

Stand on the Ground of Ascension

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I am turning to **Song of Solomon, chapter 4, verses 7 through 8.**

7 Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee. As has been well said, after the maiden had seen the Cross and resurrection in a deeper and fuller way, the king now says to her, ***Thou art all fair***, whereas previously the king had said that she was just ***fair***. The maiden has been moved by the Cross in the indwelling Lord's heavenly and holy life on the ground of His resurrection. Our heavenly Father sees the believer without spot. If you love the Lord Jesus, aren't you staggered at this thought? I am! It is because of this finished work of His Son Jesus Christ. It goes on to say -

8 Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: - *this is the Bridegroom speaking to His wife* - **look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.** In the Bible, a *high mountain often signifies a separation from the earth and the heavenly place.* To the maiden in this story, this is a call to stand on the ground of ascension; a sign to be in Christ, in the heavenlies viewing from above the situation below. Three mountain tops are mentioned in the range of Lebanon: **Amana**, *which means truth, and*

is the highest height - as in 1 John 3:19 - And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. So that is truth. For the believer, we can understand ascension. We can understand that from the heavenlies, this is a place of *constant warfare*. So let us understand our position as **Amana**. Then the next place is **Shenir**. *This means the top of an experience in which you conquered.* Overcoming our enemies speaks of victory in Jesus Christ over the satanic forces arrayed against you. By the Holy Spirit, we have been given an armor. Whatever happens down below should be viewed from the advantage point in the heavenlies. **Hermon** speaks of destruction, referring to Christ's victory over Satan and death on the Cross. It makes me think of the **Book of Ephesians chapters 1 and 2**, which speak of the **heavenly places**. Also, in **chapter 6**, it speaks of the place in which we are involved in battle with the enemy in the victory of Jesus.

It goes on to say in **Song of Solomon** that we should walk on the mountain top. Why? Because from this position, we look down on the **lions' dens**. We look down **from the mountains** to where the **leopards** are. For it says, **Be sober, be vigilant; -(in 1 Peter 5:8)- because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.** And we are told as Christians **9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are**

in the world. Heavenly things can only be cleared by discerning clearly from the heavenly places. So many things overwhelm us. We are trying to look at it from down below, but understand, in Christ, we are to be in heavenly places. We are looking down from the mountain top. We can observe the promised ground of God's very peak, looking down at all that Satan's interests are about. You see, spiritual warfare is a matter of position and view. Without position, we cannot identify the enemy himself and we become overwhelmed and confused with all that is happening. Without the heavenly view, we cannot identify the very deceptions of the enemy.

After we know ascension in Christ Jesus, we will understand that dwelling in the heavenlies is also where the enemy dwells. Some of us don't even like this thought. We seem to feel, "Oh, I will leave him alone and he will leave he alone!" We don't realize we are overwhelmed that he has our path all messed up, because we are not willing to be in that position in the heavenlies.

Having understood the exchanged life of the indwelling Lord will enable you and me, as believers, to stand, and then withstand the enemy in the very armor that Jesus provides, because He has gotten us the victory. We enter into that victory. Remember, the believer, if you know and love the Lord Jesus, is in Christ. In Him. Then, from that position from the heavenlies, we recognize we are ascended with Him, and our view is from above. That simply means

that all that is beneath the feet of Jesus is beneath my feet in Christ! I am in Christ and I am in His victory.

Oh, dear believer, if you are overwhelmed with what is happening in your life, at this moment see that the Lord says in Christ Jesus there is victory and turn totally your situation to Him.

For His glory. Amen.