His bride.

She looked to the right and saw her old self, lurking at the edge of the pathway of light trying desperately to grab her and take control. It was repulsive - dark in color with a stench of spiritual corrupting death and decay. She glanced to the left and horror filled her soul. It was grotesque, repelling and vile. All that was evil cast disgusting obscenities at her and Him whom her soul loved. These evil spirits had the shroud of their counterfeit garments of light ripped away. There were those in the putrid mire who had a form of godliness but denied the power thereof (II Tim. 3:5). Exposed was the screeching, howling darkness of despair! Victims of demonic deception, writhing in excruciating pain, attempted to escape but to no avail, it was too late!

Tears of anguish fell from her eyes, for the polluted waters of decaying spiritual filth seemed to rise higher and higher to the edge of the pathway of the Light. Her Bridegroom said, "*All of this which is repugnant to you, My love, is what I became when I was nailed to the cross (2Cor.5:2; Gal.3:13). I willingly had My Father place it in My holy, pure and righteous soul.*" Jesus gently turned her head so that He could brush the tears away and said, "**...Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**" (John 14:27), "**...be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.**" (John 16:33). That one touch put her heart at ease and peace flooded her soul. He whispered, "*Your faith in Me, which I gave to you (Rom. 12:3), has given you the victory to overcome the world (I John 5:4,5)!*" She said, holding His hand very tightly, "*Thank You my Love for giving to me the victory (I Cor. 15:57) and always causing me to triumph (II Cor. 2:14)!*" That ugly scene seemed far distant now, as He whispered assuredly to her...

V.7 "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it..."

Again her soul burst forth in song,

*"O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer fuller be."*

George Matheson

Filled with the Holy Spirit she continued making melody in her heart,

*"Who can cheer the heart like Jesus, by His presence all divine?
True and tender, pure and precious, O how blest to call Him mine!
Every need His hand supplying, every good in Him I see;
On His strength divine relying, He is all in all to me.
All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me;
And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see." Thoro Harris*

The Beloved reminded her that His supplying, protecting love was free to her. He reminded her that the cost to purchase it was the cross of shame. He said concerning them, "*There are those who search and search in the wrong places for this kind of love attempting to purchase it! You can't buy it!*" He paused, then declared in the strongest terms, "**...if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be condemned (despised)**". "*All you need, My darling bride, is an empty vessel and My Spirit will fill it continually with My infinite love which cannot be bought. It's free only to those who freely surrender to My heart! You know full well, My spouse, that My whole character and being is Love. My only joy is sharing it!*" They walked a little further on this path of righteousness coming up out of the wilderness.

The Lord's eyes sparkled with excitement as He put His arm around her, "*Guess what? I have prepared a surprise for you My love. I don't think you can see it just yet but we are real, real close.*" And then, all of a sudden there appeared this magnificent "**table in the wilderness**" (**Psa. 78:19**). It was round and filled with radiating splendor! Two awesome figures were seated there, but she did not recognize them. The light emanating from each was too bright for her eyes to handle just yet. Shading her eyes with His hand the Beloved said, "*It's alright my love. Your eyes will get used to this amazing glory in just a moment and you will see clearly!*"

When the Lord took away His hand she could see without any difficulty. Her heart burst with joy! She looked up at Jesus, holding tightly to His arm and said, "*You love me so much and as always, You think of everything! You have prepared 'a table before me in the presence of my enemies.'*" (**Psa. 23:5**)! "*O my wonderful Husband, You keep on surprising me with so much! I know I say this constantly but I can't help it, I love You with all of my heart.*" He lovingly pointed out, "*This table is exactly what will be needed for you in this terrible wilderness journey.*"

Jesus escorted her to the table, and with great grace, pulled out this throne-like chair and bid her to sit down. One of the glorious figures got up and gently anointed her head with the oil of gladness and said, "*It is an honor to have you sit with Us.*" In her spirit He revealed Himself to her. It was the blessed Holy Spirit! Her heart ("*cup*" **Psa. 23:5**) began to overflow with heavenly joy. A glorious light burst forth from her spirit. She had never experienced anything like this nor had she ever seen light so dazzling. It was the glory of God all over her. The Lord Jesus took her by the hand and said, "*My precious bride, come and sit next to Someone who has loved Me forever.*" She knew by looking at her Beloved's eyes that there was an eternal, infinite very special kind of love in His heart for this One sitting across from her. (**John 5:20; 17:22-24**).

The Beloved said, "*This is My Father who has given you to Me!*" (**John 10:29; 17:2**). Her heart was bursting with love! Tears of gratitude welled up in her eyes. The moment she sat down the Father kissed her on the forehead. He said, "*I have waited a long time for this moment.*" The Father looked into her eyes as His love covered her soul. In a soft, hushed voice she kept repeating two Words, "**My Abba**", "**My Abba**", "**My Abba**" (**Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6; Mark 14:36**)!

As she gazed at this wonderful table and all that was freely provided for her there she knew that no matter how great the waters of adversity, His love for her could never be quenched. Every kind of spiritual weapon was there for all the evil which would be brought against her (**Eph. 6:10-18**)! No matter how great the rivers of evil would rise to drown her, His protective love and grace would always be greater still. It could never be purchased with all the riches of the world. His love and all the provisions that went with it were more valuable than His created universe and it was hers without cost! The cost to her God was enormous: the Father emptying out His heart for us by the giving up of His Son; the Son emptying out Himself on the cross in total spiritual, soul and physical death; the Holy Spirit's infinite grieving over what the Son had become!

The Father looking proudly at her and proclaims, "*I can see that you love Us with all of your heart. But it doesn't stop there, you also love others with the same fervent love.*" She bowed her head and said, "*Yes, and that fervent love is greatly concerned for...*" The Holy Spirit quietly broke in and said, "*...for your sister, she belongs to Us and it is now time for her to learn about the true surrendered life.*" It was in **7:11** that she initiated the request to go wherever He desired to lead. But now she is specific! The bride has a discerning spirit and sees that her little sister needs nurturing to develop into a strong consistent Christian. So she voiced her deep concerns, wanting direction in what to do about this little sister she loves so much. She spoke again to Abba Father...

V.8 "We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?"

The Words "**we have**" indicate that her little sister already belonged to Jesus, first by creation and secondly through Jesus' redeeming blood. Having "*no breasts*" points out that spiritual growth and maturity have not taken place in her young Christian walk. Faith and love have not been developed in her heart (**I Thess. 5:8**) nor exercised in her soul that is so needed to please God in the walk of surrender (**Eph. 5:2**).

The bride poured out her heart, *"I long for my little sister to enter into this glorious rest and contentment. I desperately want her to enter into this blessed, intimate relationship. I know I can help her because of the afflictions I have gone through. I can share these experiences with her and she will know what to expect."* In other Words, lead her into having a **7:10** experience. The bride would be able to help her sister through the rough spots, since she had been there before (**II Cor. 1:3,4**)!

Great are the dangers to the one who walks as an immature Christian. So many decisions must be made and many will **"speak for her"**. All these voices: dating, hobbies, entertainment, church, money, security, friends, material goods will all speak for her; each will make a claim on her saying, *"I am the most important consideration for your life, all others are secondary. Pay attention to me first and foremost."* So many voices vie for her absolute attention and affection.

The bride said to Abba Father, *"may my sister never listen to the '...voice of a stranger...' (John 10:4,5). She needs to be nurtured to love my Husband's eternal Word and develop discernment in her."* The Father said, *"There is One other voice that will speak for her. I love her so much that I will fill her with My Spirit as I did for you. He will speak for her! I will draw her to Myself. My Spirit will pour out Himself in her soul a baptism of fire and love. You, My very special child, will be used so that My love will flow through you to your little sister until she is mature."* Then the Spirit within her heart said...

V.9 "If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace (encampment, battlement) of silver: and if she be a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar."

If an ancient city had only a wall surrounding it, then it was quite vulnerable to the attack of an enemy and in a short time would be forced to surrender. Why? Because without battlements (towers from which the enemy could be sighted and fought) built on the top of the walls, no action could be taken against the enemy. It was the battlements on the top of the walls that allowed the soldiers of the city to fight against the enemy and keep them from climbing over the walls at will. They will know exactly from which direction the enemy was attacking.

