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"SICK IN LOVE"

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We are going to read from Matt. 24 because this is really where we are right now. A couple of things stood out to me and I want to bring them out. In **Matt. 24:7 The Lord said there will be nations that shall rise against nations. Is that not happening now? There would be kingdoms against kingdoms; boy is that not happening now? There would be famines, pestilence, earthquakes in various places, uh huh, all of these are the beginning of sorrows.** Then it goes on down in verse 11 and says there would be many false prophets. Why were many deceived? It explains why. Because their love for God will grow cold because of multiplied lawlessness and iniquity. But then it goes on down to verse 13 - but he who endures to the end shall be saved. Verse 14 - this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world for a witness unto all the nations and then shall the end come. Now Matt 24:15 really stood out to me and this is what we are going to get into. Verse 15 - When you therefore see the abomination of the desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet. You have to really know what that means. The abomination of desolation. We are going to

explain what that really means. He said that there was something that you were supposed to do. He said when you see the abomination (which has happened) you are supposed to stand in the Holy Place. We need to understand what it means to stand in the Holy Place.

It says whosoever readeth, let him understand and take notice (ponder consider and heed) God wanted every individual to understand what He was saying about the purpose of standing in the holy place and what the abomination of desolation was.

A couple of weeks ago the Lord spoke to us about standing in the holy place. But this week as we were in the Spirit He started speaking to me about The Song of Solomon. This pertains to every individual who did not make it here today. The Bible says, in Matt 3:11 that Jesus would be the one to baptize you with the baptism of fire and the Holy Spirit. Every individual here has come into that place and will continue experiencing the baptism of fire. The baptism of fire is nothing but the love of God. It is to perfect you and bring you into the love of God and all of His nature. Every one of you who made the decision to

come to the water and follow God and have allowed Him to set you apart. God chose you; He hand picked you and set you apart for Himself. Jesus Christ began to burn all those things out of you that are not like Him and His nature. That is the baptism of fire. Therefore when you experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the baptism of fire you were driven right into the wilderness just as Jesus was. I have watched every individual who has come to the water and has received the baptism of fire go right into the wilderness. If they get the right baptism they go right into the wilderness.

We want to explain what the wilderness is all about. The book of Solomon is the most beautiful example of the soul going through many stages until it comes into the understanding of what she is there for. It is also so beautiful how this; the woman, the soul, is developed and comes to the place where the manifestation of the Christ begins to take place in her life.

Every one of you who have made the decision, understands as a born again believer that you were automatically set apart for God. You no longer belong to yourself. So therefore you have started on a journey and this

journey is spiritual. For some people who are on the journey take a long time, and some seem to grow much quicker.

The soul is developed through a relationship with the Lord. The reason the Lord reminded me of Solomon this week is because it is going to tie in with Matt. 24:15 which is about the abomination of desolation and about standing in the Holy place. Isn't that interesting! So we are going to tie it in whenever He sees fit.

The book of Solomon is all about you and me being developed into the nature of Christ. It is the beginning of a process. It even explains why we have to experience the wilderness. The wilderness takes place in your mind. I am going to point out some things in Solomon that will help you. Understand that in Solomon ii is about the soul being developed into a love affair with God to where eventually absolutely nothing will get in the way of this relationship. There will be absolutely nothing that will ever take your soul away to where she begins to get off track.

In this book, the first thing she experiences are the kisses of our Lord and Savior. It is nothing but the love of God. She begins to realize how wonderful the love is. It was a love that she had never experienced before. It is the same thing with you and me. All human beings of all races are looking for love. They search through many avenues or through different people or in various relationships trying to find this perfect love. Man has been made to always long for someone to understand them; for

someone to love them; someone to receive them; someone to like them. There is a part of every individual that is looking for some kind of love. But every avenue that man has traveled has hurt him and brought pain and sorrow in the soul. It is because the only love that can really satisfy your soul, is the love of God. So when individuals have begun to understand and start to experience and be awakened by the love of Christ. They begin to better understand His love. They begin to experience His kisses and to understand that His love is better than anything that there is. *Song of Solomon 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.*

They get to know that everything that they searched for outside of themselves brought pain to their soul. They begin to understand that the love they are looking for is inside of them which is God Himself. So the first thing that she said in the book of Solomon in the first chapter is, "*Draw me after you.*"

So the soul begins to see that she needed to cry out to the Beloved One in order for her to experience this love. Every individual here has experienced a degree of the love of God. The more you walk with Him and grow you develop that love and you will experience a love so deep and so wide and so broad that there is no end to it; none whatsoever. This love will take you deeper and deeper and deeper in Him, and pull you more and more out of the world.

In the beginning of the process, the soul still wants or desires certain things. So it goes

after those things and God very patiently waits for the soul to wake up to reality and realize that what they really want is Him. You have to come to the place where you realize that the things that you thought would bring fulfillment in your life just bring you up empty. It might be that you are looking for fulfillment in your home or your career or in a number of other things but you will always come up empty after the pursuit. The only thing that can fill you with joy in your soul is the love from your heavenly Father. So the first thing that she said was draw me after you.

