

Hello! This is Dorothy -

The ***daughters of Jerusalem*** represent immature Christians, who are questioning the maiden in **Song of Solomon**. Please turn to that Book and **chapter 6-**

1 Whither hast thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee. They call the maiden ***fairest among women*** because of the power and the attraction upon her life through her relationship with the indwelling Lord Jesus Christ. When a Christian witnesses the loveliness of the Lord Jesus, it awakens a desire among some to seek Him instead of following after their own ideas. Then they question, since the Lord is so lovely, . . . ***whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.***

The maiden answers in **verse 2 of chapter 6 -**

2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies. Amazingly, when she sought help from these immature ladies to find her Bridegroom, she was thinking of her need, but when she testifies of Him, she realizes He never left her! You see, you can be in a spiritual state, feeling so sorry for where you stand, but when you

testify of Jesus to others, something is immediately restored in your life. You see, Jesus had never left. This One that we hear of in **Song of Solomon**, all the time is in **His garden**. *This speaks of her own saved life, which belongs to Him.* Only when she turned from Him in disobedience did He withdraw from her feelings and showed her the pain of the withdrawal of His countenance. Now she needs to confess her own feelings; she needs to seek forgiveness; she needs to rebound; she needs to ask that the Holy Spirit comes afresh and fills her life. Perhaps you are at that moment. Perhaps that is what you need: to just come and do just what she did. Suddenly, her mind is off herself and she seeks Him working among His own, who represent **the lilies and other gardens**. Pure joys of Jesus and for Jesus.

For we read -

3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies. - *-this phrase is a repetition of **chapter 2:16**, when the covenant between her and her heavenly Bridegroom had been sealed.* But it had never changed; she has always remained a Christian; she wasn't suddenly not a Christian! This is the glorious fact. The problem was the maiden had been expressing her feelings. Now she has to learn to base her understanding of that wonderful relationship that she has with the Lord upon her faith. She has changed from her life of feelings with their changeableness to a life of faith resting in the unchangeable Lord Jesus Christ.

Similarly, as a believer, we can also identify with the maiden and rebound in our Lord Jesus Christ, realizing that with every stage of our spiritual growth, our loving Lord leads us to progressive union with Himself. Fellowship with Him means a life of identification with Him; then all praise goes to the Lord for all we have received through our union with Him. For He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Then we read in **chapter 6, verse 4** - The Lord speaking -

4 Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, -that is a place - comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners. An unbroken communion with our heavenly Bridegroom shows forth the triumphant beauty and order of His bride, as she displays the glory of her victory before the enemy and the world. It is a life not only before the Lord, but it is a life before the enemy. We do not understand that when we are saying it is like a **terrible army with banners**, it is a declaration that in the heavenlies, where the bride is to dwell, she now understands that that is where the enemy assails. This is warfare and it is ongoing. Therefore, there is something glorious and something wonderful.

There is a little hymn which says -

— The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;

His blood-red banner streams afar,

Who follows in His train?

Who now can drink his cup of woe,

Triumphant over pain;

Who patient bears his cross below

To follow in His train?

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The bride is now fully separated from the world. All the works of grace done through her heart and life are now done by God. It is a place I want you to understand, dear Christian, that you can be set free as the circumstances of life surround you. When things go wrong and you sin and you fail, make right immediately! Understand that the Lord loves you and the Lord forgives you. Make right what His Spirit shows you and immediately ask for the fresh infilling of His Spirit. Let it be a union as truly as the Bridegroom and the bride, that He might call you **spouse**, that He might see in your life that no longer do you live on your feelings, but by faith - all for the glory of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