Here was a spiritually young believer not fully developed. The question is, what will be her place of function in the body of Christ - a wall or a door? All true blood bought believers have been given gifts and talents to be developed and then used by the Holy Spirit in His body (**Eph. 4:15-16**). It is for the surrendered believers to be used by the Holy Spirit in taking the younger Christians under their protective wings to disciple them. They will help nurture and encourage them to grow in the Lord, leading them slowly in the exercising of their gifts. Thank God for those who are willing to take the time to protect and care for the little ones!

The bride is placing the need for discernment into the hands of her Husband. Once the discernment is given, then she will work with her Bridegroom in the developing of her sister to full maturity in Christ (**Titus 2:4**)! Whatever gift(s) and talent(s) surface will need to be carefully nurtured and exercised. A spiritually young person is not to be thrust into a ministry too rapidly (**I Tim. 3:6; I Pet. 5:5**). Pride, in all of its subtle and not so subtle forms will surface. The focus is on them and their gifts instead of the Lord. Yet, in many churches their leaders will say, *"Get that new believer teaching a primary class in our Sunday School. They can do it. It's all there in the teacher's manual on how to do it!"* However, the young believer needs to grow spiritually by watching those who are deeply in love with the Lord.

How sad that churches thrust young baby believers into positions of spiritual responsibility and yet they have not learned to grow in love, surrender, prayer, praise and faithfulness. They have not been tested. The enemy will make sure that the young believer will have a very difficult trial come along to devastate him/her. The new believer quits the responsibility and others are hurt in the process. Satan loves it!

Note carefully that it has taken eight chapters in the life of this bride for her to come to the point where she is ready to be used in the nurturing of her little sister. She has the heart for it because of **7:10** and **8:6**! Only when she came to the realization that only Jesus is everything to her (**7:10**) and then, convinced of His never ending love, places His seal upon her heart and arm (**8:6**) is she ready for the work of mentoring her little sister.

Pride was mentioned a moment ago. We see the diminishing of pride in her own life. It took time and through surrender pride was patiently dealt with by the Holy Spirit. How do we know? In **2:16** she stated, **"My Beloved is MINE."** In **6:3** she stated it again, **"My Beloved is MINE."** There had been growth by **6:3** and the statement is of less importance. However, not until **7:10** is the **"MINE"** eliminated. What vestiges of pride remained is minimal.

"... we will build upon her a palace (battlement)..."

Notice carefully that the building of a *"battlement"* is not the responsibility of the young sister to build but the Bridegroom's and the Bride's (**"we will build...we will inclose"**). Who are the **"we"**? It is the Father, the Son and the Holy

Spirit ministering through the bride! Here it is dear Christian from the Word of God, **"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."** (I Cor. 3:5,6). God receives all the glory in whatever is accomplished when you are mentoring a young believer. The bride is now a yielded spiritual instrument in the hand of the Beloved to bless the little sister. A spiritual wall indicates separation; separation from the world's philosophies and mindless activities (John 15:19; II Cor.6:17), and separated unto the Lord for His use and pleasure (Rom. 14:7-9; Eph. 2:10; Phil. 2:13).

He will work through His surrendered bride to build the *"battlement"* within her younger sister. This will happen when the bride begins to pray specific promises from the Word doing spiritual warfare over her sister. The bride will spend time just being a friend to her little sister, so that she can see what a mature Christian really is. This little sister must see the image of Christ in her older sister. How many times does the Lord have to say it to us. *"Let them see My image in your life."* Listen, listen, listen to His Word, **"That which was from the beginning (Jesus), which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life...That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you...."** (I John 1:1,3). Did you catch the order here? First they heard, then, it was proven out by what they saw! Let people see the power of what you spiritually proclaim. *O God, let me be a transparent believer. Let my "little sisters" know You through me!* The bride will be living out the life of Christ in her walk hoping that Her sister will become an imitator (I Cor. 11:1).

The new believer will begin to see: a love for God, a love for one another, a love for the lost, acts of kindness, an attitude of humility, a faithfulness in prayer, praise and worship, a strong spiritually sustaining purpose of intimacy in the *'older sister'* (surrendered bride). The new believer will experience the gift of a loving, listening ear from the *'older sister'*! Spiritual fruit will be picked from the tree of the surrendered believer (Gal. 5:22,23).

"..of silver..."

Verse nine states that the *"battlement"* is to be made of **"silver"**. Silver in scripture represents redemption. This thought comes from **Exo. 30:11-16**. The people brought the prescribed amount of silver money that would be used for the sockets. These sockets of enormous amounts of silver supported the boards that made up the Tabernacle. This **"silver"** money given to support the weight of these boards was called **"atonement"** or **"redemption"** money.

The *"little sister"* must be taught clearly about her spiritual foundation and never forget it. Christ is her foundation (I Cor.3:11) and she is not only on it but in it (**"in Christ"** Rom. 12:5)! That foundation is her stability and everything else: her life, her purpose; her daily decisions, actions and attitudes. The bride is to never forget she has been redeemed (**"silver"**) without cost to her. The cost to the Lord was immense (I Pet. 1:18,19; Psa.103:4; Eph. 1:7). O how this needs to be constantly reinforced in new believers. The more that is understood about the enormity of their sin nature and the depths to which Christ went on the cross to buy back their soul, the more likely they will remain (abide) loyal to Him and grow to spiritual maturity because of their deep love and appreciation for Him!

How sad that young Christians are thrust into the battle of life without knowing how to use the spiritual weapons available to them (II Cor. 10:3-5). We tell them about **Eph. 6:10-17** but seldom demonstrate how. No wonder there is so much defeat and defection from the fellowship of believers. It is easy to evangelize, but nurturing new believers requires much time and Holy Spirit wisdom. We who are *"big sisters"* (surrendered Bride) must realize that our every move is being observed. That is how the *"little sisters"* are taught. They are seeing Christ, our Beloved Bridegroom, living in and through us. All the little sisters who are brought into our lives must see the victorious Christian life lived out as much as hearing about it! They must see the *"battlements"* at work. Let them see a life being lived out on the promises of God in the Word – a walk of humility, patience, caring and accountability.

How often do young spiritual children see victory in adult believers lives? How many churches allow for a time of testimony from believers who are seeing God work in their lives through specific answers to prayer? It is one thing to testify about being saved, it is quite another to give personal examples of spiritual victories and how they were accomplished through the Holy Spirit's power by faith in God's promises!

"a wall...a battlement"

At this point it is not known what the *"little sister"* will become – a wall or a door. If she be a wall then a spiritual *"battlement"* will be built upon it. She will be a watchman – looking out for the enemy coming against the body of Christ – an intercessor with a gift of discernment in recognizing the enemy's subtle attacks against believers. She will be that expert warrior on the battlement using the weapons of spiritual warfare (II Cor. 10:3-5): the whole armor of God (Eph. 5:10-19); proclaiming the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 12:11); and the power of the Holy Spirit (Mark 13:11; Acts 4:21; Rom. 15:19).

If her sister's function in the body of Christ will be a wall then her foundation must be solid spiritually. She must be very, very careful what she builds upon that foundation: prayer, praise, fellowship, doing good, intimacy with Jesus through His Word. That is why it is so important for young believers to be truly discipled, not just told what to do but shown how to do it. Then the "**little sister**" will become a spiritually strong watchman - protective wall for others.

But some are given a special place to lead in that battlement-watchman ministry. There are real dangers in a leadership role if the foundation is not strong (**Psa. 11:3; II Tim. 2:19**). Jesus is our example of how to fight in the daily battle, He knew how to take orders from His Father and obey them. He was totally in love with the Father. He is our example. If she remains humble and submissive, the Beloved will cause her to continually triumph (**I Pet. 5:6-8; II Cor. 2:14**). Oh to be a strong wall in Christ for His body. O to be a place where the spiritually immature may run to and be protected behind and in our wall.