In relation to your journey, when God baptized you with the baptism of fire-just look back. Can you look back and remember where you came from? Because if you always remember where you came from. If you remember the state that you were in before the love of God got a hold of you, you will see where he has brought you and you will stand firm.

He broke you and he humbled you after you came to him. The problem is in the process of your growing in your relationship with God, many times the soul will be drawn in another direction and to other things and then pride and ego and self sets in. So if you are not as humble as you were you will start to slip. As God has begins to give you so much you take things for granted and you think you do not need His as much as you used to. Then you do not lean on Him or rely on Him as before. I have watched this over the years and have seen it in many many lives.

When the soul turns to God, just like the Shulamite woman, she knew she was black and uncomely. When you come to God and he wakes you up, you begin to see the short comings in your life. You become aware of the areas of your life that need to change. He did not bring that out but she saw it. *She said, but I am black and uncomely. But God says—Come on, come on, come to my banquet table. Come to my banquet table and feast on Me.* That is what God has done with each and everyone of us. He brought you to His banquet table.

Here today, He has brought you to His banquet table where His word is being broken. It is broken so that you can partake of it. He said come to my banquet table because the banner over you is His love. He was telling the Shulamite that she was black and uncomely but she is the one who understood that she needed to change. It is a process of change in the soul. He is the Good Shepherd and He restores the soul, so the soul has to go through the process of restoration.

You all have experienced the baptism of fire and so you understand that God is in the process of perfecting you. He is bringing you into that perfect love. As you are on this journey, He is consuming your fears. The fears that you have had in the wilderness. When you are in the wilderness you are not hearing His voice like you had before and you wonder why you have to go through this wilderness. God causes you to experience the wilderness so that He can test and try and prove you. He is asking a question. Do they love

me? Do they really love me? He says, I will pull back and they will not hear My voice. He does this so that in spite of not hearing you still continue to seek Him. You do not give up.

One thing clear about the Shulamite was that she was always looking for her Beloved. She was asking – where is He? Where did He go? As she was in the wilderness she got off track.

Oh Lord! We are going to get into some good stuff here. I challenge you today to be like the Shulamite woman. Continue to cry out to God to draw you after Him. What are you drawn after today? What are your priorities? You will know what you are drawn after because that is what is on your mind. If you are drawn after Him then He is on your mind and heart when you wake up in the morning, during the day and when you go to bed.

Have you noticed when someone has fallen in love, in the natural, they are so sick in love, they can't get that guy or that gal off of their mind. When you are with them all they talk about is the one they love. They are love sick! Have you ever been able to tell anybody anything when they are love sick? No. Well God wants us to be so love sick with Him that we start the day with Him and you do whatever He tells you to do. You put Him first. Being love sick with God is something that you have to work at. You put your own desires aside. It is something that you need to apply and put in motion every day of your life.

That goes right back to the abomination that causes desolation *Matt. 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the*

abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) "But what stands out is "Standing in the Holy Place"

The abomination of desolation speaks of people who have gone into the wilderness. People who are barren; they have never become fruitful in Christ. Their land is desolate and barren. The abomination represents interference coming to disrupt their relationship with Almighty God. Everything you can think of has come at them and has taken away the beautiful relationship that they had. The abomination that causes desolation is nothing but that daily sacrifice being removed. Uh-Huh – that is what it is. It is a daily sacrifice. I am getting a little ahead of myself but I will get back to this.

Let us go to Solomon for a minute. One thing about the Shulamite, she told the daughter of Jerusalem, not to try to stir up or awaken my love until it pleases me. In other words do not interfere with my relationship that I have with my Beloved One. And do not interfere with my walk that I have with Him and do not get in my way until I am pleased. She was not pleased with the love that she had with Him yet. She knew that her love needed to be developed to grow and go deeper. So, she was saying do not bother me until I finally come into the place where in I am pleased. I know that He loves me but I am not pleased with how much I love Him.

Do you see what I am trying to bring out here? She knew that her soul needed to develop more

and more into a deeper relationship with her beloved. There is so much here that jumped out at me. In Song of Solomon 2:7 she told them to go ahead and follow their own instincts. In other words if you want to walk in the flesh and please your senses, you can go ahead and do it. Go follow your own instincts. I am going to read it out of the Amplified Bible-it brings it out so well. **Song of Solomon 2:7 (He said) I charge you, O you daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the hinds of the fields (which are free to follow their own instincts) that you not try to stir up or awaken (my) love until it pleases.**

Everyone has to work out their own salvation. She had that understanding. She was saying do not interfere with my relationship; do not try to pull me off tract. I have a journey here and it is a process that I am going through. My soul is being developed. She was beginning to understand that her soul was strictly to be used for the purpose of God. God has to have your soul in order to express Himself. He has to have your soul in order to bring about the manifestation and the birth of his son. She begins to speak about her beloved and says, My Beloved is telling me to rise. My Beloved is telling me to come out of the world. That is what He is saying.

