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“The Beauty of the Lord”

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We are going to be ministering on the Garden of Eden (the Garden of the Lord). God is causing us to go back to the Garden of Eden, which means that we are returning to the place of full Resurrection (the Resurrection of the body, soul, and Spirit). We cannot go back to the Garden of Eden without a flame behind us and a flame in front of us. The flame is the Fire of the Lord and is part of the process that is burning out everything in us that is not like Christ. Going back to the Garden of Eden means that we are returning to the place where we bear the Full Image, Likeness, and Nature of God. We are coming into all that He is. God is Perfect, so we are being perfected.

This is a very important Word, and what the Lord has put on my heart to tell you is that **the Garden of the Lord is you and me. The Garden of the Lord is our mind.**

He gave me a vision (or impression in my mind) of a house with a garden next to it. The garden was enclosed in something resembling a greenhouse. The greenhouse was attached to the house and stood out to where I hardly took notice of the house at all. The garden

within it was not cluttered up with anything from the house. The only thing that was in the garden was the Seed, and the Seed had come to Full Maturity. It was clear as crystal and enclosed with glass that reflected something. I didn't know what the reflection was until later, but then I saw that it was the Sun reflecting off of the glass. The Light of the Sun/Son was shining onto the garden. The Light of the Sun/Son was both radiating through the glass onto/into the Garden, and was also radiating outward like a beacon of Light. I saw water in the Garden; and its plants had come to Full Growth and Maturity.

There is something about a garden in the natural that draws people to them. For instance, people will go all the way to France just to see the Versailles Gardens. They are so beautiful, especially in the springtime when everything is in full bloom. Each year, thousands of people also come to Washington D.C. to see the Cherry Blossoms, the Botanical Gardens, and many other beautiful gardens in our area. The fragrance and beauty of the gardens are breathtaking.

In order for these gardens to be so beautiful they have to go through a winter that precedes

the spring. People travel from all over the world to visit and experience these beautiful gardens of astounding colors, shapes, sizes, and scents of floral blossoms. The thing is, every one of these gardens must have a gardener; and they all need weeding, pruning, fertilizing, and lots of attention.

The garden attached to the house in the vision I saw, had been very well taken care of. Everything was in its proper place and there was an order to it. It was perfectly beautiful. Many people came to see this Garden, and I asked God, “Why were they coming?” Then all of the sudden I experienced its aroma. The beautiful fragrance of the Garden was incredible. As God was unfolding the vision to me, I said, “God what are you trying to show me? Why are all of these people coming?” I heard a clear answer. He said, “They are coming to see the Beauty of the Lord. They are coming to see all that I am, and all of My Glory, that I have brought forth in a people. Have you not heard that in Zion they mourn, but I give them Beauty for ashes? I am burning up everything in Zion that is not like Me; and every time I burn something, there are ashes. In exchange for the ashes I

am giving them My Beauty and My Nature." That is what the world is waiting for! The world is waiting and groaning for the manifestation of the Sons of God. They are waiting to see the Glory and the expression of the Father. God is going to express Himself in His Fullness.

Isaiah 61:1-11 says, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me; because the LORD hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be Glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the LORD love

judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in Truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

Isaiah chapter 61 is speaking of both THE SON of God, and all of God's Sons whom He has chosen as Faithful and True. (Those who have endured the chastening of the Father, and loved not their lives unto the end/death of their self-will. Both those whom God has chosen to come forth in this hour; and those who have gone before us, "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect"). In being perfected they are being beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, that they would no longer be double minded, but have one mind only - that same mind which is in Christ Jesus, for they came/and have come not to do their own will, but the will of Him that sent them.

Another night, God gave me a vision of a dam filled with water, and He showed me that the water is a supply waiting for something. Then all of a sudden there was a crack in the dam, and when the crack widened the water gushed forth. I heard the Lord say, "The Power of My Fullness is getting ready to break forth and come out of some people whom I have perfected. I have brought them to where the Beauty of the Lord is coming forth for man to see Christ in all of His Power and Glory. Jesus was the demonstration of all that Power and Glory when He walked in the earth. God is raising-up a people who are going to walk in this again. They are going to be seen with the Power and Glory of God upon them, and coming forth from within them; but it is the Father who will get all of the Glory! They will reveal to mankind who God is.

I saw the Lord in this garden and He was doing a very quick work. He was putting pressure on different ones who are in the body; purging, pruning, and cutting things away that were not like Him. Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (John 15:1-2). God began to show me that this has to happen in order for us to come forth in what He wants from us.

I saw people looking upon the Beauty of the Lord in us. Then all of a sudden I was back in the Garden of Eden, which is really a reflection of the Beauty of the

Lord. I saw us all returned to the perfect state of the Image and Likeness of God, back in the Garden of Eden. We had received our inheritance, which is God Himself in all of His Fullness/Nature - the entirety of God. There was total silence and nothing but Life. It was so very clear to me. Then God said, "Joyce, the people that are looking at this Garden are coming to see the Beauty of the Lord. They are coming to see the Beauty of Me. They are coming to see Me, Joyce. People are looking at your garden everyday. They are watching your garden. Everybody is looking to see what is in your garden. They want to see if there is: Life, Love; Peace, and Joy. They are watching to see what is manifesting in the garden."

God created Adam in His Image and after His Likeness, which means that Adam was full of the Wisdom of God. He had the entirety of all the Wisdom and Knowledge of God within him. Adam was full of Wisdom and Perfect in Beauty. When God first created Adam, he was not a soul; he was a Spirit, and was lead by the Spirit. Adam not only had, but was the Beauty of the Lord. All the qualities and Nature of God was in Adam. He had not been created in the fallen state of man; he was in, and like God Himself. He was first created in the Image and after the Likeness of Spirit (the mind of Christ). After, or secondly he was formed as a living soul.