Dear love of His heart, how many "**little sisters**" are out there watching your life? Do they see a victorious Christian? Do they see the fruit of the Spirit in your life? When you do stumble and hurt someone else do they see you confessing it and asking the offended person to forgive you? Do they see you praying for those who have hurt you instead of hearing you complain about them? Do they see you excited about being a Christian? Does your life demonstrate how simple it is to use and speak the Word of God to defeat the enemy? Do you use the authority given to you by the Lord? Listen, "**And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**" (**Eph. 2:6**). Why are we seated with Christ? It is the throne of His authority. We have His authority (Word - promises) to exercise against the enemy!

As the bride sat at the table of the Lord, Abba Father remarked,

"...and if she be a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar."

It was so wonderful listening to her Abba Father, her Beloved Bridegroom and the dear Holy Comforter talk about what will be needed to be done for her "**little sister**"! A loving, caring God had all of her little sister's needs supplied already! The plan was set. O how secure and confident this made the bride feel. All she had to do was make herself available to her "**little sister**" and her heavenly Bridegroom would take care of the rest through her, His adoring, submissive, serving bride!

Will her "**little sister**" develop into being a door? Will her life be a door to which others may go through and find Christ, the Beloved? The door of her heart would become an entrance to the true Door of eternity and a door where hurting Christians may find access to encouragement, healing and strength (**Gal. 6:2, 10**)! Let's teach the "**little sisters**" how, by example (**I Cor. 11:1**). Will her heart be an open door where the Lord will have complete access to every area of her life?

The "**cedar**" is an evergreen tree (see **1:17** for comments). It is an illustration of the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ about whom the Word of God states, "**...Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.**" (**Heb. 13:8**). The cedar grows over one hundred feet tall. It is strong and stately! Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords ruling them with the power of His Word (**Rev. 19:11-16**). He must become the "**little sister's**" strength.

The cedar was rot-resistant and knot free. Jesus lived His life without sin (**II Cor.5:21; Heb. 4:25; I Pet. 2:22; I John 3:5**). He must become her holiness, purity and righteousness. What good is a door without a wall? Both are absolutely necessary. Notice that she will be enclosed with "**boards**". Other spirit-filled believers must become part of her life demonstrating by their walk what being a "**board**" is all about (**I Cor. 11:1**). Boards speak of stability when they are connected to each other! The boards in the Tabernacle are a good example of this principle. They were held together by four outward bars and one unseen bar (**Exo. 26:26-29; 36:33**). The boards cannot keep themselves standing straight and in line with the others, even though they are all standing in sockets of silver.

They must have the four bars on the outside and the unseen bar running through all of them which represents the Holy Spirit. The four seen bars represent what was important in the early church found in **Acts 2:42**: bible study, prayer, fellowship and the breaking of bread! In the Tabernacle all the boards together are "**looking**" inward. They are centered around all that represents Christ in the Tabernacle. O to have the local body of believers centered around Jesus in what they say and do so the "**little ones**" will see the beauty of Christ in our actions and sense the presence of Christ in our worship of Him.

Dear bride of the Living Lord, become a board in some new believer's life. Be an encourager, a prayer warrior! May this be your heart's desire, "**Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.**" (**I Sam. 12:23**). The bride continues to speak...

V.10 "I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favor (Heb. 'peace')."

What a testimony by the bride! The purpose of a wall is to separate and to protect. Here is a key to the contented, spiritual life - separation. When did she begin to have real peace in her life? It started to take place the moment she acted on her desire to be separated unto her Beloved. That's when the Holy Spirit began to reveal the infinitely deep things of the Bridegroom to her (**I Cor. 2:9,10**). When did this happen? In chapter one she had asked the Beloved, "**Let him kiss me...Draw me...Tell me...**". It was there Jesus really opened up His heart to her and oh so much has happened since that moment! The wall began to be built right there and then. It would take time but her Beloved was full of tender mercies and heavenly patience to see His plan and work accomplished in her (**Jer. 29:11; Isa. 46:11; Eph. 2:10; Phil. 1:6**).

Are you dear one, an object of His affection, a "**wall**" for Jesus yet? All you need is a sincere heart for it and the Holy Spirit will do the rest. This is made so clear in **II Cor. 6:17** which states, "**Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing...**". Just be willing to "**come out**", make the first step, turn off the TV and pick up a spiritual book to read instead of wasting so much of your time on the temporal. Quit frequenting that place which has you in bondage. Take the first step that is all.

The Holy Spirit declares in the next part of that verse He has the responsibility to continue to keep you "**separated**". ("**be separate**" is passive voice in the Greek - it means it will be done to you). The Lord is in the "**building business**". Let Him build you up as a strong wall (**Col. 2:7; I Pet. 2:5**). You are a spiritual palace (temple of the Holy Spirit). As you surrender each day you will have peace within your walls and prosperity in your spiritual palace. "**May peace be within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces.**" (**Psa.122:7**)

Would I want to do anything that would displease my Beloved? Holiness (sanctification - separation to the Lord **Rom. 12:1; 6:13,19**; and separation from the things of the world – (**Rom. 12:2; I John 2:15-17**) is vital in order to have a vibrant and victorious spiritual walk in Christ. Meditate on the following verses (**Psa. 29:2; 93:5; Eph. 1:3,4; I Thess. 3:12-13; Heb. 12:10,14; I Pet. 1:13-16; II Pet. 3:11**). Holiness is not something that is worked up, but through a deep love for the Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit causes it to flow through us as refreshing living waters. Love will not do anything that would offend the one loved! "**Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my Words....**" (**John 14:23**).

"...like towers..."

As His spiritual bride, your breasts of faith and love (**I Thess. 5:8**) will become fully developed as if they were "**towers**". Yes, "**towers**" where all those around you will see what is most important in your life. "**Towers**" are to be seen. And what is the Christian life all about? It is faith and love. Remember, the battlements on the wall were like towers in order to discern exactly where the enemy would attack and from which point he could be fought. The Lord Himself is the tower of all towers for battle, "**For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.**" (**Psa.61:3**)! The enemy is defeated every time through your absolute "**tower**" of love for Him, His Word, His people, and being firm in the "**tower**" of your faith by standing on His promises in each attack.

"...then was I in His eyes as one that found favor (Heb. 'peace')."

Praise God for the wonderful, all seeing eyes of the Lord that reflect His heart of peace, love and grace. Oh the joy of having His peaceful favor. What a comfort to know His loving, Bridegroom eyes are watching your every move. When faith and love are exercised then He guides you with His eyes (**Psa. 32:8**) and His eyes become your spiritual eyes each moment of the day. You see with spiritual discernment! You see as He sees! His Word becomes alive in your spirit (**Heb. 4:12**). O what peace to know He is watching you with His infinite, caring heart. In the following verses find rest and peace dear lovingly watched one: (**Heb.7:25; Rom.8:26; Psa. 4:8; 34:15; 36:1; Prov.5:21;15:3**)..

V.11 "Solomon had a vineyard at Baalhamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand pieces of silver."

This love song begins (**1:1**) and ends with Solomon's name that means "**peaceable**". This lover of Jesus begins and ends her day with the Name she dearly loves and desires to glorify. The vineyards of the Lord and the fruit produced in them should always have the characteristic of peace. **Heb. 12:11** speaks of the "**peaceable fruit of righteousness.**" The surrendered believer, when faced with a difficulty or attack, begins the process with His peace and ends with His peace. When the Lord dropped the spiritual bomb on the disciples that He was leaving and they wouldn't be allowed to go with Him (**John 13:33,36**), He began to show them what was needed for facing the heart-wrenching circumstances to come (betrayal and crucifixion). How did Jesus do that? He did it by giving them His peace (**John 14:27**). When He appeared to them in resurrection, Jesus met with them and the first Words out of His mouth were "**peace be with you!**" (**Jn 20:19,21**).

He taught them to begin with His peace and end with His peace. Praise God for His peace (**Phil. 4:6,7**)! Jesus is our "Solomon". **Eph. 2:14** proclaims that, "**He (Jesus) is our peace.**" The heavenly Father refers to the eternal Sonship of Jesus in **Heb. 1:5** and is a direct quote from **II Sam. 7:14** which speaks of Solomon, David's son! Jesus is the King of Peace. When His Kingdom truly rules in your heart there will be peace (**Rom. 14:17**). We are to allow His peace to rule our hearts (**Col. 3:15**).