Song of Solomon 2:10 My beloved spake, and said unto me; Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Come out of the world; come out of the five senses; come out of your self will and doing your own thing each day. Come out of

all that and come away with me and walk in the realm of the spirit in heavenly places for you are seated in a heavenly place with me. He is calling her the fair one. That is how God looks at your soul. He looks at your soul and calls it the fair one because of what Christ did on the cross. He tells her that her winter is over and past. He is trying to tell her that she can come out of the wilderness. Oh Lord!

He told Israel that they could be in the wilderness for just three days and then they could enter the kingdom and into His rest. It was supposed to only take three days but instead it took Israel forty years. Three is resurrection life. They could have entered into that resurrection life in Christ, but they stayed on one mountain, the carnal mind, for 38 years.

Look at **Deuteronomy 2:1 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days.** They stayed on Mount Seir. The name of that mountain if you study it out, means a people full of emotion and fears also full of doubt. It represents people who want to walk in their five senses and carnality and to live in their soul. They do not want to follow God. God spoke to them after thirty-eight years and said you have been on that mountain long enough; you had better move. Get off that mountain. And two years later He brought certain ones into the Promised Land. But they didn't let God do what He wanted to do in their lives. The two things that kept most of them from entering

in were unbelief and fear. The exceptions were the little ones that stayed humble. Joshua and Caleb had a different spirit. They believed and they obeyed.

In Hebrews 4, you can read about those who did not enter into the rest. They did not enter into the rest because of unbelief and unbelief creates fear. They didn't enter into what God had for them. When you come to God it is a journey for your soul and a time for your soul to really allow God to tear down and consume those things in the soul that are not like Him and to develop His nature in you and me.

That is what the baptism of fire is all about. It is nothing but love. As you go on in this journey you will be coming into nothing but the entire nature of Himself; the perfect love of God. There will be absolutely no more fear in your mind. Not a fearful thought. Isn't that something to think about? God has a reason for all this.

The good news is that as God develops these people and brings them into His nature and his likeness, they are becoming one mountain; a corporate mountain. This mountain is the mountain of the Lord. It is the mountain that all nations well come to. They will have to come to the mountain of the Lord. It is a people who have been established in Him and His nature and it are a people who will say - come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and learn of the ways of our God. Oh, Lord have mercy. **Isa 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach**

us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

That is what God is establishing in each and every one of you. You are becoming this mountain. It is His mountain; His mind and nature. The Bible speaks of many mountains. We learned that a mountain is a state of mind. I don't know what mountain you have been on this week, but there is only one mountain that God wants you to be on. That is the holy place. The holy place is the mountain of the Lord and it is a mountain of love which flows out to creation.

This happens week after week as we come together and get in the Spirit. Isn't God good?

The Shulamite woman listed to her beloved and as she began to arise He took her to a rocky place and put her in the clefts in the rock. So that is the beginning of her abiding in Christ. She began to abide in Him and her heart was so touched that she began to sing to Him. See, *Solomon 2:15. My heart was touched and I fervently sang to Him my desire. Take for us the foxes; the little foxes that spoil the vineyards (of our love) for our vineyards are in blossom.* All of a sudden she began to see the little foxes. He didn't tell her about the little foxes, but because of the relationship that she had with Him, she began to see the little foxes (the things) that would come and try to spoil her vine; to keep her from maturing as He wanted her to. She was seeing those little foxes as little bitty things that are clever and very sneaky and are snares before you

even realize it. She said, my heart was touched and I frequently sang to Him my desire. It says - take for us the little foxes that spoil the vineyard of our love for our vineyards are blooming. It is the little foxes that spoil the vineyard of your love affair with Him.

Sometimes a fox has got you and you don't even know it. Some of God's people get snared and deceived and they don't know it is happening. It takes the grace of God to get us stirred up again and to be aware of how the little foxes work to get us off track.

All of us can relate to this in our walk and growth in Christ. But here you can see that she is beginning to know that she has that close relationship. She says - my beloved is mine and I am His. In *verse 17 - then longingly addressing her absent shepherd, she cried.* He became absent from her, but she understood that "until the day breaks" there had to be a change in her soul and her mind. She understood that there was going to be a day break in her mind. A new day dawning in the mind. The mind and the soul being transformed.

It goes on - until the day breaks and the shadows flee away. It is the shadows that come in your mind and then you don't have a clear vision. The thoughts that come in your mind and rob you of your peace and joy and your life in Christ. The she says, O my beloved, be like a young heart as you cover the mountains (which separate us). So, she began to have the understanding about the mind and how thoughts can create a mountain which is actually a

stronghold. So in those mountains we don't see clearly. We don't see our beloved. She says as you cover the mountain that separates us. She knows that He can cover that mountain and bring her out of it. The mountain where the soul wants to dwell on thoughts. But He can cover them and bring her back to that love affair.