God is not taking us back to Eden to be living souls once again; but to restore and bring us back to the place of our former Glory in Him as Spirit. This has

been God's plan from before the foundation of the world. This was the Joy that was set before Jesus when He endured the cross. He saw us as He is: Perfect in every way. Spiritual beings first made in His Image, then formed after His Likeness/Nature in the Fire of God. He saw us reconciled, restored, and brought back to the Garden of Eden (which is the Kingdom of God) where we are totally One with the Father, Himself, and each other.

Joel 2:1-3 says, "***Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.***" The land is desolate behind them because God has consumed ("For our God is a consuming fire.") everything in their lives that is not like Him, and there is nothing for them to go back to. It says in verse 7 that, "***They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war*** (meaning, they shall be as Overcomers and rise above everything that would stand in their way. No matter what, they "...press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"); ***and they shall march every one on his ways*** (His

ways: they came not do their own will, but the will of Him that sent them. They walk in the Way, the Truth, and the Life), ***and they shall not break their ranks*** (meaning, they walk in total obedience to Christ, neither looking to the right or the left; they are focused on the goal, and walk in the place that God has set them in the body). "

It says in verse 3 that there is fire in front of them and a flame behind. God is burning things out of our lives. The flame in front and the flame behind is taking us back to the Garden of Eden. God is tearing down everything that is not like Him. He is building Himself (His body) up and building His Nature into you and me.

Jesus said in John 12:24, "***Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn (seed) of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*** Except a seed fall to the ground and die it will abide alone. Now I had not seen this before, but if you look in John 19:41-42 it says that Jesus was crucified in the garden. It says, "***Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus...***". God showed me that both death and resurrection takes place in the garden.

In January, God said that He was going to take us deeper. He said that that meant more death. I knew within that that meant more purging and fire; but I also knew that it would bring forth more Life. It would bring forth Resurrection and Power. I knew

it in my heart that this is the way it works.

I remember that when I was little we always had a garden. When I go to see my mother (she is 84 years old) she still puts in a garden. The first thing I do when I visit her in N.C. is go out and look at the garden. There is something about a garden. It is an extraordinary thing to see. There is also a lot of work in preparing and working a garden. If you've ever been a farmer or had a garden, you know about the work and the pleasure of having a garden. You have to hoe the soil and pull the weeds out in order to have a good looking garden. The weeds have to come out because they can choke out the good stuff. It's the same thing with fruit trees. There are vines that like to climb the tree, and if they do, they choke the life out of where the tree can't bear fruit. Creepy crawling things also try to come in and choke the life out of us. They try to stop the growth that God is trying to work into our lives. In spite of this, it is written that God will have a people who will come forth in Him and produce *"some an hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."* **If you want your full inheritance, then you will let God bring you forth into one hundredfold.**

When it comes to a garden there is always work to do. There are always little weeds trying to push their heads up. In our minds these weeds are thoughts that distract and take us away from the purpose that God has called us to. Sometimes there are soulish thoughts, and just like in a garden you have to check your thoughts to make sure they are

pure (weed free), and if not, clean them up. 2Corinthians 10:5 says that we are to cast down *"...imagination, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."* If it isn't the weeds it's the squirrels, rabbits, or crows. There is always something trying to come and steal that precious seed that has been placed in the earth.

It is the same thing with you and me. God puts His precious Seed/Word in your mind with the desire that He be manifested in, and through your earth. This is the purpose for which we have been sent into the world at this time. This is why we are here. He is expressing Himself in us already, but He has not come forth in the fullness of all that He is yet. If He were coming forth in His fullness, the body, soul, and Spirit would be totally redeemed. The Seed is a very precious thing. It is the Word of the Lord that gets planted in your mind. Week after week, the Word is planted within your mind, but the fowls of the air are constantly coming to try and steal that Seed away from those in whom it is sown. The thief is always trying to steal, to kill, and destroy what God has planted; but **JESUS CAME THAT WE MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT WE MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY - that ONE HUNDRED-FOLD FULLNESS of ALL THAT HE IS MANIFESTED THROUGH US FOR ETERNITY.**

God spoke the following scriptures to me. *"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined."* (Psalm 50:2). God is

going to shine in the fullness of His brightness. The brightness of the Lord is coming! He is going to shine forth in the fullness of His Son(s). *"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."* (Daniel 12:3).

This is the Day in which we need to walk in the Wisdom and Spirit of the Lord. Doris recently called me and said that her daughter and son-in-law had heard from a man they knew in Texas. This man is a Christian, and while driving down the road he saw Lightning and heard Thunder. Then the Lord spoke to him, and told him to, "Go back home." Later that day, he heard that the building he was traveling to had been destroyed. If he had not paid attention to the voice of the Lord, his life would have been destroyed that day; but **because he both heard and obeyed the Word of the Lord his life was spared.** We have to listen to what the Lord is saying to us and be obedient. We need to act on what God is saying to us. We have to be in tune with Him at all times; no matter where or what we are doing. There is so much going on in the world today. In this Day we need to walk with God and be led by the Spirit. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God."* (Romans 8:14). God will shine forth in His fullness when He has perfected every area in your soul.

Psalms 102:13-15 says, *"Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust*

thereof. So the heathen shall fear the Name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Thy Glory." It says that the nations shall fear the Name of the Lord. This means that they are going to fear the Nature of the Lord. All the rulers of the world will fear His Glory. It goes on to say in verses 16-17, "When the LORD shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His Glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." In other words, when He is finished building Zion up, that is when He will regard the prayers of the destitute. The destitute are individuals who recognize that there is still a part of them that is not like the Nature of Christ.

