

## ***Song of Solomon 2:10-13***

I. Song 2:10-13 Called out of comfort into deep partnership

***(Song 2:10-13) “My beloved responded and said to me, ‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, And come along. 11 For behold, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. 12 The blossoms have already appeared in the land; The time has arrived for [g]pruning the vines, And the voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land. 13 The fig tree has ripened its fruit, And the vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance. Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, And come along!’”***

a. Review: The Sovereign King & Lord over the Nations

- i. Jesus has begun the work of redeeming the affections of the maiden's heart, His most precious possession. His banner(leadership) over her is to *reveal and impart His love* to her. Now, as her life season changes, the Lord disturbs her sleep and comes to awaken her to deeper partnership with His heart.
- ii. Jesus is revealed as one like a leaping and jumping stag on the mountains(obstacles). He has triumphed over every obstacle to His leadership banner of love, both human and demonic. He now stands outside the wall of their house and beckons her to join Him on the mountains of risk, the mountains of full obedience.

II. Song 2:10 Arise, and come along.

***(Song 2:10) “My beloved responded and said to me, ‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, And come along.”***

- a. Jesus calls her to arise from comfort and come along with Him to conquer the mountains. Her life season has been a discovery of the pleasures of being in God’s presence. He now calls her into a season of obedience and faith for God’s pleasure(**Hebrews 11:6**). He is asking her if she really believes that obeying Him fully is safe, even when it is costly or painful.

***(Hebrews 11:6) “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He proves to be One who rewards those who seek Him.”***

- b. He calls her beloved and bids her to “Arise.” In this season, she must rise from lower loves, lower desires, and lower pursuits unto the higher life of the Spirit. Our hearts long to pursue Jesus *where He is*. We must abandon everything that ties us to this world and rise to conquer the mountains of this world as His partner.
  - i. When Jesus says “**arise**”, the lame leap, the dumb speak, and the dead come to life. His mouth releases grace to enable the command of His word. He called Peter out of the boat to walk on the water with Him. He spoke Lazarus’ name to raise Him from the dead. When Ezekiel saw the Lord, he was unable to stand, but the Word of the Lord raised him up.

***(Ezekiel 1:28-2:2) “...the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking. 2:1 ...’Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.’ 2 And as He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet...”***

- c. Now He calls to the maiden, ***“my darling, my beautiful one”*** to bring her higher into the Spirit. Even before she has responded to His invitation, she is His beautiful darling. She is hiding from Him behind the wall of comfort, yet His love still burns for her. We must always remember that *even in our weakness and immaturity, Jesus fully enjoys us.*

### III. Song 2:11-13 The prophetic signs of a fruitful life

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- a. Jesus can see the fear the maiden is experiencing. She is afraid of what lies outside the walls of their house and even more so what lies in wait for her in the mountains of opposition. To reassure her, He will give her seven prophetic signs of the new and fruitful life of partnership He is calling her to. He appeals to the signs of the times revealing that the season of harvest is not far away. These signs of a coming harvest increase our *urgency* to trust and obey Him.
  - i. The winter is past
  - ii. The rain is over
  - iii. The blossoms have appeared
  - iv. The time has arrived for pruning(singing)
  - v. The voice of the turtledove has been heard
  - vi. The fig tree has ripened its fruit
  - vii. The vines in blossom have given forth fragrance
- b. ***“Behold, the winter is past”*** Again, the word ***“behold”*** invites us to see with the spirit of revelation into the great harvest before us. Jesus reminds us of the winters seasons of life. The cold winds of trials in the winter of discontent were no match for the faithful banner of His loving leadership. The kindness of Jesus in our winter season assures us that we will be safe in the springtime of budding grace. The season of hidden activity in the winter has come and gone. Following is sudden growth and fruitfulness in the spring. Jesus was there through the winter, how much more will He lead us in love in the spring?
- c. ***“The rain is over and gone”*** There is little outward growth during the winter and the cold rains seem to make everything more difficult. The cold rain was not pleasant, but with it’s passing, we find that the earth is readied for new growth. Nature is ready to respond to this precipitation with growth and invites us to respond accordingly. Jesus reminds us that though the rains were difficult, they bring forth new growth and increase in our spiritual life.

- d. ***“The blossoms have already appeared in the land”*** Flowers appear just before the fruit. They are a sure sign of fruitfulness in the next season. Even now, the “blossoms of revival” are budding across the nations. Jesus is beckoning to us to leave comfort and enter into the maturity of being His bridal partner. As blossoms appear all around, there is no time to waste in our pursuit of Him.
- e. ***“The time has arrived for pruning the vines”*** Vines are pruned during the seasonal change from winter to spring. The dead growth of winter is left behind for the new growth of spring to take over. God will confidently prune from our lives that which held us back from fruitfulness in the winter. The word for “pruning” is *zimir* which is a homonym that can also mean “singing”. We see a dual reality in this statement and the time of pruning is also the time of singing. As we sing in worship to Him, the dead vines of compromise are pruned from the vineyard of our hearts. Jesus calls us to sing new songs and He begins a new season of the fruit of righteousness.
- f. ***“The voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land”*** The voice of the turtledove is heard in Israel during the season of harvest. Songs are breaking out to prophesy this coming season. These songs come to our heart and awaken bridal affection for Jesus. His kingdom is coming to the earth swiftly and we must be ready to labor with Him. The greatest revival in history is around the corner.
- g. ***“The fig tree has ripened its fruit”*** The fig tree is ripening its green fruit. The green fruit comes just before the mature fruit. As we approach the coming harvest, we will see more and more signs of fruitfulness take place. These signs are the same that always point to Jesus as King.

***(Luke 7:20-23) “Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for another?”... He answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: people who were blind receive sight, people who limped walk, people with leprosy are cleansed and people who were deaf hear, dead people are raised up, and people who are poor have the gospel preached to them. 23 And blessed is anyone who does not take offense at Me.”***

- h. ***“The vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance”*** Fragrant blossoms come just before the grapes. As the blossoms of revival continue to spring forth in the nations, we can look forward to the grapes of the Spirit’s ministry. The grace of God is thriving around us and within us. We must leave the comfort zone and encounter Him in a place of weakness and trust.
- i. ***“Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, And come along!”*** Jesus calls out again to us. We are His darling one, His lover-friend and He longs for partnership with us. He knows that the harvest is plentiful and He calls us to labor alongside Him to carry it in. With the same words He spoke to the paralytic, he speaks to us to rise up and walk with Him in partnership.

***(Luke 10:2) “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”***

***(John 5:8-9) “Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.” 9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk.”***

*Questions for Discussion*

- 1) What was one point of tonight's session that was profound to you? How will you live differently as a result?
- 2) Which of the seven signs of the harvest are you currently seeing "in our land?"
- 3) What areas of your life are paralyzing you to from getting up and walking after Jesus into the harvest?