

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Season 3 Part 1 Song of Songs 4:16, 5:1-2



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 4:16, 5:1-2**

¹⁶ “Awake, O north *wind*,
And come, *wind of* the south;
Make my garden breathe out *fragrance*,
Let its spices be wafted abroad.
May my beloved come into his garden
And eat its choice fruits!”
¹ I have come into my garden, my sister, *my* bride;
I have gathered my myrrh along with my balsam.
I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey;
I have drunk my wine and my milk.
Eat, friends; Drink and imbibe deeply, O lovers.”
² “I was asleep but my heart was awake.
A voice! My beloved was knocking:
‘Open to me, my sister, my darling,
My dove, my perfect one!
For my head is drenched with dew,
My locks with the damp of the night.’

- **James 1:2-4**: Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- **2 Corinthians 12:7**: Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me--to keep me from exalting myself!
- **Romans 11:36**: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.
- **James 4:5**: Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?
- **Revelation 3:20**: Behold, I 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.
- **Philippians 3:10**: that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

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Main Points

- Review
 - At the end of chapter four, the Bride expresses her full surrender to the purposes of the King. She invites both necessary difficulties (north winds) and enjoyable experiences (south winds) that will allow her to become who He wants her to be and accomplish what she is called to.
 - Trials and difficulties work to complete us. We cannot come into wholeness without facing trials.
 - God knows all things and is able to measure out to each of us exactly as much of both trials and refreshing that we need to allow us to reach our full potential in Jesus.
 - In the close of verse 16 the Bride is asking the King to take full possession of her life and gain glory from her life.
- The King responds to the Bride's prayer at the beginning of chapter five. He will always answer a prayer of surrender similar to the one the Bride offers in 4:16.
- Nine times the King says "My" in the first verse of chapter five. This demonstrates that He actually had taken possession of the Bride and was enjoying the fruit of her consecrated and fruitful heart. The King is acknowledging the Bride's surrender.
- Early in the Christian life, we look at God primarily as our Provider, and view our relationship with Him from a receiver's perspective. As we mature, although we still know Him as our Provider, our perspective diversifies into a deeper place of surrender, with the emphasis on what we can do to please Him.
- The reference to drinking wine and milk demonstrates the enjoyment Jesus receives from fellowship with us when we are surrendered.
- When Jesus has taken possession of us and filled our lives, others can receive of Him through their interaction/fellowship with us. His presence/love/kindness/truth can be imparted to others through us.
- The Bride had a connection to the King even when she was sleeping. When we sleep, we can be alive in the Spirit and receive from Jesus.
- The King releases gracious words and blessing to the Bride as He asks her to open to Him in verse two. Here He comes to her as the Jesus of Gethsemane (reference to hair wet with dew). It is here that Jesus is asking the Bride to receive Him as the One who suffered in the night before going to the cross. This is an invitation to "the fellowship of His sufferings." This season is in contrast to the period of blessing and "chamber experiences" she had early in the Song.

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Discussion Questions

1. As a review, what are the north and south winds? What purpose do the different types of wind have in our lives?
2. What is the Bride saying when she invites these winds to blow on her garden?
3. How does the King respond to the Bride's request at the end of chapter four?
4. Why does the King say "My" nine times in the opening of chapter five?
5. When we are filled with Jesus, others can experience Him through us. Have you ever had any experiences where you saw Jesus release Himself through your life? Have you ever experienced Him touching you through someone else's life? Discuss.
6. Continue the prayer dialogue with Jesus based on the Bride's request in 4:16.