Sometimes we fuss and argue with Him, not wanting to do what He wants us to do. This is an area of the soul that is not like Jesus and the Nature of God. A part of us that is not fit for the Kingdom of God. When a person recognizes this and cries out to God, verse 17 says that God will regard that prayer. A person who is "destitute" is a person who is deprived and lacking. When they notice that they are lacking and there is an area that is not like Christ, that individual cries out to God and God pays attention. It says in verses 19-20, "For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death."

1Kings 21:1 is very important and goes along with the vision of the garden that I had. It speaks of Naboth's vineyard; where it was located; and what it was close to. In the vision I saw the garden

enclosed in glass, and it was connected to a house. Naboth's garden is beside the palace of King Ahab, the king of Samaria. God showed me that the garden and house I saw are really you and me. We are the temple of God ("*...your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*"), and the garden is the mind of Christ that God is working into us. The mind of Christ is consuming the carnal mind in us.

We can see in 1Kings 21:1 that Naboth's garden is next to the palace of Ahab. Naboth's name means: sprouting, flourishing, increase of fruits, putting forth produce. Basically his father's name represented God planting the incorruptible Seed/Word in Naboth so that he would become a Spirit man, and not a carnal man. That he would produce the fruits of Christ, and be a Spirit man in the garden. The Seed/Word is planted in the garden/mind to be fruitful and multiply/reproduce, bringing forth even more fruit unto God. But Naboth's garden was next to Ahab.

I am going slowly here because I want you to understand this. You are the garden of the Lord and the Father has planted the Word, which is a Seed in your mind. He has planted the principles of the Kingdom of God. He has been planting His Word, Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge in you week after week. All the Seed is planted in your mind, and when you begin to walk it out and let it become a part of you, you experience that Word and a change takes place within you. A change in your

Nature and thinking takes place. When you use what God is planting within you it becomes Life to you. Please do not take this lightly, because if you don't use it you will lose it. Use the Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding that God has given you, that you might live and bring forth Fruit that is pleasing unto the Father.

There are two paths in you. There is a path that is wide and easy, and there are many who travel this path of destruction. There is also a path that is narrow and difficult, but there are few people who find it. This path is Life. The incorruptible Seed has been planted in the mind, and God wants that Seed to sprout and to come forth as He Is. It is already flourishing and starting to come forth, but every time you start growing and maturing in the Lord the thief comes to steal, to kill, and destroy you. In John 10:10-11 Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His Life for the sheep."

He said there is a thief, and that thief is "self" (the self-will). The thief has come to steal, to kill, and destroy. Ahab wanted Naboth's garden and he told Naboth to give it to him. Ahab could see that Naboth's garden was growing and flourishing. He said, "I want it. I will give you an even better garden for it, or if you prefer, I will give you money." But Naboth refused.

Now Ahab was king of Samaria, and Samaria means: an individual that has mixed

thoughts; not pure thoughts. He was a king that lived in the soul and loved self. He lived in the five-sense realm. He was upset with Naboth because Naboth wouldn't feed the appetites of his flesh by giving him the garden. As long as Naboth would not give him his garden, Ahab had nothing to feed upon. Ahab said, *"Give me your garden so that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house."* In other words, "I need your garden because I need to plant my seed/thoughts. I want your mind. I want to use your mind for corruption and for self, to feed the appetites of my flesh. I want your garden Naboth!"

But Naboth wouldn't listen to Ahab. He refused to listen to the self-will. The self-will couldn't get Naboth to give up his garden, so Ahab went home and had a pity party refusing to eat any bread. Then the woman (his soul/Jezebel) came in and started talking to him. Basically he got in the carnal mind and started to reason things out. The carnal mind is enmity towards God and the Spirit man (which Naboth represented). So Ahab turned to the woman and plotted how he would steal Naboth's garden by killing him. He wanted it because it was near to his house (heart/the appetites of his flesh). He had even promised to give Naboth a better garden. In his thoughts he was saying, "You will live so close to me (the self-will), and I will have this place to grow my thoughts."

Jesus said, *"Except a corn of wheat (seed) fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose*

it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." (John 12:24-25). Basically, He was saying, "If you hold on to your soul/soul-ish desires, you will lose it; and if you lose/die to your soul, you will gain eternal Life."

Ahab had pleaded with Naboth saying, *"Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seems good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."* (IKings 21:2-3). Naboth was saying, "I do not want to lose my inheritance." He is talking about his Father's inheritance. What is your inheritance? GOD IS! The fullness of Him and all that He is! Your inheritance is the Glory of God. It is to come forth into the full Image and Likeness of Christ. That is your inheritance. He was saying, "I can't do that. If I do, I will be giving up my inheritance and what is rightfully mine."

Remember Esau? He gave up his inheritance for a morsel of bread. He gave his soul a place to feed upon the flesh. Just when Esau was about to receive his inheritance, he sold his birthright. It says that once he had done this there was no way for him to get it back again.

Please understand that I'm not talking about losing your salvation. I'm talking about losing your birthright which is your inheritance in, and through Christ. **Naboth was not willing to give up his inheritance for any price.** In IKings 21:4 it says,

"And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."

When Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, He was there to be tempted (tried and tested) in every area of His Life. Temptation takes place in your mind. Your self-will (which is Satan) comes to you and says, "Do this," and, "Do that." "If you do this, I will give you the whole world. If you will bow down and serve me (serve self/your self-will), then I will..."