In *Solomon 3:1, she goes into a night time.* Why does God take you into a night? He takes you into a night in your mind because that is where the lion is. That is where all the creeping critters are. Have you ever noticed that you don't see the critters or crickets or bugs at night? The roaches are not around until night time. If you have ever had roaches, you know that if you wake up at night and turn on a light (usually in the kitchen) they will be there. A night is like a winter. God knows that we need the winter to kill the bugs and insects. If we didn't have a winter to kill off all the insects, they would take over. We have to have a season; we have to have a night. But God is bringing some of us to the end of all that; where we don't have any more nights. Eventually, when you become all that He is you will not ever have to have a season again. Never to have a night again. The night is to show you what is there in you that need to be changed.

The Shulamite began to think that she lost her husband because she wasn't hearing His voice. So instead of staying on the narrow path where he is at, the soul got off the path of life and went to a dark time in the mind. He is on the narrow path on the straight and narrow path; the path of life.

Do you follow what I am saying? She is searching for Him but she never finds Him on the broad path. You are not going to find Him there. She was going around every where asking- where is my Beloved, where is my beloved? But he had not gone anywhere. He is still there in her. Now look what happened. She went to the watchman; she asked them where was her beloved. *In Sol. 3:4 I had gone but a little past them when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him and would not let him go until I had brought him into my mother's house.*

A night time lasts until you get hold of God and you say - OK God, you can come into my mother's house. Eve is your mother and she is the mother of all living. Hear what I am saying. You were born out of the church but God knows that there is still religion there. He knows that there are still some things there in the house; in you, that need to be dealt with.

She is getting a hold of her beloved and she is telling him that he can come into the chambers of her soul. You can come into the chambers of my soul. I want to change.

In Sol. 3:4 I held him and would not let him go until I had brought him into my mother's house and into the chamber of her who conceived me. So through the conception of the church and the conception of Eve, the soul had come along through the chambers of the soul and collected many different things but now she is willing for him to go into those areas and to deal with what is there. That is what the baptism of fire is. It is up to

you to say - I do not want anything to interfere with my love with you Lord. Go into those chambers and make the changes; bring a change in my soul.

I just want you to see the development of her soul. Growing and wanting to really love him. I have watched this whole process with people and mostly Christians. They can go through the wilderness and be tried, proven and tested but their hearts become hardened. They get angry at God and they get angry with people and angry about their circumstances. They blame everyone who is around them and some never come out of it. They never come out of the wilderness and in fact, some die there. It is just like what happened in the Old Testament. They died in the wilderness.

One thing about the Shulamite, even though she was in the night, she pursued him. She continued to seek after him. I am telling you today that no matter what you are going through today, you must pursue Him. You must continue to seek Him. You must never ever let go. Continue with that love affair and develop that love affair between you and Him.

When I started out in the Lord I began to understand that if I really loved Him I would obey Him. If you do not love Him you will not obey Him.

Early in my walk with the Lord, He began to deal with me and test me to see if I did love Him. He would tell me to do things that I thought were off the wall. I remember one time I was riding my bike and I fell off and sprained my ankle. I was

supposed to minister at the prison. My ankle swelled up like a balloon. You talk about pain; I was in pain. I said well God I can not go. He said yes you can. I have learned that if He tells you to do something you had better do it whether you feel like it or not. He knows best. His ways are not our ways. When you begin to see how much He loves you, you will want to love Him back. You want that love to grow and develop into a deeper love with Him and you come to the point where nothing moves you from that relationship that you have with Him.

Well I went to minister and when I got there and stood up there was no pain, none whatsoever. I had totally forgotten about my swollen ankle but when I got in the car and was coming down the road to go home the pain hit me. I said now God if you can keep me from being in pain while I was ministering, you can keep me from pain now. He answered and said-you got back into the feeling realm. You got back in your mind and went back down to the feeling realm. You began to think about your foot. The Lord told me to go to Manassas for five years. It was every Sunday and not so near where I lived. I am not saying this to lift me up but it is to show you that if you love Him you will obey Him even if you do not understand. If you really love him you will do as He says. I did not know what fruit was going to come out of it. But the time will come when you do see the fruit of your obedience. God is trying to see if you really love Him. Do they really love Me?

I have seen people walk away many times. There was a young man who used to come here week after week but you could hear, out of the abundance of the heart, what he really wanted. He wanted a nice little house with a white picket fence and a wife. He left a long time ago but he called recently and he still hasn't gotten his dream house and the wife and he still is in the wilderness. I thought - Lord have mercy! I asked God - why Lord?? He said they do not want me; they do not want me, Joyce.

