

Song of Solomon 2:8-10

I. Song 2:8-10 The Lord over the Nations

(Song 2:8-10) “Listen! My beloved! Behold, he is coming, Leaping on the mountains, Jumping on the hills! 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he is standing behind our wall, He is looking through the windows, He is peering through the lattice. 10 “My beloved responded and said to me, ‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, And come along.”

a. Review: The Bride’s Identity

- i. The Bride now understands her spiritual identity and life purpose as the inheritance of Christ promised to Him by the Father. She now embarks on the journey of becoming the Bride: the eternal companion of Jesus who chooses to love Him in lovesick obedience. *Jesus will now begin the work of redeeming the affections of her heart, His most precious possession.*
- ii. Jesus has a specific plan for each believer to bring us to the banquet table in the house of wine (*Song 2:4*) where we will celebrate and enjoy His love for us (and He also, of our love for Him). Jesus’ primary goal in His leadership (His banner over us) is to lead us in a way that reveals *and imparts* His love to us. (We are called to remember and praise His love that is better than the wines of this world (*Song 1:2,4*.)
- iii. Jesus’ leadership has been effective and she is now lovesick. She cries out for more of Him (*Song 2:5*). As she is drawn deeper into His divine embrace (*Song 2:6*), He charges others not to disturb her from sitting under the apple tree and at the banquet table (*Song 2:7*). Now, the Lord will disturb her in His timing as her life season changes.

- b. This passage now marks a significant change in the life of the maiden. The unfolding events will function as the source of her character displayed in chapters 4-8. She sees the third revelation of **Jesus: The Sovereign King and Lord over the Nations**. Up to this point, she has only known the counseling Shepherd (*Song 1:7*) and the affectionate Lover (*Song 1:12*) feeding her at the banquet table. *Now she sees Him leaping over mountains: signifying life’s obstacles and hindrances.*

- c. King Jesus triumphed over all demonic powers and principalities. He has overcome every obstacle, both human and demonic. We can speak to “mountains of adversity” to move as well as the smaller difficulties we face, symbolized by the hills.

(Ephesians 1:19-22) “...These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet...”

(Mark 11:23) “Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted to him.”
(Zechariah 4:7) “‘What are you, you great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring out the top stone with shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’””

II. Song 2:8 The voice of her Beloved

(Song 2:8) “Listen! My beloved! Behold, he is coming, Leaping on the mountains, Jumping on the hills!

- a. She first recognizes the voice of Jesus. In her season of resting under the grace-shadow of the apple tree and feeding on the raisin cakes and apples of His loving ministry, she has come to recognize His voice. At one time, she was distant, working as a veiled woman among His companions. Now, she is His companion.
- b. Jesus speaks tenderly to us when He calls us to the mountains of risk in our lives. The maiden immediately responds to His voice by calling Him her “beloved”, the title she will use to describe Him to others 22 times in the Song. Also occurring 22 times is the title “my darling” used by the Bridegroom, referencing His affection toward the Bride.
- c. Hearing His voice has caused her to **behold Him**. In our beholding of Christ, we gain additional revelation to who He is. His voice (maybe a tender song) called her into the spirit of revelation leading to deep knowledge of His attributes (Ephesians 1:17).

(John 1:29) “Behold, the Lamb of God...”

III. Song 2:9 The Young Stag

(Song 2:9) “...Leaping on the mountains, Jumping on the hills! 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag...”

- a. She has never seen this face of Jesus before. He is leaping and jumping with resurrection power. He has boundless ability and energy. His Lordship over every obstacle, hindrance, or barrier is effortless. He is like a young stag leaping over every mountain and hill in our lives. His purposes will not be stopped. He is demonstrating His power to her; will she join Him on the mountains of risk, the mountains of *full obedience*?
- b. There are mountains and hills in our lives that Jesus can easily overcome. They could be human obstacles, demonic resistance, or simply character flaws that He is working out in sanctification. What is preventing us from running with Him to the mountains and hills? Do we really believe that His leadership is perfect? Will we trust Him to go where we might experience pain or fear? Is His banner over us truly love?

IV. Song 2:9 Behind the wall

(Song 2:9) “...Behold, he is standing behind our wall, He is looking through the windows, He is peering through the lattice.”

- a. Jesus is pictured here as standing. Most frequently in scripture, He is at rest in victory, seated at the right hand.

(Psalm 110:1) “The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.””

- b. In contrast, Jesus is ready for action. He is ready for response. Jesus stood to receive Stephen when he was martyred. Jesus stood to knock on the door of the Laodicean church. When the Lord of the Nations stands, we know that something dynamically powerful is happening.

(Acts 7:55) “But he[Stephen], being full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;”

(Revelation 3:20) “Behold, I[Jesus] stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.”

- c. Jesus is standing “behind our wall” and gazing into the house she is resting in. The wall is not “hers” or “theirs”, but “ours”, meaning that the wall was constructed by God and given to them for a purpose. Before, He had commissioned her to sit at the table and eat. He had commissioned others to leave her alone and not awaken her until she pleases. Now, He has appeared outside the house of wine instead of inside.
- d. Jesus is looking through the windows and peering through the lattice (small opening). He is looking for the maiden. The maiden heard His song and looked out to see Him leaping over mountains. Now He is looking in to call her to a deeper relationship with Himself, but she has hidden herself. The mountains *and even the hills* seem too large for her and now she is hiding behind their wall.

V. Song 2:10 Called out of the Comfort Zone into Deep Partnership

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

- a. Jesus is ready for action and deep partnership. He calls her to arise from her comfort and security and come along with Him to conquer the mountains of her life and of this fallen world. He heard when she declared that His banner over her is love (His primary intention in leadership is to reveal and impart His love). He is testing her confession. Up to this point, she was living for her own spiritual pleasure. *Now she is being called to live for His.*

- b. Jesus challenges us to the mountains of total faith and obedience. The high places require us to embrace difficult assignments and relationships, thus challenging our comfort and security. Do we really believe that His leadership is trustworthy? Is it really safe to obey Him 100% of the time even when it is costly or painful?
- c. At this time, the bride will ultimately hide in fear and send Him away. However, His leadership is perfect and He will draw her out of comfort into marvelous faith and full obedience. In the same way, we often turn in fear from our assignments from God and the obstacles in our lives. We can have faith that He will finish what He started and draw us into the deepest level of His love in wholehearted obedience.

(Matthew 22:37) “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

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) Have you ever experienced the Lord calling you out of comfort to confront a mountain of opposition to His love?
- 3) Where are you struggling to trust that the Lord’s leadership is revealing and imparting His love to you?