Jesus was tempted in every way and area of His Life that we are, but He did not sin. He was tempted just like we are (in the mind), but Jesus knew and never forgot who He was/is. His True-self was not a living soul; He only identified with the Spirit of God (which is the mind of Christ). He came not to do His own will and serve Himself/His self-will, He came to do the will of and serve the Father. He was/is the Son and Word of God made flesh. He was/is Christ in the earth, just as your true-self is not a living soul, but made after the Image and Likeness of the second man Adam - a Life giving Spirit and Son of God, the Word of God made flesh, and Christ in the earth. Knowing who He was and the purpose for which He was/is sent into the world, Jesus spoke to the temptation/tempter and said, *"Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."* (Matthew 4:10).

Jesus knew that the only one that He was called and sent to serve was God alone, and that it is God's rightful place to be in

His Garden. **He knew that His Father is the husbandman (farmer) and that He “waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and has long patience for it, until He receive the early and latter rain.”** Jesus could not serve His self-will, He had to serve God. Jesus said, **“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.”** (John 6:38). Even when Jesus was in the garden speaking with the Father about going to the cross, He said, **“...not my will, but Thine, be done.”** He knew and understood that both death and Resurrection Life go together. That is why both His death and Resurrection took place in the garden.

The more death that takes place in your soul; the more Resurrection Life and Power of Christ comes forth. That's the way it works.

Ahab knew that Naboth would not listen and yield to his self-will; so he said, “I am going to start talking to the soul.” Then the soul enters in. Jezebel represents the soul and self-will. Ahab came into his house and was sad, because if you quit feeding your self-will it becomes sad. The more that you die to the soul in the areas that God is dealing with, the sadder your soul becomes. The soul says, “You are not feeding me anymore.”

In IKings 21:3-7 it says, **“And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my**

fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread (flesh)? **And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread** (arise and feed/give into your flesh/self-will and you'll feel better), **and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”** In other words, just as Satan had come to Jesus to tempt Him, she (the soul/self-will in the spirit of Satan) said, “If you will worship me (feed your flesh/self-will); I will give you the (garden) desires and appetites of your flesh.”

Basically what had happened after Naboth refused to sell his birthright/inheritance to Ahab, then, Ahab went home and had a pity-party. He laid on his bed sulking and refused to eat. All of the sudden Jezebel his wife (soul) comes in and starts saying to him, “Why are you so sad? Why won't you feed the appetites of your flesh?” After telling her what had happened, Jezebel/his soul/self-will basically says, “Is this how you act as king over Israel?” She started speaking to his ego and pride reminding Ahab of who he was. “You are the one who is governing the whole house of Israel. You rule over the whole house.” Then Jezebel/his soul began to plot how she would

cause Naboth to turn over the vineyard/garden to Ahab.

John 10:10 says, **“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”** This is exactly what happened here. The soul and the self-will came into an agreement. When this happened in 1Kings chapter 21, Naboth was killed and his garden was stolen and turned over to Ahab (the self-will). When we listen and yield to our self-will, we lie down and have a union (come into agreement) with our soul (the woman) and separate ourselves from the Spirit of God. When we do this it produces death. A spiritual death takes place within us. When we do this we are rejecting the Word of the Lord and saying, “I don't need to walk on that path. I don't need my birthright and inheritance; I need/want this and/or that. Don't bother me God. I don't want to obey You and be in Your presence. I just want to do my own thing and please my self-will (soul).” If we do this, the garden/we are never going to come forth into what God wants. It is so very important to be obedient to the Father!

God told me that there are two paths in us, and that those who are soulish and live according to their five senses are on the path of destruction. **Whatever you sow, you reap! If you sow to Life, you reap Life! If you sow to corruption, sin, and the self-will, you reap death.** It is very simple. God's laws are true and He doesn't change them. He is consistent. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

When God begins to work a garden in people, He has to begin the process of rebuilding. At first

the garden is very desolate, because that's the way we are when we first come to God. We are in the wilderness and barren. There is nothing growing in us except thorns and thistles. Why? Because our whole life until that point, all we knew and did was to walk in the carnal mind according to the five senses. We walked in the darkness of the mind and all we could reproduce was self-centeredness. But then **God comes along, takes hold of us in His Loving arms and plants His Seed/Word in the garden of our mind and causes a rebirthing to take place. We become born again of the Spirit of God, and He begins to change us from within. Our nature, our thinking, and behavior begin to change.**

At first, it's like we are wild horses with whom He keeps a tight hold of the reigns. We need to be broken and have things broken off of us. He spends a great deal of time working on us; nourishing us; showing us His Love, Kindness, Mercy, and Grace. Then, when He knows the time is right, He pulls back, loosens the reigns, and turns us loose to see if we will continue to follow Him (and His leading "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God (not the self-will/carnal mind and reasoning, soul, or five senses), *they are the sons of God.*"), even when less attention and pampering is paid to us. He sets us free to choose Life or death; His will or our self-will; to bear the Fruits of Righteousness and inherit all that He is, or be barren of fruit and cast in the fire; to return to and become the Garden Eden/the Beauty of the Lord, or a desert wasteland. The

desire of the Father's Heart is for His Sons to be as THE SON, and say, "Father, not as I will, but thy will be done."

I have seen many people choose their own will over that of the Father, because there are things in them/their soul that keep pulling them off the narrow path. They keep going back to the path of destruction where anything goes and they can do there own thing. Some try to live in two worlds; having one foot in the world, and with the other they try to walk with Jesus. They are trying to serve two masters. When people do that, weeds start growing in their garden and choke out the Word and Life/Fruits of Christ in them. These individuals are struggling and cannot produce what God desires; so He sets them free and turns them over to what they want more than Him. These individuals go their way and before long the weeds take over the garden. They go from one hell to another hell and are tormented in their mind. They cannot find any peace or rest for their soul, until they come to the place where they cry out to God and say, "Okay, God. I give my will over to you. Let not my will, but Yours be done both in and through me."