The soul wants other things and the soul takes an individual on other journeys and different avenues and it can never develop the way God wants it to. Some just die out there in the wilderness; spiritual death begins to set in. Sometimes God will finally bring them to the end of themselves where they begin to realize that everything that they wanted in their lives just did not happen. I have seen where this happens where people have gone their own way but God brings them back in because they spent all they had; they spent all their desires on everything else and nothing panned out and they finally made a decision and realized they wanted Him.

We do not have time for that anymore. Time is running out. The night is far spent; the day is at hand. This is the day that we must stand in the holy place. This is the day that you must deny yourself because the holy place is the place of sacrifice. It is a daily sacrifice. You are the sacrifice of the Lord. So therefore you are to pick up your cross daily and deny self.

I am going to read from the Amplified Bible *Matt. 10:38 and he who does not take up his cross and follow Me (cleave steadfastly to Me, conforming wholly to my example in living and, if need be, in dying also) is not worthy of Me.* The Shulamite was steadfast! It is true you live but your soul dies. These two things are going on at the same time. You really begin to live when your soul begins to die. If this does not happen - then He is saying - you are not worthy of Me. *Verse 39 whoever finds his (lower) life will lose it (the higher life) and whoever loses his (lower) life on My account will find it. (The higher life).* Lord have mercy! Can you hear that? If you find your soul and continue on not being that daily sacrifice or giving your life for Christ and not allowing Christ to express Himself through you to shed His love over mankind, then you are going to lose out on that higher plane of life. A spiritual life that God has called you to. You will lose out because you have chosen to live in the world and in the carnal mind. Do you follow what I am saying? That is why He says - choose this day whom you shall serve. He is saying, choose ME, choose ME each day. We are responsible for our choice. Everyone is responsible for their choices. We are responsible to know that what God says is fact. It is so true. His word is so true and so real. You have got to take this word as reality and truth. Everything that He says is genuine. If you really and truly believe Him you will act out the word that you have heard. Faith is action. You would act out the

word because you know that it has come from the Father.

Now back to the Shulamite woman, in *Sol.4:6 She says-until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, (in my thoughts) I will get to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense (to him whom my soul adores)* meaning I will continue abiding in Christ. That mountain of myrrh was the anointing of the spirit of the Lord. She understood that until the day broke in her mind she had to walk with Him and walk in the spirit and deny herself and be that daily sacrifice for Him. I will get me to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense to him whom my soul adores. He exclaimed. O my love, how beautiful you are! He is looking at her now and He is telling her - there is no flaw in you! Now isn't that interesting? Because you came to the baptism of fire and water, he sees you complete, totally completed in Him. He sees no flaws but he does quicken to you those things that need to change. But he does look at the finished product and the completeness of what happened on the cross. Again he is telling her to come away. He is telling her to depart from Lebanon, meaning: come to another experience; come to another change in Me. Let us go deeper with each other - that is what he is saying here. Isn't God good? He tells her to get away from the lions den; quit hanging out with the lions; quit hanging out with Satan. Do not even wonder who Satan is. Who cares! Develop your love affair with Me. As you do this, Satan is not there to sift you anymore. Come out of the mountain of the leopards where

all these things hinder you. There are different mountains that are in your mind. It is where Satan comes to steal and rob. Come away from that.

He talks to her again about how beautiful she is and how much he loves her. Doesn't God always do this to us? At times we have had to renew ourselves with Him after we have slipped and gotten into stuff; we got off track. *In Son 4:11 Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.*

He begins to tell her that she is the garden that is shut up. So He is making her aware that He is not able to flow out of her yet. He is not able to come forth out of her yet. She has it all inside. She understands that she is the garden and he is the gardener. He is saying-you are shut up. I cannot come out of you and express myself the way I want to. He said- *verse 13 your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates or a paradise with precious fruits and spikenard.* He talks about all the different things that are within her, the aloe, the myrrh, the anointing and the power that is shut up inside of her. He is telling her that - you have the anointing; you have the fullness of the Father, of the Godhead bodily, in you. You have the fullness of Me; it is in you. But it is not coming out because it is all shut up. This is when her soul begins to cry out. *Verse 16 you have called me a garden.* She said - *Oh I pray (that the cold) north wind come. North wind come.* She knew that she had to go through the fiery furnace. She

had to allow the north wind to come and blow upon her garden and to blow away the impurities that were in her soul so that He would not be shut up inside her anymore. She said - that the spices may flow out in abundance for you in whom My soul delighted. Let my beloved come into his garden and eat his choicest fruit. She begins to see that the husband was waiting and he is a farmer. God is a farmer. He is farming you. Because you are His land and He has to come and pull out the weeds. He needs to do this because he wants the fruit to come forth. Your fruit is love, joy and peace and He feeds on it and then puts it out to others so that they can feed on it. This is how God works. So it will come out of you so that others around you can feed upon the love and the joy and the peace that is in the kingdom of God. The Shulamite woman understood that she needed to allow Him to deal with the areas that needed to change. So she says - come on north wind, blow all you want. I am not going to get angry because I understand that you are creating my soul and bringing my soul on a journey into this realm of unconditional love which will go out to mankind and creation. Oh! Let me show you what He said to her - *In Solomon 5:1 Now I know you are mine.* Oh! She began to know that she really loved Him. He says - O have come into My garden, my sister, my bride. I have gathered my myrrh and my spice from your sweet words. I have gathered the richest perfumes and spices. The sweet words were - you are willing to die out; you are willing to pay the

