

The Bride's Journey In The Song Of Solomon - 13  
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We'll start in First Kings even though in chapter one there we're still in the bridal journey, our journey in the Song Of Solomon and we'll be back here in a moment in that end of the third chapter. But we're going to pick it right up with a little more type and shadow in King Solomon. And when he was crowned king right at the moments before he was to be crowned king. And as we go in here to first Kings let's just beginning reading from verse eleven, chapter one. Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon, and notice this is Nathan the prophet, the word of God. You ever want to save your life and your children's life, listen to the word of God. That's it, got everything for you and praise the Lord. That man of God that represented the word of God, it wasn't the word for the day, it was the word of God and I thank God that's what the word is to us. 01:24

He says, go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid. I think about Sister Austin in there, you promised me, can you hear that? That's the same spirit, come on. We're in the presence of that witness always, just need to pay attention like that precious sister Sandy up in heaven. I just hear it echoing all the time, I can't take it anymore. We better all get there if you want that, that's called ravished, oh thank You Lord. Let it be real to us, we're seeing it all the time saints and it's right there in His people, the people that are the rib portion, the spouse praise God. Go get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. So, there was going to be that conformation, that sufficient witness that the word of the Lord will give to your life. You talk about a double portion, there is so much in here saints. And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag . . . Isn't that glorious? Now why is she mentioned here? Because you're here, I'm here, the bride's here; the bride's always been there, every portion. Without her there is no kingdom, amen? Well, here's the rib, the queen's there so we know we got us a king, we know we got us a kingdom. Isn't that beautiful? 03:23

And Who's protecting her? Who's searching for the true worshipper? The Father. Now let me tell you something about the Father, He already knows. He's just sending that wonderful servant down to the well for the appointment. You sure I'm going to find her, what if I just ...just go on down there. Now we're talking the trinity, they don't talk that way, they know because they're one. You see this? See it, it's real exciting, marvelous, clear to the light. So clear someday we just step right on into It. As John Hill said you don't

wonder what you're going to do, you just begin what you knew you're going to step into. The throne is waiting us, amen praise God, and we're already seated together with Him right there too. This is what she enjoys right now, we'll see that tonight. This is why she thrills the heart of her Bridegroom, her husband. This is why He can't contain it any longer and He's going to yell out here pretty soon, My sister, My spouse. Yes, she is a readied wife, saints. I know sometimes we get instructions in our heads if we hear things a certain way, I'm telling you she's a readied wife because the word of the Lord tells you this. This just rachets up all the time doesn't it, amen? We started out in the bedroom, come on now. This isn't about infidelity; this is about the matrimony; this is the husband and the wife. And then if you have any doubt and you can't hold it in any longer My sister, My spouse and you're going to hear that a lot, okay? 05:15

It's okay to believe God. It's alright to trust in grace we need to be more bold saints. We need to bring us into that boldness, it isn't a new truth, it's the truth, it's the same truth; it's just going in, amen? It's all here, it's all here honey, don't doubt Him. So, It goes on to say, Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old, Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king, and the king said, what wouldest thou? What wouldest thou, isn't that glorious? We're right back to the Esther time, aren't we? Half of the kingdom, all the kingdom? And remember, Bathsheba even in her type and shadow she's going to sit right at the King's right hand. Isn't that sweet? Praise the Lord. And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne, alright? Nathan comes in says exactly what he said that he would do, come in after her. Let's jump to verse twenty-eight, and here is how it wraps up. Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. 06:49

And she came into the king's presence and stood before the king. And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, even as I swear unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, let my lord king David live forever. Isn't that a beautiful, that's just such a beautiful setting there. And see, the reason we read that there is because going back to the Song Of Solomon we saw in the third chapter where we left off, and in that eleventh verse it says King Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, truly in that story in a way it was his mama crowned him because Bathsheba came in and said Lord, you promised; you promised and praise God it was a promise, and it was a promise that was going to come to her, and you think again the beauty for ashes, the beauty that came out of the ashes of what all that represented of what David and Bathsheba; just take all of this of that the Lord's bringing forth to you. It didn't have to be, but to it had to be and that's your life, it's called to word of God. We're going to talk about that author and finisher of your faith in a moment here too because this all comes together. 08:23