God then has to do a great work in them; delivering them, and cleaning up all the thoughts/weeds that had cluttered their mind/garden and caused confusion, robbing them of the Life and peace they once knew in God. He has to once again till the ground and replant His Seed/Word in that individual/garden. As we stay in the Light of the sun/Son and the

waters of understanding rain upon us, the Seed/Word begins to grow and come forth in us as the Beauty of the Lord. Just like in the natural it reproduces Fruit. God is a farmer/the husbandman and He knows exactly what He must do to bring forth the end result of what He wants to come forth in each one of us. In James 5:7 it says that He "waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until He receives the early and latter rain."

Jezebel and Ahab plotted and killed Naboth to steal possession of his garden from him; but they also paid for it with their life. They both had a horrible death because they were on the path of destruction. Jezebel's name actually means: "virgin"; and she was meant to be a virgin. God looks at your soul and sees it as a virgin. In order to reproduce Himself God needs a virgin (soul). This is how He has chosen to express Himself and be reproduced in the earth. Jezebel had no husband spiritually, for she chose not to have a union with the Lord God of Israel. Instead of having a relationship and union with Him, she gave herself over to Baal and the things of this world. She was an adulterous, and had many lovers spiritually speaking. In her soul Jezebel chose to put many other things in the place of God in her life, and when an individual loves anything or anybody more than they do God, they commit not only spiritual adultery, but idolatry as well. Nothing can come before God in our lives, and Jezebel chose the path of destruction.

When the Spirit leads you, you experience Life! But when your soul and self-will leads you, it can only lead to death. It is that simple! **God has some people who are willing to be purged and changed, and the Beauty of the Lord is coming forth in these people!**

Ezekiel 36:34-36 says, "And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it."

Even though your land at one time was desolate, God is forming it/you into something that is like the Garden of Eden. When God has totally transformed your garden/mind into the Garden of Eden/mind of Christ, the nations of the whole earth will not only see the Beauty of the Lord in you, but they shall also know that it was God who brought forth this change in you.

Some other scriptures God gave me regarding this are: Job 40:10, "Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with Glory and Beauty." Psalms 27:4, "One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the Beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple." Psalms 102:13, "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set

time, is come." Psalms 90:17, "And let the Beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." And Jeremiah 31:11-12 also says, "For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd; and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all."

When the Father is finished His work in us, there will be no more sorrow, no more tears, and no more mourning; because God is giving you His Beauty for ashes. The mourning in Zion is the desire to be all that He is and for His Fullness to come forth from within us. David said in Psalms 17:15, "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy Likeness." In other words David was saying, "God, I won't be satisfied until I awaken in Your Likeness (Nature)."

The Song of Solomon totally speaks of the relationship and Love affair between the soul and the Spirit/Christ. The Shulamite woman represents the soul, and Christ is her beloved bridegroom who says in chapter 5:1, "I am come into My garden, My sister, My spouse: I have gathered My myrrh with My spice; I have eaten My honeycomb with My honey..." He is calling her His garden, "My sister" and "My spouse." She is (we are) His

Garden, and when we walk in the Spirit and mind of Christ, God is feasting upon the precious fruit of the earth. Here, Christ is in His garden eating His honeycomb. The honeycomb represents the Wisdom and Knowledge of God flowing out of His Garden (us).

He says, "I have gathered My myrrh with My spice; I have eaten My honeycomb with My honey; I have drunk My wine with My milk..." The milk speaks of the Word, and the wine speaks of the Joy of the Lord that He sharing with the soul. When you have a union with the Lord, you are literally partaking and feeding upon the fruits of the Spirit with one another (you with Him, and He with you). You are communing and walking in Oneness. It is speaking here of the soul being one with Him/the Spirit/Christ. The soul is feeding upon the Christ and being nourished by Him, while at the same time God is partaking of Himself/His Fruits that are being reproduced within her/the soul/you - as He cannot partake of anything less!

In Song of Solomon 4:15-16 it says, "A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon. Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my Beloved come into His garden, and eat His pleasant fruits."

In Song of Solomon 5:1 He calls her His Garden and then goes on to tell her, "...drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved." Here, He is telling His bride/the soul/us to drink from the waters that are shut up within. Jesus said in John 4:14 that, "...whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall

give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting Life." And Zechariah 14:8 says, "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea (in James 5:7 it spoke of how the Father waits patiently for "...the precious fruit of the earth... until He receive the early (the former sea) and latter (the hinder sea) rain"): in summer and in winter shall it be." Isaiah 58:11 says, "And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Song of Solomon 4:12 also says, "A garden enclosed is My sister, My spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed." There are springs that are shut up inside of us. There are springs within every individual, but we haven't been able to tap into the fullness of them yet. However, in Isaiah 35:7-10 in the Amplified Bible it says that, "...the burning sand and the mirage shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lay resting, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and a way (a path); and it shall be called the Holy Way. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for the redeemed; the wayfaring men, yes, the simple ones and fools, shall not err in it and lose their way. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk on it.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 41:18 (KJV) also says, "I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."

