

Hello! This is Dorothy -

The Old Testament Book, **Song of Solomon**, is an allegory. The theme is the expression of pure, marital love — love which is ordained of God in creation. It is partly to do with a larger interpretation of Christ, the Bridegroom, and His heavenly bride, the Church. Oh, please, if you have a Bible, do find it in the Old Testament. Look in the front of the Bible. It will soon tell you where it is. Start reading this Book and let the Lord speak to our hearts.

Right in the very opening **verse**, it says -

1 The song of songs, -that is what Solomon said this was - of all the songs he had written, this was the song of songs - which is Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine. - wine here speaks of joy and gladness. But what is this about: **the kisses of his mouth?** It is not the expression of a mere sensual love. The expression of love which bursts from her lips is a love that only God can put within the heart. It is something very pure and very wonderful. You know, a **kiss** means a lot in the Bible. Back in **Matthew 26:49**, we read that Judas betrayed the Lord with a kiss on the cheek. You have met people who come along as if they are standing with you, but there is

a betrayal. Over in **Luke 7:38 and 45**, Mary fell down and kissed the Lord on His feet. But for the believer, in order to be able to say, ***Let Him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth***, there must be a dissatisfaction with just the average relationship with the Lord. That is carrying on as if He is there somehow or other, but my life is here and I am running my life. The believer pursues after this love, because the indwelling Holy Spirit gives that person a vision from Himself, which people without Christ have not seen.

As a young nurse, when enjoying a walking holiday with another friend in Keswick, England, I can well remember we walked up and down over hills. Over and over, we kept singing the hymn, *More About Jesus Would I Know*. Part of that says, *More of His saving fullness see; More of His love Who died for me*. That is what some of us are saying in our hearts- "I want more!" In that active heart, there is a pursuit for a more personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. I realized that, yes, my sins were forgiven, for which I was deeply grateful, but just like the maiden in this **Song of Solomon**, my life could only really be explained in terms of Christ for me, instead of my life for Christ.

It goes on and it says -

3 Because of the savor of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

What is this about? All of the ointments, by which the palace was

perfumed, could not surpass the fragrance of His glorious Name, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Name of the Lord is altogether precious to the believer.

In **Psalm 8:1 and 9**, we read - **O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.** His Name, the Name of Jesus, is ***as ointment poured forth.*** The Lord Jesus is the anointed One, as God anointed Jesus with all kinds of ointment from the Holy Spirit. His Name is lifted high and **His banner over me was love.** Jesus died in my place on the Cross ***as ointment poured forth.*** Our life can be spontaneously touched with the loveliness of His ointment. How precious is the Name of Jesus!

We read this little phrase in **verse 3: . . . therefore do the virgins love thee.** - *the virgins spoken here are speaking of the hidden ones.*

Psalm 83: verses 2 and 3 tells us -

2 . . . they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against *hidden ones.* It is speaking about those who love and know the Lord Jesus.

The maiden is not the only one on the spiritual pathway and not the only one among many ***virgins.*** It is so important to see this. It is not just my life; it is all the other lives around me who love the Lord Jesus as together we are seeking further of Christ. They are

companions of this maiden and they are equally desirous of seeking and knowing the Lord. Respect such people. Love them. Help them to see that they, too, are those **hidden ones** - hidden ones in Christ. I want you today to see that Jesus is speaking to you. Surrender to His indwelling love and life, the life of the Lord Jesus, the head of the Church, of which you are part of the bride if you are a believer. Because nothing, nothing, can be compared to His love.

Worship Him now for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.