All true peace comes from Him (**II Thess. 3:16**). Peace actually comes from His wisdom. Remember, Solomon represents wisdom (**I Kin. 4:29-34; Mt. 12:42**). Jesus is wisdom itself (**Col. 2:3**). There are circumstances that would seem to overwhelm you, but by faith, standing on the wisdom of His Word, you experience **James 3:17**, "**But the wisdom that is from above is first pure (brings holiness; a separated walk), then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.**"

"Baalhamon"

"**Baalhamon**" means "lord or ruler of a multitude." Thus, from the beginning and throughout your day His peace will surround the activities and challenges Abba Father has planned for you. That is why it is so important to keep the promises of God between you and your activities all the day long. Let it become a filter through which you make all of your decisions! Let Him be the Lord or Ruler over the multitude of things you will have to face! Remember, the very sly "**little foxes**" will be lurking in the shadows with all of their wicked intents to begin to destroy the fruit of God in you!

Remember, Jesus died that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living (**Rom. 14:9**). If He is not Lord of you, the individual, or Lord of the "multitude" - the body of believers in the local fellowship, then He is not Lord at all and the Holy Spirit's power to teach, reveal, protect, answer prayer, guide, save, heal and deliver will be greatly hindered. O the shame of division in the congregation and leadership. Strife simmers beneath the surface of the local body of believers because He is not Lord. Their will is more important than His will. They simply will not humble themselves and fulfill **Eph. 5:21**.

"...he let out the vineyard unto keepers..."

The one who possess a deeply committed bride's heart will have great "**keeper**" or "**caretaker**" concerns for all the "**little sisters**" in His vineyard (the particular members in the body of Christ, His bride). This was illustrated in this bride's life from the very beginning in **1:7-8** and reconfirmed in **7:10-12** and **8:8-10**! Do you have this vineyard concern?

Isn't it wonderful that our Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ, loves us individually and not just as a corporate body? This is demonstrated in how He makes us "**keepers**" individually. Each one has a very special and private place in His great heart. Our "**Abba Father**" gives to us a sphere of responsibility (our own vineyard) to minister to the needs of others. For moms and dads your first and great ministry is to your family. From there, the Holy Spirit might lead you into other ministries: teaching, cleaning, nursing home, rescue mission, evangelism, discipleship or simply supplying encouragement to others, etc. The Lord knows that we will be happiest in serving just as our Bridegroom did while here on earth and is still doing so in Heaven (**Mark 10:45; Phil. 2:5,8; Heb. 7:25**).

Remember, silver represents redemption (**comments 8:9**). God expects to receive something from you, His redeemed one, which will bring Him ultimate joy. Jesus redeemed us so the Holy Spirit could produce in us redeemed actions, attitudes, worship and service. As a surrendered redeemed one, you have the privilege in bringing Him the "**thousand pieces of silver**" so to speak.

How? There will be the "**thousand**" little pieces of silver resulting from the redeemed fruit of your life. When? It is happening every day in small increments. These pieces of redeemed silver (actions) from your vineyard are being sent into glory every day. Later, when you stand before your Bridegroom at the Judgment Seat of Christ (**Rom. 14:9-12; II Cor. 5:10**) He will show you all of them. He will experience ultimate joy there as He rewards you for giving to Him the redeemed silver accrued during your lifetime. Keep this verse in mind, "**...It is more blessed to give than to receive.**" (**Acts 20:35**).

It is joyful to receive but it is more joyful to give. At the Judgment Seat, Jesus our Lord wants to give you rewards. It will bring ultimate joy to Him. Don't rob Him of the joy of giving rewards to you. Just be faithful in whatever you do. He has made it so easy for us to receive rewards. It says so in **Col. 3:23,24**, "**And whatever you do, do it heartily as for the Lord, and not for men; Knowing that from the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ.**" **WHATEVER means WHATEVER!** How much easier can He make it? Get dressed in the morning for Jesus, do your homework for Jesus, work at your place of employment for Jesus, and all the little things that come your way during the day. Do them faithfully and He will have the joy of giving you a reward. The thousand pieces of silver, plus gold and precious stones will be made into crowns for you (**I Cor. 3:11-14**).

There are five different crowns we, His redeemed ones, may receive from our King. It all has to do with being faithful in what He asks of us. All we want to hear from Him will be these Words, "**...well done thou good and faithful servant...**"

(**Matt. 25:21**). The "thousand pieces of silver" are bound up in the Word "**faithful**"! What He gives you to do, do it faithfully (**Eph. 2:10**). The crowns that may be received are for: Self Control – (**I Cor. 9:25**); Loving Jesus' appearing and keeping the faith (**II Tim. 4:8**); Persevering under trials (**James 1:12**); Keeping, care giving or shepherding other Christians (**I Pet. 5:1-4**); Faithful in suffering for Christ (**Rev. 2:10**). Will you have the infinite joy of casting crowns at Jesus' feet as the elders will do (**Rev. 4:10**)? Read **Col. 3:24,25** again! Please don't rob Jesus of the joy of giving to you or rob yourself of the joy of giving to Him. Read **Acts 20:35** again.

Now the question asked by the Holy Spirit in **1:6** can be answered, "*Will she ever be able to truly minister in the vineyard her Lord had chosen for her?*" Has this beautiful spiritual bride been made ready to be a "**keeper**" also? Yes! Reflect back to when she shared with us just what her Christian life was like before surrender – the constant burden of a multiplicity of activities in **1:6**, "**...my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept**". The frustration is evident. "*I can't do what I am truly called to do!*" You can feel the desperation of her heart in **1:6** that she was burned out and crying for help. The Lord allows us to come to the end of Christian "busyness" and waits to hear us cry out for life-fulfilling spiritual intimacy with Him.

Then, the Holy Spirit sent a Marybeth into her life and asked, "*Have you ever surrendered all of this over to your Heavenly Bridegroom?*" A spiritual hunger came! This bride said, "*No! No one ever told me that I had a Heavenly Bridegroom who wants to be intimate with me!*" There are a great many believers, like this bride, who do not know anything about being His bride. So many know Bible doctrine but know nothing of intimacy with their beloved Lord.

Then one day in desperation her soul cried out, "**Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.**" (**1:2**). This was heavenly music to His ears! And oh, how He fulfilled it, as we have seen traveling with her through these wonderful eight chapters watching Him disciple His bride through intimacy.

Now she is seen as the keeper of her own vineyard. She proclaims it with joy in **v.12**. What has changed from **1:6**, "**...but mine own vineyard have I not kept.**" to this precious moment in **8:12**?

V.12 "My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred."

How did her Bridegroom transform His bride from an ordinary believer, who had been filled with the extreme exhaustion in **1:6**, to a blessed, joyful keeper of her own vineyard ready to bless her heavenly Bridegroom with a thousand pieces of silver from a great harvest? Her Abba Father was allowed to prune her branch freely (**John 15:1**)!

This journey began when a desperate seeking fell over her soul for an intimate relationship with the Beloved. Next came a revelation of His heart when He described in detail just how deeply special she was to His heart. She experienced the destructive *little foxes* and the emptiness they bring (**2:15; 3:1**). She learned the great need to protect this special

intimacy with her Bridegroom. Next came the painful hesitation to go with Him and the suffering which resulted (**5:2-7**). His precious bride had learned that a truly surrendered heart does not hesitate to obey what she knows is His "**...good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**" (see **Rom. 12:1,2**). This difficult lesson would cause her vineyard to be ready in producing much fruit!

In **6:11** He took her to see how productive His beautiful vineyards could be. She had learned to never tend her vineyard alone! After these vineyard lessons then came the beginning of fulfillment in **7:12**. She said, "**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.**" This is really where we can give our Beloved Bridegroom our full love and see beautiful fruit produced for Him and by Him to bless many others.

Her heart garden from **chapter 4** had grown into a full-fledged vineyard of her Beloved. It took time and patience but she did not give up! It was all part of His plan to see His greatly loved bride become a beautiful garden with which He and others would be blessed. In **chapter 8** the bride leans upon her Beloved and seals her surrendered heart with His seal. She now is moved to minister to her younger sister. The work of her vineyard became personal one-on-one. What does all this mean to you dear reader, dear bride? Your Beloved Bridegroom has given you your own special vineyard in which both of you can minister together. What is this spiritual vineyard? Let the Holy Spirit reveal it to you in **Isa. 5:7**, "**For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel...**" It is His people! Yes, your vineyard is made up of all the people who are in your life: family, friends, co-workers; all the daily issues and circumstances brought your way by the Holy Spirit. May those who are brought into this vineyard be able to pick His fruit from your branch in all your actions and attitudes.