So, I love again that we see that the bride for the king before Solomon is even crowned, she's waiting for him. Abishag's there and she's with the Father; it's really cool, and you just see how God brings this forth. The Father knows again the true worshiper, the wife for his Son. We are promised brothers and sisters because of the promises of God He will perform the good work which He's begun in you, and I thank the Lord. And you notice there that it said she was ministering unto David, isn't that sweet, isn't that beautiful to know that in that wonderful language that the Spirit gives us we speak mysteries unto God? Isn't that glorious, does that ever comfort your life? It gives me a lot of comfort just to think of what the Lord wants with me now, what He wants to share with me now, and yes God the Father that I do, I speak unto Him in that wonderful language He hears me. It's all in Jesus' name, I understand that. But I thank God for that heavenly language, it has a purpose that supersedes so much it's the double portion to the Father praise God. 09:41

Now, it's beautiful here because we see a type for us that we're going to come forth praise the Lord first. What I mean by that the Lord Himself shall descend alright? Before Jesus Christ ever takes that throne as God He's going to come for His wife, He's going to come to receive her to Himself and we thank God that we see this. Let's go ahead and read verses nine through eleven of chapter three of the Song Of Solomon. King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon. And it says He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem. Last week we talked about that precious chariot. We saw that it was called truly what was called a palanquin which was in a sense like a couch or a bed, or even a platform that would have a throne upon it as well too that would be brought into the wedding feast that would basically lift up as you will that bride that will be brought in for all to see the glory of the man, his wife. And how beautiful that we have seen this in type and shadow all the way through when the tribe of Levi would take the ark and they would lift it up on those staves and they would bring that in. And you think about the ark, what was on top of the ark, it was the lid, and what was the lid of the ark? It was the two cherubim that would come out of it that was in the very top and you'd just see that beauty all the time of the Lord being lifted up that the glory that was mounted upon it at the very top would always be the cherubim that came out of the beaten gold; the one piece of beaten gold that would look back at the mercy seat. So, it just layers itself for us, doesn't it? 11:49

You talk about the line upon line and precept upon precept, and again where God has been so gracious with us, I was ministering to a brother, and a brother was ministering to me today and just such a thankfulness to God of the one spirit, and the one mind, and the one faith and rejoicing and the privilege that we have, and I'm talking about us brothers and sisters. Think about all of the teaching, and about all the past teaching, the writings and I'm talking about the depth of the writings of the things that we have known over the years that have come forth of the bridal message. And how much we have of it, and the different vessels that God had used. You know we talk about a Brother Copley, and a Sister Bodie, we talk about a Brother Hill, and you know, different ones that

again, the Lord is so mightily touched us with it in our life, but then the writings of that, but then all of that is the word of the Lord, all of that by the power of His might. You think about the time that we've had, the teachers, and the instruction we've had. My goodness, as David said we should have surpassed our teachers with all of that instruction. As I told you I went in to honor that one professor, he'd been teaching for I believe forty-seven years. Thousands of these little disciples of this teacher and all, but the thing that was so beautiful about him in the meekness was that he's teaching these young men and women he wanted them to know more, to have more to go further. Because and what that did, it just magnified him as a teacher. And he never looked at us down, he was always lifting us up to go further to know who we were, and that's the best and most wonderful type of anyone that could ever instruct you in anything hopefully. But by the grace of God, I thank God that we have had those ones in our life and I'm very grateful for it. 13:57

