

Hello! This is Dorothy -

When by faith we have been born-again, the Almighty grace of Christ indwells our life as we enter in to an all-satisfying love. For the believer, Jesus Christ is the Lover of our soul. Such a picture of the bride in restful communion with her Bridegroom is found in the Book, **Song of Solomon**.

In **chapter 1, verse 15**, we read - . . . **thou art fair, my love . . .** Each born-again believer is beautiful to the Lord Jesus. The bride's beauty is a wonderful grace message.

15 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes. *The dove is the emblem of chastity. Never desiring another mate, it lives in the strictest monogamy. Doves, when drinking by the riverside, keep their eyes fixed upon the water. Drinking a large amount at one drink similarly to a beast, the same can be said of our Lord Jesus Christ, as He draweth not His eyes from the righteous.* That is a beautiful phrase of the Word. His eyes are always on us; they are fixed on us. It says He greatly delights Himself in His own with that fixed uninterrupted gaze. Oh, praise the Lord, **thou hast doves' eyes**. In other words, He is gazing upon us even at this moment. Fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ creates an opening up of all that is hidden within us. Unworthy of who we are, for there

is nothing good about us, we realize that we are special to Him and we could no longer be satisfied without Him. As a believer, how do you express your adoration to the Lord? In **verse 16**, it might help you to respond to the Lover of your soul as the bride, which speaks of the Church responding to her bridegroom, which speaks of her Saviour. Beautiful and imaginary surroundings of their great love for each other as she continues in those verses in **chapter 2 —**

1 I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. Yes, — *the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. This was like a common beautiful crocus. She realized she was nothing, but look what He says about the bride -*

2 As the lily among thorns . . . *That is how he considers her: amongst everybody else; she is the outstanding lily. They are all thorns; she stands out in extraordinary beauty because he knows her heart. He knows her through and through. The lily surpasses any thorn when you look upon it.*

She, in turn, compares Him —

3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood . . . *Yes, as the delicious, fruitful apple tree, which, to her, surpasses all of any other tree, any other men. There is no other one. He is the lover of her soul. . . . I sat down. . . with great delight, and his fruit was pleasant to my taste, she said.*

When we come to know the Lord Jesus as our personal Saviour, there is no greater joy than to sit at His feet and to learn of Him.

That is why the Word of God is absolutely vital in our daily life. Have you kept the pleasantness of your relationship with the Lord Jesus? The little book, *Food for Faith*, is vital to help you to understand daily how to get something from the Word of God — that the pure love, the tender love, the awakening by the Lord be constant within you.

It goes on to say in **verse 4 of chapter 2-**

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. *She knows here the protection in the presence of other ladies of the court. He is the king. She is no longer feeling inferior as just this sun-burned person coming, feeling all bad inside. No, He protects and makes her feel so special and nobody can touch her. Jesus is willing to give that protection. The bridegroom, the king, says -*

7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field. . . - those are the wild animals — beautiful animals - . . . that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please. *In other words, the thought behind this is this amazing love that these two have - as God has a love for you and you have a love for Him.*

*This **banqueting hall** is a little place that is so important we understand what it means right now. It says -*

4 He (the king) has brought me into the intimate place - *that is what **the banqueting hall** is; that is what the chambers are*

*all about. - **draw me** - the upright love.*

Before we know the Lord in the intimacy as the Lover of our souls, the most important thing is to see and recognize that He is King and respond to His Lordship. Will you do that? Will you say to the Lord now, *King of my life, I crown Thee now; Thine shall the glory be.*

Let Him be everything in your life! You have been looking for that something, that someone. Let Him be that One who fills your life with His Spirit, making Him uplifted and glorified.

In Jesus' lovely Name. Amen.