The more we are obedient the more (**Col. 3:11-17, 23,24**); and **James 3:17** will appear in her vineyard. Oh, my dear partner in the vineyard of the Beloved, it is by His fruit produced in us that others will truly see Him. And here it is, in **John 13:34-35**, "**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**"

May you and I always realize that even though we call it *my vineyard* it is really *our vineyard!* He is actually ministering through us. As His bride never forget to learn the meaning of the vision given to her in **1:14**, "**My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of Engedi.**" He is the center and purpose of the vineyard. The Beloved is the picture of life and resurrection that others may be drawn to Him.

Then comes the reward, the harvest (**Gal. 6:9; Col. 3:23,24**) as He blesses His keepers with a portion for them to enjoy – 200 pieces of silver. Now the bride has the great, great joy of offering to Him the 1000 pieces of silver. Oh the joy in rewarding our Bridegroom with the harvest of a surrendered, redeemed life. It will come when you stand before Him at the Judgment Seat (**Rom. 14:10**). Oh the joy He will receive as He finds a great amount of silver appearing from the intimate, surrendered, obedient life you lived while on this earth! Oh just seeing the joy on His face and in His eyes will be worth it all (**1 Cor. 3:11-15**).

The blessings of having His specially selected vineyard for your life is an honor but very, very serious if you do not surrender each day and its circumstances to Him. Sowing obedient, intimate faith and trust in the promises of your Bridegroom keeps the vineyard beautiful and healthy. Then others will come, attracted to Jesus' fruit in you! They will taste His life-giving goodness and discover what you discovered in **2:3**, "**As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.**" (see **Psa. 34:8; 119:103**). Read **Heb. 2:9**. Jesus tasted death that others might taste His life through you! Intimacy with your Bridegroom through surrender to His Word will protect your vine from becoming a rancid curse:

"Many shepherds have ruined My vineyard, They have trampled down My field; They have made My pleasant field a desolate wilderness." (**Jer. 12:10**).

How many have been turned away from the Lord because their so-called Christian life portrays little difference than those who do not belong to Him? It is awful to look at joyless, uninterested, so-called believers, who disdain keeping His loving commandments found in the 66 love letters He wrote to His bride to follow as the true way to show Him how much she loves Him! **1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."** Read **Psa. 1; Psa. 19**.

PRAY WITH ME: "Praise You dear Lord for giving me a vineyard so that I may have much fruit to give back to You! Thank You my Beloved that there is also a portion for me (**200**) that I may share with my fellow workers in order to bless them! Lord, I have no means in myself to care for the vineyard. Thank You for giving me spiritual gifts, talents from the Holy Spirit to accomplish Your plan for the vineyard in Your power! Thank You, dear Abba Father, my Vinedresser! Thank You so much for Your promise, '**Faithful is he that calls you, who also will do it.**' (**1 Thess.5:24**). May much redeemed silver be sent to glory each day from my life. May Your heart receive great joy at the Judgment Seat. I will, in joy, cast any crowns given at Your feet! In the Name of my King, the Lord Jesus Christ, amen."

V.13 "Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it."

God loves corporate worship and corporate fellowship. He began this Song with a group desirous of intimate fellowship with Him (**1:2-3**). And now, as the Spirit brings to a conclusion this beautiful Song He speaks of "**companions**". Remember back in **chapter three** the bride was given a special vision. She saw men and women working together in communion with the King. The bride was being taught the importance of true fellowship with other believers. When people who love Jesus come together it brings to us His glorious presence as no other way can.

Each individual believer is a garden (already discussed at length in **chapter four**). Jesus loves to dwell in the garden of our heart. He loves to talk and share with us through His Word. But He also loves to have us talk and share with Him the desires, distresses and delights of our heart (**2:14**)! He wants so much to be wanted. Does your wonderful Lord look into the fullness of your heart and hear, "**Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee** (**Psa. 73:25; 42:1; 119:10**)". What a joy it is to fellowship with other truly surrendered believers ("**companions**") and spend time just talking about our favorite topic - our Bridegroom Jesus!

Will you "**companion**" with those who are in love with Jesus? Will you seek them out? A surrendered heart just can't help it. It is a holy compelling in them to meet with other like-minded lilies! When they begin to share what is on their heart, you are hearing the voice of your Beloved Lord. Get with other surrendered lilies, spend time sharing with each other about Him and **Eph. 3:17-19** will be fulfilled in your hearing, "**That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye,**

being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

"...thy voice: cause me to hear it."

Remember, something special happens when two or three gather together just to talk about Him and share His Word. These are the one's who hearken to His voice. They lovingly obey the voice of His Word. These obedient ones love to come together and talk about Him, His Word and what He is doing in their lives. Something special happens at this time. He reveals Himself as never before, "**For where two or three are gathered together in my name (The Lord Jesus Christ) there am I in the midst of them.**" (**Matt. 18:20**). What does this mean? We know that He is omnipresent. However, when He becomes the topic of conversation and the focus of fellowship, He allows us to sense His presence as at no other time. What comes out of our sharing heart will flow over His nailed scarred feet, washing them with pure spiritual water springing up out of our innermost being (**John 7:38,39**). O the joy of "**companioning**" with those who love Him. As each shares from the Word and in testimony, each will begin to "**hear His voice**" in what is revealed. It will be spiritual thoughts and spiritual ideas you have never had before. They are a gift from Him to the companions who have come together.

PRAY WITH ME: "*Dear Lord, I love You with all of my heart! I love the deep things that You reveal to me. Thank You for exposing the beauty of Your loving heart to me and through others. You love to work through the two or three gathered together in Your name. You just love to give that little extra blessed thought or revelation through them as we talk together about You. In the most holy name in the universe, Jesus my Lord, amen.*"

V.14 "Make haste, my beloved and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices."

There is no hesitation in her voice as in **chapter 2**. She says. "*Hurry, come and be in the midst of us as we gather together in Your name. We will lift up our voices, full of love and praise to You. As we gather together let us feel Your holy presence. Come quickly and listen to us with Holy Spirit filled hearts, 'speaking to (ourselves) in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in (our) heart to (You); giving thanks for all things unto God and the Father in (Your name) the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.'*" (**Eph. 5:19-20**).

The bride gathers together with other lilies to talk about the Beloved. They sit, praising Him and contemplating out loud all the wonderful things that make up His eternal character and attributes in great wonderment and revelation. The bride said, "*I didn't see it until now! He just becomes more wonderful all the time.*" One of the virgins excitedly asked, "*Well, don't keep it from us, what is it?*" The bride responded, "*Remember way back when we first went to the Beloved King and asked Him to kiss us spiritually (1:2) Another answered, 'Who could ever forget that, we were all changed and especially you?'*"

The bride, glowing with joy said, "*Not until this very moment did I realize how He has spiritually kissed me with precious revelation all through every phase of my surrendered life. At first He compared me with Pharaoh's choice horses and said that I had dove's eyes. What a kiss (1:9,15)! Then there was that special kiss when He allowed me to see Him skipping in victory over the troubled mountains and hills of life (2:8). And how could I ever forget the kiss He gave to me as I went to sleep and then dreamed about His wonderful power, it was so glorious (3:6-11). And there was the kiss of the three mountains, Amana, Senir and Hermon. I was never the same after that (4:8). Also, engraved on my heart is the flood of descriptions that came to me in my darkest moment, what a tender kiss it was (5:10-16). I still am amazed at His description of me, comparing me to Jerusalem and an army with banners (6:4)."*

"*The dear Holy Spirit kissed me with the magnificent vision of Him when I knew in my heart that His desire was for me totally and eternally, it caused me to be actively bold and truly have His mind (7:10-11). But Oh, no kiss was ever greater than taking His nail scarred hand in mine and placing it over my heart and arm (8:6). He really, really loves us with all of His heart!*" An unspeakable presence of glory begins to fill the room. For a long time there was a hushed holy silence, then at the same moment each whispered, "*He's here! I know He's here!*" In their spirit each heard His voice encouraging them, "**...I will never leave you, nor forsake you.**" O how they longed for Him to return in person.