But we come to this place we see here that it says, he made the pillars thereof, back to verse ten of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, so we see all of the royalty, the reigning there as we know that we will reign together with Him, the midst thereof being paved with love. This is beautiful, there's a purpose for it for the daughters of Jerusalem. Now, it kind of changes here. Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion. Behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of espousals, plural. And in the day of the gladness of his heart. Let's just break that down a little bit. So, we see and we know by the grace of God, and we're rejoicing in our hearts brothers and sisters that this day that we're going to be presented to Him hallelujah, His readied wife this day praise the Lord that we're going to be brought in by the friends of the Bridegroom that they are going to be the ones that carry in hallelujah the bride for the Lamb of God into that wonderful place of the marriage supper of the Lamb hallelujah. And I want you to understand from verses six to verse eleven this is her. This is her, this is what ravishes His heart; this hasn't even occurred yet. You understand what I'm saying? This is a revelation in her heart, but she's living it now, she's suspecting that now. See, this is living in the heavenlies now, this is living seated in the heavens in Christ. This is where your heart, your mind and all these things would be. Why would I be caught up in earthly things, anything of this? 15:38

The only thing that's ever going to abide forever is what? The word of God. The word of God, amen? The word of God in us, Christ in you, the word of God, the hope of glory, amen? So, that's it. Why do we get bogged down in this life? Why do I get bogged down in this flesh; it's corruptible, it's going to be put off. You see, what has our focus, you want to ravish the heart of the Bridegroom? This is where your focus needs to be. Sure, by the grace of God we get up every day, we go to work, we have our homes, we might be married, we might have children, we might have all these different responsibilities and I thank the Lord for each and every one of them. Just like I was telling my wife and I'm so thankful, you talk about, and I use the word practical; God forbid I used it again because I'm preaching. I have the most practical home you could ever have. I thank God I learned that from my father and it's just practical. It doesn't seem to be, it's just good sense, and the good sense even comes from the word of God. You get up, you

go to work, you come home, and you come home. And the word of the Lord tells you about your spouse, and it tells you about how we love one another amen, okay? And it tells us about how we train our children in the word of God; there's expectations there. Okay, amen? And it says not to provoke to wrath but to continue to point them to the things of God. And then I was expressing to her, I said and I'm not here to boast about my mom and my dad. I'm thankful I boast in the Lord about my folks. But in our home and I'm just going to put up my parents, my mom isn't even here tonight so I can talk about her. My mom and dad were two of the most virtuous people you'd ever meet. My mothers never even cussed. 17:34

We never had any alcohol in that home, she never smoked, she never drank, I maybe heard my dad say one or two bad words. His word is gold, gold. What he did for people beyond. I wouldn't even begin to say. We were raised in our house never to be jealous, to always be honest, all these different things. I'm just telling you, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, but my mother more than anybody and I'm going to tell you even early on she ran way ahead in the grace of God, and I'm talking way ahead even in the teaching in this place. I know who she is, I know what was in her heart and it was never works; it was never doing and don'ting. I'd put them up against anybody. If that's what you want to merit them by, and it's stupid. You cause me to boast let's not even go there. And the reason that it was so magnificent is because it was the grace of God; it was the grace of God. 18:57

It was never the appropriation, it was always desire, it was never a doing, or don't I told you that was my mother over, and over, and over, it's honey, He loves you, you don't need that. This is what we desire, this is why she'd take me to church on Wednesday, and Fridays and all that. My dad wouldn't come all the time but every time I wanted to stay with him no, you go with your mother, I don't want her alone. I love you saints, that's real. They loved it into their children, they didn't beat it into us. That's why my brothers and sisters are here. Some of them might be a little slower than others, maybe sometimes I'm the slower; they always told me that for a long time. My kids are trained the same way, I've got two men of God. God has to keep them all the time, it's all by His grace. They love you, they love the children in this place, they teach the children in this place to be successful in life. Really saints where are we? It's the grace of God honey; just mercy, I love you brothers, sisters. It's the truth just what it is. Just come Lord, just come. I don't want to miss it, and I don't want you to either. Jesus, by Your grace just hold us right in there, amen. 21:10

Alright, so the daughters of Jerusalem, this daughter of Zion here. We got a layer for Israel, isn't it beautiful, it says that our chariot is paved with love? and love for them. Do you realize again what the union, you talk about the exceeding riches of His grace and His kindness? This is beginning to unfold now; they're together. That love, that riches to the family of God what that's really pointing to is especially Israel the unfaithful wife that will be restored with Christ and His bride back to the Father. That's what's so glorious here. This is all unfolding amen? We can start to see it now, isn't it interesting how much