All of these springs, fountains, wells, and pools are the springs, fountains, wells, and pools of Christ. They are inside you; and each time you go within to commune with Him, they swell up and come to the surface for others to come and drink of that Life. But in His time it says that these springs, fountains, and wells shall go forth as rivers. These rivers will be even as the River of Life flowing out to all creation. In Genesis 2:10 it says that, "...a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads (meaning that it/the River of Life flowed out to the four corners of the earth bring Life to all creation)." He said that He "will open river in high places", and these rivers will bring healing and Life wherever they flow. We are these rivers that He will open up and in Isaiah 58:11 He said He will continually guide us, meaning that Just as Jesus only did and said those things that He saw the Father do or saying unto Him, we will not do our own will going here or there as we choose, we will only do the will the Father who sent us.

Ezekiel 47:9 says, "And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth,

whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish (Jesus said that He would make us fishers of men), because these waters shall come thither; for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh." These rivers shall be as One River/the River of Life which is the mind of Christ going forth to all creation.

All of the sudden the soul says in Song of Solomon 5:2, "I sleep". Far too often the soul can only go to sleep when "I" (or self/the self-will) sticks its head up. This kind of sleep takes place when an individual goes to sleep spiritually and they are no longer God conscious. In other words, they are not Spiritually awake or alert to the mind of Christ. They are not being led by the Spirit.

However, there is a second kind of sleep that the soul can enter into. The second is the kind of sleep it is speaking of here in Song of Solomon 5:2. She says, "I sleep, but my heart waketh; it is the voice of my Beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled...". In other words, her soul has gone to sleep and is quiet (silent and still) because she has entered into the Rest of the Lord; and yet in this place (state of being) of Rest in God, her heart and affections are awake and alert/fixed upon (she is Spiritually conscious) of the voice of her Beloved/Christ calling her. When her self-will goes to sleep, her heart is awakened to the voice of her Beloved.

When self goes to sleep your true-self which is Spirit/Christ, awakens to your Beloved which is THE CHRIST (for they/you are

One). Have you ever noticed that when your self-will, emotions, and thoughts have been bombarding you all day to do this or that; as soon as you go within and get in the Spirit everything (in your mind/soul) gets quiet? The self-will cannot operate and affect you in the Realm of the Spirit/mind of Christ. When you're caught up in the Spirit your self-will shuts up, goes to sleep, and is totally suppressed from your mind. When you press/go deep within the Garden/the Spirit/mind of Christ where He is, all of the sudden you begin to hear the voice of your Beloved once again.

"I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my Beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled..." He always wants your heart to be open to Him; to commune with Him, and listen as He speaks to you.

He says to her/us in Song of Solomon 5:2-3, *"Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and My locks with the drops of the night. I have put off My coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed My feet; how shall I defile them?"* He is calling the soul/us His love, His Dove, His undefiled. His head is speaking of the mind of Christ. He is saying, "Open to Me. My head is filled with the anointing." It also speaks of how He has washed His feet. The feet are speaking of the walk of His body. He has cleansed us with His Blood. He took off His coat/mantle and became naked that we might be clothed in His Righteousness, and put on that New Man which is

fashioned after His Image and Likeness/Nature. He has taken it off to place upon our shoulders, and is calling us to open unto Him and receive the anointing and inheritance that He has set before us. He wants us to put on His Glory, His Beauty, and the Fullness of all that He is. *"For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."* (2Corinthians 5:2-4).

He has washed His feet/us, and He is saying, "After I have washed and cleansed you; how can you put your old coat/covering/nature back on (how can you put back on the old man and please your self-will), how can you go out from My presence and defile your walk again?" After Christ has cleansed your walk and my walk, how can we go out there and walk in our soul and self-will again? How can we go back out and disobey the Father again? After He has cleansed us; and after we have experienced His pureness and His presence, how can we defile His washed feet?

Song of Solomon 5:4 (Amplified Bible) says, *"My beloved put in His hand by the hole of my door, and my heart was moved for Him."* My question this day to you is, "Is your heart moved when you hear the voice of the Lord?" Mine is! When I hear the tenderness of His voice within me, my heart is truly moved. There is something about

hearing the voice of our Lord and Savior that makes us feel Loved and safe. He truly Loves us! He is the only one who can really help and touch us in our particular situations. People, including our mothers, fathers, friends, and loved ones, can often be so wrapped up in themselves that they cannot begin to help or understand what we are going through in our lives. On the other hand, no matter what's going on (even if we feel like we are alone and that no one in the natural is listening), our Beloved Jesus Christ is always with us. He has promised that He will never leave us or forsake us. We can always trust Him, talk to Him; and confide in Him. He truly does heal the broken hearted and wipes away our tears.

Even so, not everyone's heart moves or pounds for Jesus. Not everyone yearns for the presence of God. Some people say in their heart, "Leave me alone. Get away from me God. Don't you touch that area of my life! Just leave me alone, and don't bother me God!" Even though many people have hardened their hearts, or areas of their hearts towards God, there are some whose hearts melt when the Spirit of God moves. They are Love sick for Him, and grow weak at the knees at the very whisper of His voice, or slightest touch of His Loving hand.

He is soon going to move upon you again Sons. I do not know when and how; only the Father knows for sure, but He has got your number and knows where you are at. When he moves on you again, your heart will melt, and you are going to want to hear His voice more and more.

She said in Song of Solomon 5:5-6, "I rose up to open to my Beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to My beloved; but My Beloved had withdrawn Himself, and was gone...". In reality, He didn't go anywhere. The Lord wanted to teach her/the soul that He was within her and that was where she would find Him. She needed to go within, and go deeper in Him. At first she didn't understand this, so she said, "My soul failed when He spake: I sought Him, but I could not find Him; I called Him, but He gave me no answer. The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me." So not knowing what else to do, she started looking for Him outside of herself in the five sense realm. She looked and looked. She tried to find Him everywhere. She even went to the watchman and keepers of the walls (which represents the local churches/ministries in the inner and outer court realms), but they only beat her up, and took away her veil/mantle/covering.