price; you are willing to let me bring my nature into your soul. Oh you know that God must leap and jump when you are willing to really sacrifice your life to Him. The joy that it brings to the Beloved One. To continue with *Solomon 5:1 I have eaten my honey comb with my honey. I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat o friends (feast on). You can never make my lover disloyal to me. Gods' love to Himself will never be disloyal.* But He said-drink abundantly of love, O precious one (for now I know you are mine) she made a decision. She made a decision right then to pay the price. And this is really interesting and it happens to you.

Have you ever had a tremendous experience with your Beloved One and you can hear His voice very very clearly and He is talking to you and how excited you got because you felt that love coming from the Beloved One and He was talking to you. After she had this experience with Him she went to bed and went to sleep. Sometimes that happens to you and me. I have shaken my head in ministry. I have seen people come and the Lord will minister to them with such great, outstanding love and a week later they are asleep. And I say - God why? There has to be a pursuing, you have to continue to pursue after the one that you love. He loves to be sought after. That is the way He is. You have to be a seeker everyday. You can not just seek Him one day a week. You have got to spend time seeking the Beloved One everyday. He loves to be sought after. In Solomon, he came to her

even in the night. He is trying to talk to her even when she is in the night. Listen to this one - *Solomon 5:2 O my love, my dove, my spotless one (he said) I am wet with (heavy) night dew.* In other words, I am here; the anointing is here to talk with you; to commune with you. She began to reason, thinking - well that means I've got to get up, put my clothes on and put my shoes back on. I've got to da,da,da! Have you ever had God come to you and speak and your mind begins to tell you that you need to do certain things and your attention is being diverted and it gets your mind off the Beloved One. It shuts Him out completelythere He was at the door; the door was her heart. He was there to open up, to commune with her during the night but she reasoned in her own mind to go back to sleep. Look what happened when God did come, he turned away. That happens to us, He will turn away if we are distracted or go off to something other than Him.

There have been times when the Lord has spoken to me and you will think, wow, this is so great but then you will remember that you forgot to turn on the dryer or some such thing and you get up and do that chore and come back and you cannot get back where you were because He is not there. You had shut Him out. I am just using that as an example. Do you all follow what I am saying?

Solomon 5:5 I rose up to open to my beloved and my hands dripped with myrrh and my fingers with liquid sweet myrrh (which he had left) upon the handles of the bolt. So she

noticed that the anointing was there. *Solomon 5:6 I opened to my Beloved but my beloved had turned away-had turned away and withdrawn himself and was gone. My soul went forth to him when he spoke, but it failed me, and now he was gone. It makes me want to cry. I sought him but I couldn't find him, I couldn't find him.* You have had those moments, everybody has. A time where you have yearned and desired this love and His presence and it is just not there.

But I have learned no matter what God brings I must press in no matter what. If you press in you will get there every time. We give up too quickly and too easily. Again He likes one who pursues Him. *Verse 6- I could not find Him, I called Him but He gave no answer. Again she goes to other people and asks-where is he? I am looking for Him, where is he?*

Verse 8 - I charge you, o daughter of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him that I am sick from love, (simply sick from love, to be with him).

Are you sick with love to be with Him? Are You? This is the day that we need to be sick with love to be with Him all the time. You are with Him all the time but I am talking about communing with Him each day. I am talking about communing with Him. There is nothing in life more important than your communing with Him everyday of your life. She began to talk with the others and saying that I can not find my beloved.

On thing that really stood out to me was how she began to describe Him. She began to describe his appearance. She was seeing what she was becoming.

Can I say that again? She was coming to know him and beginning to see him as he is. For as he is so are we in this world. That is what the scripture says. Some ministers do not really know Him. Some say that you can not be perfect in this earth; that your soul can not be perfected here in this earth. They say that you have to die and go by way of the grave or fly away by way of the rapture. But there is no truth in that. None whatsoever. That teaching or belief is not in the word of God. Paul says - let us go on to perfection. He was talking about the soul going on to maturity to the full stature of Christ. Those ministers are not telling the truth. They keep you from ever maturing.