Israel now is in focus, and will always continue to be in more, and more, and more, and more, and more? Praise the Lord. Thank Him for this they're getting ready; they're getting ready to return to Him. That's what's so beautiful about this, what a day of gladness it's going to be. Jesus Christ is going to have His wife, and the Father praise God is going to have Israel His wife. 22:44

Turn over to Jeremiah Chapter Three just to read the beauty, and there's so many different places that says this, but this is such a beautiful way that it expresses it. In Jeremiah Chapter Three, verses fourteen and fifteen this is the prophets speaking again of Israel. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD, and look at what God is telling them. For I am married unto you: isn't that glorious? See, the Father never divorced them. They're unfaithful, but He abides faithful, and His Son is just like Him because they're One, they're the same. So, Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion, and I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And I'll tell you what there's going to be a lot; I mean a whole slew of Jewish pastors they're going to minister to. Did you know that? Israel is just going to give that, and it's just so beautiful and I'm glad we know this, and I'm glad it's a joy to us. And once again all this type and shadow going back to the Song Of Solomon Chapter Three going into verse four, this is what ravishes His heart is her vision. In a minute here we're going to read about what He sees in her, and it's Him He sees in her. That's what He's drawn to. 24:27

That's what He's drawn to, He's drawn to Himself because it's the beauty of grace, there's nothing more beautiful than grace and I was writing that today with you sister, isn't that beautiful; there's nothing more beautiful than the grace of God, there isn't. There's nothing more magnificent, more loving, more powerful so if there isn't anything but He wants to enjoy that too so here He made us, and He made us like He did earthen vessels that the glory may be of God, and not of us, amen? So, once again all it's doing is magnifying grace, and magnifying mercy, magnifying Him and He's drawn to that. That's what He's drawn to because there isn't anything more lovely. He didn't put us down here to try, He didn't put us down here to well He gave mesome flesh, let Me try to make it as nice as I can. This isn't even going to stay; it's going to be put off. The corruptible is coming off, the incorruptible, like Him, is coming on, hallelujah. And we know, don't we? We know we'll be like Him. Amen. When we see Him, we're going to be like Him, and It's so glorious. And then He tells us what kind of like Him that we can be in the measure, and the stature, and the fullness like Him into a perfect complete man like Him, fully grown like Him; that's who this Shulamite is. She's fully grown, and she's fully grown from verse one-one. That's why He desires her like that, that's why she is His wife. Okay? This is what we have right now with Him. By the grace of God let's have our heart's affections set on these things that He's thinking about. Right? 26:17

Okay, we got a honeymoon that'll never end and He's telling us about it, and this is where she wants to you know it's like I say, it was so fun a little bit, but Polly and me got married so fast, but my daughter-in-law's been helping them. I wanted to help basically

pay for their honeymoon. Man, that's all they were thinking about; honeymoon this, honeymoon that, and all this was just so fun, and I thought that is so sweet, they really wanted to have that enjoyable time. But what a honeymoon we had a waiting with our Lord, amen? The tribulation I'll tell you what, when you're with Him when you bring forth that judgment that's a good time. The flip side of it we don't even want to talk about.

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Alright, so now when we have a heart full of those things; those things above, the coming of the Bridegroom, the restoration of God's unfaithful wife you know what we do? We hear Him and we know His voice, and what we hear knoweth the voice of the Bridegroom, the voice of the husband lets us hear Him speak to us. Chapter four, verse one, here comes the Bridegroom's voice. Behold, thou art beautiful, thou art amazing, thou art fair. My love, behold thou art beautiful, amazing, overwhelming to Me; that's what He says. Isn't He lovely how He speaks to us? He's romantic, He's passionate, He's loving, and these are words of love and that's how He wins us by telling us how beautiful we are to Him. You want to start to getting your wife to like you, or husband to like you? Don't go telling them they don't look nice. Don't say oh man, that's not, ooh, right? He's the lover of lovers, He tells you, you're beautiful. We need to be told we're beautiful, don't we? And really people need to be told they're beautiful. And not just to shine them but you know what I'm saying. And I'm thankful, and I'm thankful praise God how beautiful we are as we're under this anointing of the Lord, He anoints us as we come together, there's nothing more beautiful and that's why He says you're beautiful. He doesn't come in, and you have to think you know with what we've been reading here and all this, you know moments ago He wanted her to go with Him and to be with Him in a certain way and she said no, we got to go help some others.