Then one of the lilies touched something - it was a box wrapped up as a gift. It was addressed: "*A gift for My bride.*" All of the lilies gathered round with great expectancy. As it was slowly being unwrapped a light shown from within, lo and

behold it contained sixty-six love letters written for His bride. The note on the cover said, "Dear bride of My heart, you didn't think that during this time of My physical absence I would leave without giving something of great value to you, My precious bride? I have been writing all of these love letters just for you. As you hold them close to your heart, you are really holding Me. My Words will guide you, change you, protect you!" He finished the note with these Words, "I love you with all My heart, always Jesus. I'll be back soon!" With eyes filled with thankfulness she glanced at the final Words in His last love letter, "**He who testifies this says, 'Yea, I am coming quickly.' Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**" (Rev. 22:20)

PRAY WITH ME: *"Make haste and continually fill me! Make haste and search me. Let me know if there is anything unpleasing to You in my life (Psa. 139:23,24)! Make haste and continually revive and renew me! Make haste to sit with me in the very private and quiet times. Let me feel Your presence right away! Make haste and place Your left hand under my head and Your right arm around me. Make haste to receive my love and praise for You alone! Make haste, my Beloved, my Love, my Lord, my King, my Satisfaction! I desire nothing but You and You alone Lord Jesus! Sweep me up on wings of glory to the mountains of spices where nothing will ever interrupt our eternal love affair with each other. I long for those spices that come from You alone. I long to be with those who love You alone. How wonderful, my Love, will be the fragrance emanating from those mountains. Just like the anointing oil of the high priest with its four separate ingredients; each one of us coming and anointing Your feet with our particular fragrance. O the joy of combining our individual perfume and making heavenly incense for You our Beloved! One spiritual thought is combined with others. Is this what Rev. 5:8 is all about dear Lord? O to feel the breeze of Your blessed Holy Spirit on those mountains, lifting me up in holy ecstasy, with a heart bursting with pure holiness to be poured out on You, my Spouse! You lavished Your love on us fully (Rom. 5:5) but now, on the mountains of spices we will return it totally back to You as it floods Your Blessed soul! I love You, I love You, I love You with all of my Spirit-filled heart! Cause me to grow in a greater capacity to love You my Beloved!"*

"...upon the Mountains of spices."

"Lord, Your spices are spiritual endowments which beautify and change me into Your blessed image through the power of the Holy Spirit! These are the spices emanating from the garden of my heart." For those who are sold out to Jesus there are mountains of spices waiting for you! The mountains are not barriers but blessings filled with His personal aroma of spiritual spices. Oh how joyful it is on these mountains. "This is where You planned to take me when You beckoned my heart so long ago to, '**...Rise up...and come away...**'" to mountains of new spiritual adventures with Him (2:10)." They will now leap and skip together over the mountains and hills (2:8) in His strength while holding her hand!

There's one last thing on her heart that needed to be done. Her mind went back to the beginning when the Holy Spirit came and filled her with that blessed longing for intimacy with Him. Looking wistfully in the distant past she said to herself, "I wonder how Marybeth is doing? I must write and thank her for leading me to ask to be kissed by My Beloved and share all the other kisses He has given me."

Taking out paper and pen she began to write a thank you note, "Dear Marybeth, so much has happened since you shared your heart with us. Thank you for obeying the Holy Spirit and showing me how to have our Bridegroom kiss me, and by it, spiritually igniting a flaming, panting desire for Him alone. The day after you left I..." She continued to write and write and write wanting Marybeth to know it all. She stopped for a moment and the Holy Spirit said, "Marybeth already knows but don't stop writing, she'll weep for joy hearing about all that has happened to you." A few pages later, she closed the letter, "With all of my love, filled up with our Beloved, your sister, Ruth."

P.S. If you haven't caught it yet, let me let you in on a little secret, I chose the name "Ruth" because the real Ruth of the Bible was a Gentile not deserving any consideration from the Lord. Our bride was a Gentile also (1:5). And the name "Marybeth" was a play on the term "Mary of Bethany" who truly understood our Beloved Bridegroom more than anyone else. And the Holy Spirit is still allowing her to teach us even in our day, twenty centuries later! We began so long ago, in this devotional commentary with the Words of Jesus, "**Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel is preached throughout the whole world, this also that she has done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.**" (Mark 14:9). We have obeyed His desire and passed it on to you! Be blessed by the Bridegroom and pass along the name and precious character of Mary of Bethany.

FROM MY HEART: "Thank You, dear Bridegroom of my heart that there are no mountains of Bether (division) between us anymore (2:17) but only mountains of spices. Thank You for this wonderfully, unsought journey through Your 'first love' love in this Song! O how You sang it to me early, early in the morning hours. Just You and I alone; sometimes sitting for quite a while thinking about the verse before us that day. Then You would reveal Your heart in that verse; tears flowed from my eyes in astonishment at the preciousness You were sharing! You sang it just for me in those hours. You kept telling me just how much You loved me and at times I could not handle the streams of love

flowing through every note sung to me in Your Song. I never dreamed that anything like this was ever possible! But O how my heart rejoiced in Your arms!"

"What an amazing, tender Lord You are. My Beloved, You took me by the hand so many years ago and led me on this indescribable, intimate journey through Your eternal "phileo" heart in this Song. You chose me: the weak, the unworthy, the failure, the unskilled and began a new work in me. By taking such a person You would get all the glory! You desired a book to be written through me. It never dawned on me for five years after writing down the thoughts You gave me that it was to be a book given freely without cost so that others would experience Your intimacy of love. Each morning You filled me with a love that made it irresistible. Many times, as You flooded my soul, I could only fall at Your feet and weep uncontrollably."

"Your exquisite, all consuming 'first love' love gave daily life and joy to me! Lord, there is nothing like it! It is indescribable! What heights of joy; what depths of love; what breadths of peace; what lengths of fullness; what glorious experiences of Your grace and mercy You have shared with my innermost being! But it was never meant for me alone. To all who read this devotional with a surrendered heart You have given the same experience. Dear Bridegroom of my heart You are so amazing – You intend this love for all those who belong to You but You make it so private, so personal - a one on one intimacy with each one of Your bride! When those who have finished this journey through reading and listening to Your Song, when they have read the last verse and then closed the book, - they will say..."

"And when I had lifted up my eyes, I saw no man, except Jesus only!"

(Matt.17:8 – It was changed to make it personal)

**In His love and for His praise,
Esher Shoshannah**

"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:14-19

"But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." I Corinthians 2:9

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

"Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ." 2Thessalonians 3:5

1. With a heart of love praise Him - Heb.13:15. It brings joy to His heart.
2. You will learn how great your Lord is through these A to Z praises!
3. Also praising the Lord is a weapon to

fight off the enemy. Psalms 8:2; Mt.21:16
You are my Abba Father answering prayer
You are Altogether lovely my Beloved
You alone are infinite Authority Lord Jesus
Lord You Asked me to bear other's burdens
I cast All my burdens on You dear Lord

Lord Jesus You Adopted me by Your Spirit
You send Angels to help and protect me
You are the Judge and Avenger of all evil
You are Afflicted in all my afflictions & hurts
You're the Amen to the promises in the Word
Lord You are my soul's Anchor of stability