There is something that I want to share with you. I believe that it is going to touch your heart. Just think about how much God loved Israel and how many years He was long suffering and waited for them to come forth. He was waiting to come forth in Him. How long suffering and patient He was with everyone. Their soul got them off track and they did not enter in. Most of them died in the wilderness. Now, remember, they died before Christ was born. So it has been about 3500 years. The word says - as a tree falls so shall it lie. Whatever state that a soul is in, is the state of mind that it is when it dies. So as a tree falls to the ground, so shall it lie. There are so many scriptures relating to this. *In Rev. 22:11 Jesus said - let the filthy be filthy, let the just be just, let the holy be holy.* He is saying that whatever state you are in, is the

state which you will remain in on the other side, until He comes again. It is very interesting that God loved Israel but Israel was blinded. God blinded Israel in order to issue in all the Gentiles. So God cut Israel off but He said He would save all of Israel again and graft her back in. **Rom 11:23** *And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.*

I will never forget the Jewish woman that the Lord sent to us. She had been wandering in the wilderness of her mind. She came to us to be ministered to and when the Lord began to minister to her He opened her spiritual eyes to see her generations. They were Jews who were still in the wilderness of their mind. Lord have mercy! Just think how many years her generations had been wandering in their mind, in that state; earthbound if you please. Departed souls but not departed into the mind of Christ. But the love of God brought them right out of the wilderness. You can end your wilderness whenever you want to. In fact if you continue on this daily sacrifice with Christ and allow Him to burn all that is in you that is not like Him, you will not have any part in the second death. You will miss the second death because the second death is the lake of fire and the lake of fire, as we have explained, is the baptism of the love of God. Now they were in the lake of fire until finally after 3500 years they were released. I am sure that Jesus ministered to some of them when He went down into hell and He preached to souls that were in

prison. The soul was in prison because it was in a wilderness. Isn't this interesting? I hope you all are catching this. Are you getting the gist of what I am saying? You are looking at me a little funny. So I said- God set this thing in motion now. I really see how it is important to walk with Him each day and allow Him to have His way in your life and mine.

She described Him, the one that she loved, to all of them. As she gave the description He began to manifest. Read Sol. 6 - they are beginning to see the Christ. **In 6:9- it says- but my dove, my undefiled, and my perfect one, stands alone above them all; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her who bore her. The daughters saw her and called her blessed.** They realized that she was so blessed and happy. Why was that? It was because of her love affair with her beloved.

It goes on to say- the queens and the concubines praised her (because they saw the relationship). There was something uniquely different about the Shulamite. She wanted to leave them and they were telling her-see verse 13- Return, return, come back, come back. O Shulamite, return that we might look upon you. What is there to see in this poor little Shulamite? She could not see it. Sometimes you can not see what Christ is manifesting in your life but others can. You see people looking at you. They might stare at you because they are seeing the Christ.

Look at **Sol. 7:1** Then her companions began noticing and commenting on the attractiveness

of her person. They saw how attractive she was and they were seeing the beauty of the Lord.

How beautiful are your feet in the sandals, O queenly maiden! Your rounded limbs are like jeweled chains, the work of a master's hand. They began to see how the master was working things out of her life and seeing the beauty of the Lord. Isn't that interesting? And this is when the Beloved one began to talk to her again. What I saw here was real growth in her. Look what she says to him in verse 9. ***O your kisses are like the best wine, that goes down smoothly and sweetly for my beloved (shepherd) interrupted the Shulamite, kisses gliding over His lips while He sleeps. She proudly said in verse 10 - I am my beloveds and His desire is toward me! Verse 11 she said come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field.*** So now she is forgetting about herself. The harvest is ripe; she wants to bring the harvest in. She has matured now and she says let us go to the field. Let us go to the lodges in the villages. ***Verse 12 let us go out early to the vineyards and see whether the vines have budded; whether the grape blossoms have opened and whether the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.*** So What does that mean? When God brings you here and you lay your life before Him, you are denying self. No greater love can any person give than to lay his life down. Every time you get in the spirit and get your mind totally on God, you are having to deny self and all your thoughts.

I remember someone mentioning something about this and what she said is so true. There is no greater love that you

can give than to lay your life down and allow God to minister to others who come here. That is a part of your growth. You have grown and matured. That is a love affair between you and Him. He sees how much you love Him when you give of your time.

I really want to bring out something that is very important in chapter 8:5 - She finally came out of the wilderness completely out of the wilderness by different stages of growth of the soul. But it is interesting what he says.

Who is this that comes up from the wilderness? Leaning upon her beloved. So the wilderness is to break you and all your pride and ego and your self will to where you come out of the wilderness and into oneness with Him. All the time He is bringing the soul into a love affair in order to bring you into that rest and that oneness with Him and now you leaning on the beloved and not leaning on yourself or on anybody else.

Have you ever made plans and set the plans in motion and find that they just do not work out and you realize that it is because you did not lean on the beloved one. I have learned that I can not go on a trip unless He sends me. Everyday is His day. I am not my own. Everyday is the day of the Lord. We are to stay in a rest in Him. The Sabbath means rest, so everyday is the Sabbath.