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We got to be busy in this, we got to; I got to be like Martha and be encumbered with a lot of stuff. And we found out that didn't work for her very long because she woke up in her bed instead of their bed and that freaked her out right there and bam, where is He? I need to get him, and that's beautiful, I need to be with Him. I want to be with Him, I don't want to be anywhere else, and I thank God that He stirs us like that because that's His love, that's His grace that does it. There's something about the drawing of the bridal message to those that He knows. It's touched a lot of lives, but it's touched yours differently, you're here. That's the truth, just be thankful, not to be boastful, be thankful and be thankful about everything about your life, and I know it's hard for us sometimes because we're really disappointing creatures, mainly to ourselves, but it had to be, or we wouldn't be there. So, know it, know how He loves you, it's the most pleasing thing to Him. So, this is what's beautiful here and we'll find out more about that He's not coming with a hammer and correcting, or what He does is He comes with more love and you're almost like You're just too much Lord.

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But wasn't that Sunday, come on honestly. If you missed Sunday, you need to go back and listen to Sunday and I'm thankful there are people that reached out to me. I listened to that seven times and I still can't get enough; that's true, more than one. Thank the Lord, and I know I don't preach good, maybe okay, but I know His word is good. I know that

that what grabs me, I know that's what grabs you, and if anything, else does it ain't working so I thank God for that. People that want to fight grace, or don't love grace they'll just be ugly; they will, they're just out to be ugly, it's sad. Look at this, you love the Lord, you love grace, you love His mercy, you want to hear more about it, it insatiable you've never seen anything like it, you want to see more. How could there be more, well it's called hyper perisseuo grace. It's that infinite, increasing, ever infinite ever increasing after that, and we could keep going, and going, and going and infinite beyond that. You never exhaust it, and it's the greatest thing, the most beautiful thing, and the most stunning, stellar, there's nothing to compare to it, so why wouldn't I want to see more? Why would you want me to get up here, any of us that minister here to get up to tell you anything that wasn't the furtherance of the grace of God? 32:00

Aren't you here to grow up? We grow in how; we grow in grace and the knowledge of or Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord saints, and I thank Him with you, but this is what is so sweet. We'll see here in the fourth chapter it's about, and it's kind of funny because a lot of times we even use the expression oh I got to go tend to my garden. Well, we're going to find out in verse sixteen she says awake O north wind, and come thou south; blow upon my garden, then she corrects herself, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into His garden and eat His pleasant fruits. So, she got over that real quick, my garden is His garden; I'm His. I am my Beloved's and His desire is towards me, amen? Come on now, we know these things, this is what is so beautiful, we're in his hands aren't we? I believe the word of God says we're His workmanship aren't we not? Isn't He the husband of the vineyard? Oh yeah? Well, let me tell you something, that winemaker He's going to bring out the best wine for Him, and let me tell you something if we will love, and yield the love and yield to His grace alone you'll be that best wine for Him. Yes, you will. 33:10

Now, we have this, we have this encouragement, this love for me and now what happens is comes the perfection. There's seven qualities that He sees in her. There's seven qualities that He sees in us brothers and sisters and it ravishes Him. We're not going to get there tonight but get there tonight in verse nine He can't hold it in any longer. This is what He says about you. Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck. My sister, My spouse; that double portion. It's so pure, it's so beautiful that we see that God grows us up an heir of God, and joint heir together with Jesus Christ as husband and wife, a son and a spouse, a sister and a spouse. Thank You Lord, just remain in marriage, amen. Let's not have one thing against this, thou hast left or divorced thy first love. We don't need that, that would be the dumbest thing we ever did. He's the keeper of everything, we're just sitting here receiving it all, hallelujah. 34:36