You Abide in me to fill me with Your fruit
Lord I Abide in Your Word to love You more
You Anoint my head with oil to empower me
You are my All in All there is nothing else
Being Addicted to You breaks addictions
You are All that I need to walk in Your ways
I Adore the beauty of holiness that You are
You are the Alpha of my day to lead me
You are the Author my faith to trust in You
You are the Almighty Anointed One Lord
You are the Arm of intimate love around me
Lord You are my Advocate who defends me
Lord You made Atonement for all my sin
You are Always present knowing all I do
Lord Jesus You alone are the Awesome One
Lord You are the Answer to living a holy life
Your riches of glory are my Abundant life
You give me Assurance in Your promises
Soon all will Bow down at Jesus' Name
Bless the Lord O my soul & all that is in me
In Humility You became a Bondservant
Your Word is the Belt of truth for battle
You Build up my life to look & act like You
Jesus You are the Brightness of God's glory
Lord Your Banner over me is love forever
You have a new Body waiting for me Lord
I'm a Branch in Your vine to bear fruit
You Bind Your mind to mine to obey You
You are the Bondage Breaker of my sin
Lord You are the Beauty of holiness in me
Jesus You are the Beloved of Abba, Father
You are the One who Blesses me daily
To live for You only – my Bridegroom
I'm the Bride of Christ to give You full love
You are the Bread of Life that sustains me
Lord Jesus You are my Burden Bearer daily
You are the Bright & Morn. Star Lord Jesus
Your Word heals all the Broken Hearted
You Blot out my sin by Your blood Lord
You are my Blood sacrifice the Lamb of God
You Chose me in You to honor Your Name
Lord You are the God of the New Covenant
Your Spirit Convicts me of sin to confess
Lord Your Commandments are pure to obey
Lord You are the Christ the Son of God
You Correct my thoughts and ways Lord
Lord You drank the Cup of wrath for me
You are my Commander who fights evil
Take my life & let it be Consecrated to You
You are Choice and precious to my heart
You are Coming for me very, very soon
You Created me unto good works in Christ
You are the Comforting One I lean upon
You are the Chief Cornerstone of my life
Lord You always Care with loving discipline
Your promises cause me to be Content Lord
Lord You never Compromise, help me not to
Lord You are the Considerate One to help me
Lord You Conquered my enemy at the Cross
You Committed no sin yet became my sin
You Communicate to my heart Your wisdom
I am Your Companion for You to share with
You Constrain me to walk in obedience Lord
Lord You Cheer me up in my difficult valleys
My worries Cease in Your promises Lord
Lord Jesus You were Crushed for my sin
You Complete me so others see You in me
You are my Confidence that I have worth
Lord You give me Courage to stand for You
You became my Curse & now I give you joy
You are a Consuming fire of love & passion
Lord You Dispel my darkness and doubts
Lord You Discern all of my ways to guide me
You Disclose my sin for me to repent Lord
Your laws (teachings) are my Delight Lord

Lord You Demonstrate God's infinite power
Lord You change me with Your Correction
You are the Destroyer of sinful habits Lord
You are the Door to all that's good for me
You are my Defense against enemy attacks
You are the Designer of a glorious universe
You Decrease my selfishness so as to fill me
You Delivered me from Darkness to light
You Drew my soul so I could be saved Lord
Lord I'm Dressed up in Your righteousness
You Drank the cup of wrath for me Lord
Lord You are the Eternal One – the I AM
You are Emmanuel, God always with me
You Enlighten me to know Your mind Lord
Lord Your blood gives me Everlasting Life
You are the Exalted One to be worshiped
You Establish my footsteps by Your Word
Lord You Embrace me in Your arms of love
Lord You Empower me by grace to obey
You Endured the Cross for me Lord Jesus
Your Word Endures forever in my heart
You are my Example in how to truly live
You are Enthroned on my heart as Lord
You Equip me to love the poor & needy
You Execute righteous and just judgment
Lord You are Excellent in all Your ways
Your Eye watches over me at all times Lord
I Escaped the Lake of fire because of You
You Expose wrongs and reveal truth in me
You are infinitely Exquisite in all You do
You Encourage me when I'm discouraged
You are my Friend for precious fellowship
Lord You are my Fortress against the enemy
You are Heaven's precious sweet Fragrance
The Earth is Your Footstool – Lord over all
Lord Your universe is Exceedingly glorious
You are Faithful to me in all things Lord
You Forgive me as I repent & confess to You
As You forgive cause me to forgive all others
Fellowship with You dispels my loneliness
The Fear of the Lord is to hate all that is evil
Lord You are Full of glory, honor and power
You are the Fountain of Life of living waters
You Fill me with Your Spirit to walk as You
You are the Author and Finisher of my faith
Lord You give me Faith to trust in Your Word
I Fear to hurt You Lord Jesus the One I love
You Feed & refresh me with Your Word Lord
I'm Forever in Your hands to change me
Lord You alone bring Fulfillment in my life
You will never Fail me or Forsake me Lord
You are my Foundation & Cornerstone Lord
Lord I worship and bow down at Your Feet
You bore all my Grief so I can lean on You
You are the Gate to Heaven and blessing
You're inside of me so I can feel your Heart
Lord You Give more Grace to the humble
You are Gentle with me, may I also be Lord
Lord Jesus Your Greatness is unsearchable
Your beauty and Greatness are Glorious
You are the Giver of mercy may I also give
You are the Gift of everlasting life to me Lord
Lord You are God the Son I love and worship
You are my Gladness and heart's joy Lord
You are my Garment of Salvation Lord Jesus
You give me Godly sorrow to turn from sin
You are the Great Physician healing my hurts
Lord You suffered my Guilt on the Cross
Your Word is my Guide to grow closer to You
You gave me Your Glory to be one with You
You Gather me to sit & listen at Your feet
You Guard my soul through a humble spirit
Your Hands reach out to draw souls to You
Under Your wings You are my Hiding place
You Humbled Yourself to die for me Lord

I'm an Heir of all things through Your blood
You are my Helper guiding in the right path
Lord You are the Holy One, perfect & pure
Your Helmet of Salvation protects my mind
You heal my hurts to Help others in theirs
Jesus May Your Name be Hallowed in my life
You are the Head of the Church, Your body
You are my High Priest interceding for me
You are my High Tower watching the enemy
In great & small things I see Your Handiwork
You are my Holiness to live a separated life
You are the God of Hope coming very soon
You are the Father's Heart to know and love
In my weakness Your embrace Holds me up
You Humbled Yourself, may I walk humbly
Lord You alone are to be Honored at all times
Lord You are Infinite beyond comprehension
You are Inseparable to me, I'm Your bride
You are the Immortal, wise God living in me
May Your Image be seen by others in me
You ever live to make Intercession for me
You Indwell me to fellowship with me Lord
You are Jesus, God the Incarnate One
Lord I'm Your Inheritance and Your portion
You are Intimate with my heart and soul
Lord You must increase, I must decrease
Lord Your Word is Incorruptible, pure & holy
You alone are Just in all Your decisions
You anoint my head with Your oil of Joy
You are Jealous over me with great love
You are Jesus – my Lord and my God alone
Lord You Justify me by faith in Your blood
Lord You will Judge all humanity one day
You are the King of kings to rule my heart
Lord You are Kind to me that I may be kind
For Thine is the Kingdom, Power & Glory
You're the treasure of wisdom & Knowledge
Your Love bears all things, thinks no evil
You are Lord of lords, all must bow to You
The fear of the Lord is a fountain of Life
Your Laws are perfect restoring the soul
You poured out Your Love into my heart
Your Love causes me to surrender to You
You are God's spotless, sacrificial Lamb
You Laugh at the plans of the enemy Lord
Your Word is a very bright Lamp to my feet
Your Word is the Light to my path ahead
You are the only Light in this dark world
You, the Father of Lights give good gifts
You are the Lion of Judah to rule forever
You are my Liberator from sin and sorrow
You Lead me in the paths of righteousness
Lord You are my Beloved, Lover of my soul
You Listen to my heart of praise and prayer
You are Longsuffering slowly changing me
You are the Lifter of my head when I'm down
There is no Limit to how far You go to save
My name is written in the Lamb's book of life
I kneel before the Lord my Maker to worship
Lord You Manifest the future in Your Word
You are Marvelous in all Your works Lord
Lord You alone give true Meaning to my life
You are the Master of my heart to teach me
You are the Mediator between God & man
Lord Yours is the victory and Majesty alone
You are the Mighty God who keeps my heart
You are the Most High and only true God
In You is grace, Mercy & help in time of need
You are my heart's Melody & my life's song
You give me Your Name to honor in my life
You are always Near to guide & protect me
Lord Jesus – Your Name is above all names
You will Never leave me nor forsake me Lord
You are the Noble One of all that is good
You were Nailed to the cross because of me