God will pull back from you because He is a gentleman. He gave you a free-will and has set a choice before you. You are given the choice as to whether or not you want to open the door of your heart and invite Him in. It was not that she had done anything wrong, but God wanted to teach her something. She was going through a learning experience. God wanted to teach her that even though He might pull back at times, He will never

leave her or forsake her. In fact, He was closer than she knew. He never left His garden/the soul. He never went outside of her or their relationship together; He was within her/His garden the whole time. He went deeper to cause her to do the same.

It said that she went to the watchman, to the city, and to other places. Her soul began to fail her and she was beside herself not knowing what to do. She had gotten so used to talking and communing with her Beloved. She had gotten so used to being in His Presence that she looked forward to it each day. She loved Him and enjoyed the Love affair that was going on between them. She had grown content in the comfort zone of her experiences and relationship with Him, and now she would do anything to find Him and experience Him again. She/the soul yearned to hear His voice again.

When God pulls back, your soul hungers and thirsts for more of Him. Sometimes we become content in the routines of our day in relationships. Even with God. We do not pursue Him like we used to. For instance, let's say that God has blessed you financially; on a job; or at home; to the place where you become content in your circumstances. In time you take for granted what you have and where you are at. You take it for granted, and begin to slack off in your relationship with Him. You don't talk with Him and pursue Him like you used to. You stop pressing in the way you know you should because part of your soul has fallen to sleep spiritually. To wake you up again, He pulls back

and goes deeper within you. Not because He doesn't Love you anymore, but because He does. He wants to be first in your life again and not to be taken for granted. He does this to cause you to go deeper within and take your relationship with Him to an all new and greater level.

She said that, "*The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.*" Then in verse 8 she says, "*I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my Beloved, that ye tell Him, that I am sick of love.*"

Even after they persecuted and hurt her, she pleaded with them that if they should see her Beloved to tell Him that she was sick in love (Love sick over Him). She didn't know where or why He had gone, only that she was willing to endure anything to find Him and be One with Him again! This is what God desires! For your soul to be so much in Love with Him that you yearn for Him, and are not satisfied until you spend time in His presence communing with Him everyday! When you do, there is such a satisfaction that comes to your soul that words cannot describe it. When you hear His voice, you know that all is well. Before everything else; before you go out to do what you have to do, you need to spend time with Him each and every day.

They made fun of her and mocked her at first, but they could also see that there was something different about her that they were attracted to. They called her, "*fairest amongst woman*". In verse 9 they spoke

back to her saying, *"What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? what is thy Beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us?"* People make fun of you when you start falling in love with Jesus and take a stand for Him. You stand out when you do what is right in Christ, and some people do not like that.

They made fun of her because she had fallen in love with Christ. They asked her "What's so special about Him? What sets Him above every other beloved?" Then all of the sudden she started describing His Beauty to them. Her deep Love for Him painted a beautiful picture of Him in their minds. If you have a relationship with Him and are being changed into the Image and Nature of Christ, you can describe how your Beloved looks. People will begin to see His reflection in and through you.

In Song of Solomon 5:10-16 she says, *"My beloved is white* (Holy, Pure, and Righteous. In other words, "There is no unrighteousness or sin in Him. He is flawless and Holy and kind." In God there is nothing but goodness, grace, Love, and purity; there is no darkness. "My Beloved is totally Life, He is clean, He is pure. There is no evil or unkind thought in His mind") *and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand* (she's saying, "He's the greatest in the whole world"). *His head is as the finest gold, His locks are bushy, and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers* (He is nothing

but the mind of Christ): *His lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh. His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: His belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires. His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: His countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet: yea, He is altogether lovely. This is my Beloved, and this is my Friend, O daughters of Jerusalem."*

Do you realize that you serve a God who is your Father, and that Jesus Christ is your Lord? Do you realize that He is King of all kings and Lord of all Lords? That He is chief and supreme above all creation? That you serve someone who is above everything else in this entire world? Nothing in this world is above God. He is Lord of the whole universe. He owns everything in the whole world; and if you have any need at all, He is able to meet it. In Him you lack nothing that He cannot provide. He is the one that you need to get to know.

Gold is the very Nature of the Father which Jesus reflected perfectly; but do you truly understand how much He was despised? Every individual He came in contact with rejected Him. They hated Him. Do you know that there is a part of you that hates the Christ too? Your self-will hates Him, *"Because the carnal mind is enmity* (the enemy) *against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."* (Romans 8:7). There is a part of you that is the anti-Christ. The anti-Christ is the self-will. It is against God, and refuses to yield its will to Him. Jesus (our Beloved) was hated,

despised, and rejected by all men back then; and still is today.

The world hated Him, and the world will hate you also because you are becoming One with Him. You are being formed into His Image and after His Likeness/Nature, to bear the Beauty and Glory of God!

She said that, *"His eyes are as the eyes of doves."* The eyes of Jesus look through you. They not only look through the windows of your soul; but He Lives inside of you. Have you ever noticed that sometimes your eyes will look upon a person and all of the sudden you will feel sorry for that person? That is the Christ in you/the Lord of all creation looking through the windows of your soul upon that individual, and with the compassion of God for them He is seeing and feeling their pain. His eyes are like doves, and when you are One with Him looking into that person's eyes, you will see the Peace of God going out to them. Jesus has the Kindest, Lovinest, most Compassionate eyes; but there are also times when His eyes are Flames of Fire. The reason *"His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters,"* is because He is always abiding in the Father. There is a constant flow of anointing and Peace in His mind. She is describing the One with whom she fell in love. She was love sick for Him.