Now, all the qualities of these seven things He sees in her are Him: it's all Him. It has to be, isn't it? Doesn't Christ live in you? Why would it be anybody but, so as this continues to go forth and to become mature it's just this abundance of Him clear to the light, sin-e-cere amen? Looking into that glass darkly what happened? We're transformed



from glory to glory into the image of more of me, more of perfect flesh. Him. Him, this is all Him; all Him. This is what's so beautiful, this praise is all to Him. 35:18

So, let's go ahead and read. Well before we get to these seven qualities, I do want to say this. Once again, we don't feel beautiful, we don't, and I know that because I know we're so sweetly like Paul. In the seventh chapter of Romans is very real to us, the good that I would, I do not, and the evil I would do not that I do, and we cry out oh wretched man that I am, but God and we get to the end of that chapter and what do we say? I thank the Lord that with the mind I serve the law, the mind of Christ, it's all done, amen? I thank God there's that willingness, and I thank the Lord that with the flesh I serve sin, and there not a chapter seven and chapter eight, it's just an ongoing letter. There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; done! Praise the Lord, that's the glory so we don't feel a lot of ways, but what we need to do is to know First John Chapter Three, verse two and three. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, amen? and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: nope, it sure don't, but I don't go by what it appears, do you? Do you? I pray not. Come on, we've been in this way too long, I want to go by what we know, and He tells us we know. 37:08

But we are the sons of God, yet it doth not appear what we shall be, but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him, you know what He does? He purifies himself, even as He is pure. And I can't leave you with that because you're going to sit there and think what you think purifying is, and what you think purifying yourself is. After Sunday, God help you to know what that is, but we're going to know even further what that is let's go over to First Peter Chapter One, verse twenty-two, this is beautiful. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth; how? through the Spirit, oh my we just stepped into the Holy Ghost and what did that do? You know it unto unfeigned love of what? of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Isn't that glorious? You want to purify yourselves in obeying the truth through the Holy Ghost unto unfeigned love? Love one another; you mean we're back to that pastor? You're going to hit it with that love stuff again? You're going to tell me that there is now there is one commandment? I sure am. I want you to win, and its love; and it is love. Thank You Lord how beautiful this is. 39:13

So, brothers and sisters all I can tell you is we better bank everything on the new man. Yeah, we're back to that again, we're back to the treasure in the earthen vessel because these are the seven qualities we're going to talk about real quick, because if the Lord tarry we'll have to hit them again. You got to love the butterfly. What did he say? the butterfly. You know about a butterfly, don't you? You've seen a caterpillar? You've seen a larva? It starts out as a slug, slug, into a caterpillar alright. You know that the caterpillar is a caterpillar in a caterpillar state because it's the only state it can grow? I dream about them, amazing. It's got to be a caterpillar because it's got to have, it's got to eat. Now I understand about me. I got to be like I am, because I got to feast on this word of God, or

I'm done. I got to feast on the word of His grace or there's no way I'm going to grow out of this caterpillar. Huh? Oh yeah. 40:24

And then I eat, and eat, and eat, and then, well uh, this transformation is coming on. The king comes on I almost turn into a big mush in here, and then out pops the most beautiful butterfly that could ever have been. The reason I say that is there's no doubt what that caterpillar going to become. It's not going to come out a horse, a dog, it's going to come out a butterfly; there's no doubt what it's going to be. Alright, you agree with that? You say hey, that's nature, I seen it a couple times, I know that that's true. How much you banking on Jesus Christ the author and finisher of your faith. No really, I want you to think about that stuff. We're not talking creator, we're talking your author; Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of your faith. Okay, it didn't say Jesus Christ the recorder of your faith, He's the author, the creator of the original work. He's the creator of the work, that's what the author is. He is the determiner of everything about His work. 41:54