Lord You are always Needed daily by me
You supply all my spirit and soul's Needs
You still have the Nail scars to remind me
Nothing is impossible trusting in Your Word
Lord You Nourish my spirit with Your Word
You are the Narrow way & the only way Lord
You are my Offering to those around me
You bless me as I Obey Your Word Lord
Your Word gives godly Order to my steps
You were totally Obedient, may I be to You
Lord You Observe all that I do as Your child
Lord You Overcame the devil by Your blood
You are the Oracle of God speaking life Lord
You are Abba Father's Only Begotten Son
You completely Own me & all that I have
Lord You are the Omega of my day to rest in
You are Omniscient, You know all about me
You are Omnipresent in all places at once
Lord Jesus You are Omnipotent, all powerful
Your love Overwhelms me to love & obey
There is only One God and I worship You
Lord You Opened my spiritually blind eyes
Lord Jesus Praising You defeats the enemy
Always are Your thoughts Precious to me
Old things have Past away, new have come
Your Crown of Thorns crushed the curse
Lord You are my Passover from death to life
They Crucified You Lord the Prince of Life
In Your Presence is fullness of joy Lord
You are the Potter to make me like Jesus
The commandment of the Lord is Pure
Your Spirit is a Pledge to my soul Lord
You Prayed for me while nailed to the Cross
Lord You Purchased me at unspeakable cost
Lord You Protect me as I trust and obey You
Your Word is Pure, holy, alive and endures
Lord You bore my sin's filth, Pain and shame
You are Personal knowing all I say and do
You are my heart's Pleasure to give You joy
Lord You are the only Purpose for living
You are my Provider in my spirit, soul, body
You are the Prince of Peace for my heart
Lord You Purify my thoughts by Your Word
You Prepare me for each day to live for You
You are absolutely Preeminent to be obeyed
Lord One day, no more Pain, sorrow or death
Lord You Pardon my sin freely as I repent
You are Patient with me so I can learn Lord
You are Precious to me and I am to You
Lord You Possess me by Your Holy Spirit
I'll never Perish for I'm in Your strong hand
You Prosper me to give to Your kingdom
Your Plans are to make me a blessing Lord
All Your Promises are yes and amen Lord
You made me a holy Priest to worship You
Lord You are Quick to bless in faithfulness
You Quiet my storms with Your Holy Word
You Quench my thirst with Your living water
You never Quit on me, may I not quit on You
You alone are my Robe of Righteousness
You are my glorious, victorious Redeemer
You Root me in the fullness of Your love
You Lord Resist the proud, keep me humble
Lord You are my Rock of safety to rest upon
You are Lord and Ruler of my daily walk
Lord You are my Refuge in all my storms
You are the Rewarder of an obedient servant
You created and Reign over the universe
You Lord, perform Righteous deeds alone
You give my soul Rest in Your promises

Only in You Lord is the Resurrection & life
May I experience daily the resurrected life
You Rescue me from the enemy by the Word
Jesus You are the Radiance of God's glory
You Ransomed me to make me Your own
You are the Rejoicing and joy of my soul
You Revive my life to live for You only Lord
Only You Restore my soul & spiritual vigor
You Renew me by confession & repentance
You Refresh me in Your glorious presence
You Relieve my burdens daily by holding me
Lord You Release me to love You and others
You Reconciled me to God to be Your child
You Regenerated me by Your Holy Spirit
You are Returning for me to take me home
Lord You are the Refiner's fire to purify me
You became poor that I might be Rich Lord
Lord I am Rich in Your grace, glory and truth
You are Risen from the dead to rule over me
Your Word is the eternal Seed for true life
Lord Your Words are Spirit and they are life
You Lord are my Shield of Faith for battle
You taught us how to be a bond Servant
You Secure my path to follow Your ways
You bore all my soul's Sorrows and Shame
You alone are Supreme and just in judgment
You Settle my quarrels and calm my heart
Your Word is Settled in Heaven and in me
Jesus You were mocked, taunted and spit on
You're the Good Shepherd who died for me
You're the Great Shepherd who equips me
You are the Chief Shepherd who rewards
Lord You Sanctified me to live for You alone
Your rod and Staff they comfort me Lord
You give me Your Strength through praise
You're the Same, yesterday, today, forever
You Serve & help hurting people through me
You Sow good Seed in me thru Your Word
Lord You are my Shield of faith against evil
Lord Jesus Only You truly Satisfy my heart
You're the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
You carried my Sorrows and bore my griefs
Dear Lord Jesus You are Sovereign over all
You Search my heart to cleanse it thank You
Lord You Still the raging waters in Your time
You are my Salvation – my deliverance Lord
Lord You Sustain me every minute of the day
Your bride is to be Pure, Holy & Spotless
Lord You keep me Safe by Your power alone
On the Cross You Suffered the Lake of fire
I'm Seated with You Lord in the heavenlies
You are the love Song of my heart and soul
I'm Sealed by Your Spirit to have His fruit
My Bridegroom is the Song of all songs
Lord, I'm Sheltered in Your arm's embrace
Your Scriptures are life & health to me
Your Shadow and wings protect me Lord
You are the Secret keeper in whom I trust
Lord You are Slow to anger filled with mercy
Lord You Sought me when I was dead in sin
I offer You a Sacrifice of praise & thanks
Your grace Spared me to live for You alone
Abba, You Spared not Your Son for me
To sin against others is to Sin against You
Thank You for cleansing me of those Sins
You give Spiritual gifts according to Your will
Lord You are my Strength in my weakness
You cried out in Tears on the Cross for me
Lord You & Your words are True and faithful
Lord You Transform my life to be seen in me

Calvary's Tree became my Tree of life Lord
Lord You are the Tree of life that bears fruit
You have a Tender heart in correcting me
Spirit led godly sorrow brings repentance
I'm the Holy Spirit's Temple to shine for You
You're the Truth from Genesis to Revelation
You are the Triumphant One over all evil
You lead me not into Temptation thank You
You are my guiding Teacher in Your Word
You are the Treasure in my earthen vessel
You are the Trustworthy One to lean upon
The Tribulation will come & you will Triumph
You Thirst for my obedience and my will
You Talk to me in the voice of Your Word
Your Word Tames my attitude and tongue
Troubles that come become Your victories
Lord You Touch my life daily to touch others
You alone bring true Unity to Your body
You Unveil Your beautiful heart to me Lord
You are the true Understanding to guide me
You Undergird me to protect me from falling
You're the Ultimate & only purpose for living
You Uphold me by filling me with Your Spirit
Your blessed thoughts are Unsearchable
You are Unparalleled greatness & goodness
Lord You were Unyielding to temptation
You are the fruitful Vine of sweet communion
Be glorified You're the Victor in all my battles
You alone give beauty and Value to my life
You make me a Valiant warrior by Your Spirit
You are Vast in Your love, grace & mercy
Vengeance is Yours alone against all evil
You Voluntarily humbled Yourself may I also
You were born of a Virgin to live a pure life
You Vitalize my life to please You each day
Lord Jesus You are the Visible image of God
I'm a Vessel for You to bless others through
Lord You Vanquish every foe by Your blood
Your Holy Word is the sword of the Spirit
Lord You are the only Way for true salvation
You make me Well by obeying Your Word
You are my all wise Wonderful Counselor
You are Worthy of praise, honor & glory Lord
You Warn me of danger in not trusting You
Your caring heart Wept over my sinful soul
You make me Whole to live a separated life
You are the Faithful Witness in Your Word
Lord I'm Your Workmanship to please You
You made me Worthy for You to live in me
You Wrap me securely in Your arms of love
You are Warmhearted to the orphan & widow
You are the eternal refreshing Water of life
To do good Works is to obey Your Word
Thank You for Warning of Your soon coming
Lord Your Will is the only good & perfect Will
To fear You Lord is the beginning of Wisdom
Lord Without You I'm lost – no purpose in life
You are the Worker of miracles in my life
Lord Your faithful promises stop my Worry
Lord You send angels to Watch over me
Lord I Worship You and not worldly things
Your Wrath will be poured out on all evil
When I'm Weary I rest my soul in Your arms
I'm cleansed by the Water of Your Word
You became a Worm in order to save me
You always Yielded to the Father, may I be
Lord You Yearn for me for I am Your Bride
Troubles come to show Your Yoke is easy
You are Zealous to love and correct me
Lord You are Zion's King of Righteousness