I have to make a confession, because I am sick in love with my Lord as well! I have been for a long time. There have been times that He has asked me to do things that have been difficult and painful; but when you love someone it doesn't matter how difficult or how painful, because

you know that it is all for the Glory of the Father! It is all for good! When you love someone all you want to do is just please them.

When I first started out in the Lord, because of the weak areas in my soul, I didn't always please Him. I was afraid and had a controlling husband who controlled me out of his emotions, anger, and hate. In time God enabled me to arise above that. Then, when God would tell me to go to meetings, to go here or go there, I went. I had to endure a great deal of opposition and abuse, but as I kept obeying God, He blessed me; and in His time He dealt with my husband.

Sometimes when starting out in the Lord, we have many fears and try to please our families, spouses, children, and friends, more than God. We don't have the courage to say "no", because we don't want to hurt their feelings and/or we are afraid that they will turn against us and reject us. On one hand we don't want to be different; and on the other if we don't or won't obey God, then we suffer because of our disobedience. We learn obedience by the things that we suffer. We also learn very quickly that if we obey Him, there are so many blessings in store for us. Deuteronomy 30:19-20 says, "...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy Life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the

land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

When you start out in God sometimes you have a lot of fear and want to be like your friends. You want to act like them and dress like them. You want to be in with the in-crowd; so you become a people pleaser. God allows you to run that course for a time, but then He brings you to the place where you want to please Him, and put Him first in your life. That is when you begin to find true Peace and Joy in your life/mind. You begin to grow up and mature. Eventually you come to the place where you don't care whether people like it or not. It doesn't matter what they think, because more than anything else your life is now about pleasing God and your relationship with Him. You have such a longing to allow everything that He desires to be fulfilled in your life. You come to the place where you automatically do what He desires.

When you're walking in the Spirit, people will not understand you anymore. If you won't get down there in the soul where they are, then they will judge you wrongly. But Romans 13:14 says, "...put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." To make no provision for the flesh means: to make no provision or effort to fulfill the lust of the flesh in others and yourself (your own flesh/carnal desires).

I believe the Lord is bringing us deeper in Him. I like how the Shulamite woman/soul describes her Beloved's belly and legs; and if you are being changed into His

Image and Likeness/Nature, then this is how your belly and legs are going to become as well. "His belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires. His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold:" His appetites are totally to do the will of the Father. He never had the appetites of the flesh, because He never yielded to the flesh. His legs are as Marble, a very hard stone. It is saying that He is immovable. There is so much in this.

Then in Song of Solomon 6:1, after hearing her describe the Beauty of the Lord/her Beloved, they begin to want what she has. They begin to ask her, "Whither is thy Beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy Beloved turned aside? that we may seek Him with thee." She responds to them by saying in verses 2-3, "My Beloved is gone down into His garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies. I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine; He feedeth among the lilies." Her understanding is finally awakened as to where He has gone. She realizes that He has just gone deeper within her; and never truly left at all. She speaks of the intimacy that they have together, and the fact that they belong to each other.

I need to go back to the vision I shared with you earlier. The garden that I saw in it was flourishing. It was coming forth with all the Fruits of the Spirit, manifesting the abundance and Fullness of Christ. Even though the house was connected to the garden; everything was in the order of God.

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AND YOUR OBEDIENCE TO
HIM IS WHERE IT IS AT!

Basically, the world is not going to see you. It is not going to see your house. Right now you are the temple of the Holy Spirit, but when God is finished with you, all they are going to see is the Beauty of the Lord. They are not going to see the temple/the soul manifesting or expressing itself anymore, because when the Glory of the Lord comes forth in its Fullness, the temple will not exist as it is now. The body, soul and Spirit/Christ shall be totally One, in the same way as Jesus said that He and the Father are One, that, *"I am in the Father, and the Father in me"*, and *"he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."* The soul and the temple/body will be totally swallowed up in Christ. When other people look at you, all they will see is the Lamb and God Himself. Revelations 21:22 says, **"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."** When God is finished perfecting you, all people will see is the Beauty of the Lord.

The world is longing to see the Beauty of the Lord, and as you go through the week, wake up in the morning and realize that you are a garden. Also, be sure to tend and guard your garden. God put Adam in the garden and told him to dress and keep it. Do not let the little foxes come in and spoil your vine. Do not let negative thoughts creep in; those thoughts that keep the vine from flourishing and bringing forth the Fruits of God.

I know that having a garden is hard work. I have planted gardens, and know that you have to work hard, be patient, and continually checking for weeds.

You go out to see if anything is blooming and if you are going to get any produce at the end, and when you do, you find that the rabbits have come in and eaten all your lettuce and carrots. It can be very frustrating.

Just as one cares for a garden in the natural, you must put that same care and effort into tending your Spiritual garden/mind. You need to constantly check your thinking so that you won't trip and fall. Remember that people are looking at your garden. They are watching you wherever you are; at home, school, or work. They are looking to see what you are manifesting. Is Ahab manifesting himself/the self-will and nature? Or is Christ manifesting Himself? Can people walk in your garden and find Love, compassion, kindness, Joy and Peace? Or do they find all kinds of flesh and carnality?

As you walk through the week, remember that you are an Ambassador of Christ. No matter how young you are in the natural or in Him, you represent Christ wherever you go. You are to be a light shining wherever you go.

People are watching your life whether you realize it or not. If they are seeing Christ being manifest in and through you, then they are asking questions. Some outwardly to you, and others within their own mind; wanting to know what that difference is that they see in you, compared to what they see being manifest in the world around them. You will shine and keep on shining as you keep your relationship with Him. That is the key!