Aren't you thankful He's the author and finisher of your faith? He's the creator of it. He's the originator of it, and He's the determiner of it. Whom He foreknew. You think God has to think what He's going to write about you? Justified, sanctified, growth. How much confidence you going to have in Him? That's what He wants. That's what He wants, I'm not in here to compete; You've won. He's assured us every single way in the word of God. Again, it just comes back to all of this. And He is not only the originator, the creator, the determiner, the author, He's the finisher, He's the completer. 43:12

We've got to go another little place before we go to those seven things. Let's go back to First John Chapter Four, get this and just love on it. I sent it to a few people the other day. 1 John 4:9. In this was manifested the love of God toward us. This is the manifestation. It's always been there, but that it was just brought out and made manifest in our lives. Okay, here we go, the love of God towards us because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, and here's why. That we might live through him. Think of that, that we live through Him, because He lives in me, I live through Him. Everything about my life is through Him, it's so glorious and I love this because brothers and sisters here we are, and Jesus Christ said greater things than I did ye shall do. What could be greater that I could do in a sense, or being than Jesus? Well, you know what? I really truly believe this, He couldn't fail, that's the only thing, He couldn't fail, but we do. He knows the temptation, but we know the failure and the hurt of yielding to it. Yeah, and in that He tells us that you are even more beautiful to Me than you've ever been My wife, vessel of mercy. And the greater thing is, is you believe it. 45:16

Now, everything about her is Him. Everything about her is Him, every quality that's He ravished about her is Christ in her, the hope of glory. Let's just close out just rejoicing in what He sees in us. Is that okay and I promise we'll have a good night because that's Christ in you, you have it, you don't have to try to get it, you've got it, you've just got it. You heard it, and I know I'm going to get stuff from this, oh he just tries; no, I'm just so thankful all my friends she's got it going on. I just got it going on. He can't get His eyes

off me, I got it; I got Him, I am my Beloved's and His desire is toward me. How much do I got Him? I'm just thankful to have His mercy to get it; I get it, but I believe it because He's been gracious to me. Has He been merciful to you? I'll take it. Think like a child, maybe I act like a child, but I'll tell you one thing we'll see how it turns out. Dove's eyes. Look at that. Behold, thou art fair My love, this is back to Four-one, behold thou art fair, thou hast doves' eyes, dove's eyes, alright? We talked about those dove's eyes. The dove is one of the few birds, might be the only bird it doesn't have peripheral vision, it can only see this way. It can only see straight ahead, can only be locked on this way. That's how the Lord wants you, He wants you all with blinders on, just see Me, see Me, see Me. Those are dove's eyes that's His eyes. You understand? dove's eyes are His eyes because His eyes don't see anything else but you, and He'll never turn from you. He'll never turn from you. You may believe not but He's . . . will you turn back? You're going to see His eyes right there and they're dove's eyes, they're not eyes aflame, they're dove's eyes; they're loving eyes. They're Him, they're Spirit eyes. 47:35

That's what's so glorious, and He loves those eyes, and He tells us He's given us those eyes. He's given us those enlightened eyes of understanding. We see this, hallelujah. We look into our Beloved's eyes, we're staring, the cherubim stares at the blood on the mercy seat. We have the vision that it clothes us with all the riches of His glory. Amen? See, that's why we're beautiful to Him because we're His glory. Why are we, His glory? Because we have those eyes, because He sees number two. It says the hair, the hair is as a flock of goats, The hair speaks of glory, the glory is Him; I love that. The covering, everything about it. It's just so beautiful, the submission to Him, the mercy, the headship, the I am my Beloved; I'm His, and His desires. It's Him, the vision is Him, the hair is Him. 48:39

Now let's go down to the teeth, they're like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them. This, and these teeth speak of the feeding, and what do we feed on? Him. It's on Him, isn't it? And we're thankful that this feeding that we have is the strong meat, that's why teeth are so necessary there. And matter of fact two rows of teeth as we'll see even later on. She loves to feast upon Him. She's insatiable, and the desire to feed upon the strong meat. She meditates upon Him, the two rows speak of a double portion, but feasting, it's just on, and on, and on. 49:31

But moving through here, number four, the lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely. So, some look at that as two, I'm just saying that this is one, but the lips, and again the speech that was within the lips I'm so thankful that those lips are the kisses of His mouth. Once again, it's His love isn't it brothers and sisters? Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. Did He not give us His heart? Did He not give us again this wonderful Spirit that says, don't worry about what even to say, the Spirit will give you utterance? Man, I love Him. I love Him. I love His lips; let Him kiss us with the kisses of His mouth, and these are the lips, He sees in us, and these are the lips, praise God, that are going to give Him that kiss someday. Of the best wine. We'll get there, if the

Lord tarry, well, if the Lord tarry or He don't tarry, we're going to be there, and we'll get there. 50:41

Number five, what does it say there, it says the temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks. The temple here speaks of the mind, and oh we know what the mind is, it's His mind isn't it? Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus. I love to have His mind, I love to be agreed with Him, I love, thank the Lord, to be thinking about what He's thinking about. I love to meditate on these things. I love the fruit of the Spirit. I thank God that He says we are Christ's. Yeah. All of this is Him; this is why He loved us, and this precious mind that He gives us is power, and love, and a sound mind isn't it? It's not a mind that's tossed to and fro, it's not a mind that's doubled minded, it's a mind that's at rest. It's a mind of love, it's a mind that abides, and it's a mind that waits, and I thank God for that. 51:49

We go on to number six it speaks of her neck. Her neck is like the tower of David builded for an armory, wherein there hang a thousand bucklers, are all the shields of mighty men. Brothers and sisters that tower of David it was very sweet, they believed that it was part of His house, part of the things that, but we know that David's tower was exactly what David spoke of; it was the name of the Lord. You want to be a mighty man of God? I come to you Goliath in the name of the Lord, God of hosts. His name is the High Tower wherein we run into when and are safe in Jesus' name, Jesus' name. You don't have time to think. Like the thief on the cross, remember me Jesus. I just love that. There needs to be an urgency, saints. We don't need to have all these enticing words and eloquent speeches, just get in there. Lord, I love you because you first loved me. Now we'll get somewhere and there it is. 53:04

And finally, the two breasts, oh my. Isn't that glorious, the two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies. I appreciate that God is always bringing us back to the beauty of when we even understand in a lot of ways, and I pray for my own marriage, I pray for the marriages that are in this place, God don't let that love ever grow old; don't, and I pray this way too. Lord always allows us to see one another beautiful, because if you really want to be a lover you need to see your mate as beautiful. You do, that's why the Lord is the greatest lover of all time, because you can't be anything to Him but that because He made you the very righteousness of God in Him. He made you what He loves, He made you what He adores. He's never going to leave you and He's not going to love you anymore; He already loves you at the maximum rate. Our thoughts are not His thoughts, our ways are not His ways, we have to quit thinking like men, it will stunt us with God. We don't do things to get Him to love me anymore, we don't, we just want to appreciate truly that fact that He loves us like He does and that He's freely given us everything; I can't get any more from Him, He's already given it to me. Now just learn what you got. 54:59

Know your birthrights, know your inheritance and it's not down here. The breasts speak of the fruitfulness; that's Him. He's the vine, we're the branches, amen? This is how this all works. And praise the Lord, and I'll leave it right here. She feeds among the

lilies; that's where I am tonight, I'm among the lilies. You want to be in the bridal company you better get around the lilies, and you better stay around them, and you better not leave and that's fact, that's a fact and I thank God for you. He's graced us brethren. I love you very much. I'm going to have to run out of here tonight, I've got an appointment believe it or not. If I'm going to fly at night I got to get there. My brother knows, you have to be certified don't you brother? Ugg, oh that's good. I'm just praying with you tonight but come, call out to Him; all we need's Him. I don't think I ever wanted to not leave more than right now. I just want to go home, go home together. I'm getting a little more odd in my day. it's hard. We're transforming. I love you saints. Let's stand and be dismissed. 56:56