Make a note of *Isa 58:13* *If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own*

pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Isa 58:14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

It talks about those who pollute the Sabbath day. They will not be able to ride upon the high places in God because they pollute the Sabbath by doing their own pleasures and by speaking their own words. So that means that the wilderness is to bring you to a place where you lean on Him. You no longer yield to anything but Him.

I'll give you an example. The Lord may tell you that you are going to go on a trip. But you might go ahead and start making plans even if you didn't ask when it would happen. You rush ahead. One time he asked me if I was willing to lose my house. I said yes Lord if you want me to live in a tent I will be willing. That's how much in love with Him, I was. I didn't care about our possessions. So we put our house up for sale. Two years went by and God said - you did not ask Me when. You see, leaning on Him is also waiting for His instructions. He wants you to depend on Him in everything that you do. We do not always depend on Him in everything that you do and that is why we sometimes miss it. We remember the times when we hit it right. If you miss His instructions the soul creates another hell for you. Do you follow what I am saying? The Bible says in *Isaiah 5:13-15* *Isa 5:13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their*

honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

Isa 5:14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Isa 5:15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: that hell has enlarged herself and it is because of all the souls that refuse to have a daily sacrifice with Christ. Hell is enlarging in peoples lives all over the world. They are having one hell after another because they do not want the daily sacrifice. In Daniel it talks about the daily sacrifice being completely removed. Lord have mercy! That ties in with *Matt. 10:34-39* again about picking up your cross daily and cleaving to Him. When you come into that oneness, you want to pick up the cross daily because there is not anything left there to pick up. You are so one with Him that you just move with His thoughts and you do get there. Trust me, you do get there. He is the one who gets you there as you do your part. You have got to trust Him to get you there. It comes quicker as you obey and as you have that love affair with Him. He will get you there and you won't want to be in any other place.

Solomon 8:5 who is this who comes up from the wilderness leaning upon her beloved? And as they sighted the home of her childhood the bride said- --under the apple tree I awakened you; there your mother gave you birth, there she was in travail and bore you. Verse 6 set me like a seal

upon your heart, like a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death.

Love is stronger than death
Son 8:6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame Now look at *verse 7 -- Many waters can not quench love, neither can floods drown it.* This is talking about the love relationship; she had many thoughts that flooded her mind so many times. Have you noticed that the flooding thoughts that you have, God helps you to get them off of your mind. Nothing can separate you from the love of God-principalities and power can not separate you from the love of God. So as you can see here, it says all these floods of waters can not quench love, neither can flood drown it because her roots went deep with that love affair with Him. *Verse 7 It says, if a man would offer all the goods of His house for love, he would be utterly scorned and despised.* Oh! Can you hear that? You pay a price for Christ. If you let Him take all the goods that are in your house, you will be despised by the flesh man. The carnal man will despise you and scorn you because of your relationship with Him. The world will hate you because the world hated Him. Isn't that interesting? Look what she says in *verse 14 - Joyfully the radiant bride turned to Him.*

In the natural, a bride who is so in love she is radiant. It is the same thing with God. You do have a honeymoon with Him. The honeymoon does not last very long because you get thrown

into the wilderness. I have noticed that when this happens the person countenance changes and they do not have the joy they have not got that twinkle in their eyes. But it is because they are in the wilderness. The Lord is changing the person.

To continue - *she is lovely, the chief among ten thousand to her soul, and with unconcealed eagerness to begin her life of sweet companionship with Him.* In fact she even told Solomon that he could have anything she had. He could have all of His tens of thousands or whatever he could have his entire vineyard. But what she wanted was the joy she had with her master. And it goes on down - *eagerness to begin her life of sweet companionship with Him, she answered.) Make haste my beloved come quickly, like a gazelle, like a young hart (and take me to our waiting home) upon the mountain of spices!*

We know that, that mountain is the mountain of the Lord. She was becoming more one with Him. She knew that her journey was to take her to the mountain of the Lord and she knew that Zion would be made perfect and comely and filled with the whole glory of the Lord so that all the spices could flow out to the earth; to creation. Turn to Ecc. 12:1 twelve means government of God-divine government. God is yearning to govern your life and to be in everything that you do. *Verse 1 says - remember earnestly also your Creator (that you are not your own, but His property now.) In the days of your youth before the evil days come or the years draw near (we are in the evil day now) when you will say (of physical*

pleasure) I have no enjoyment in them. Lord have mercy! This is an individual who finally has the understanding that they have no satisfaction in the physical pleasures anymore. The only thing that can satisfy them is the spiritual things that are in Christ. *Verse 2 Before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened (sight is impaired) and the clouds (of depression) return after the rain (of tears) this is saying wake up and get the understanding before all these things take place.*

I am not going further into the daily sacrifice and standing in the Holy Place just yet. I believe that God wants each and every one of you today, to understand that He wants your love to go deeper and deeper for Him and He wants to bring a stirring up within you, and to show you where your journey is headed. Your journey will take you to all that He is in the earth; to an expression of who He is in the earth. The completion of this journey that you are taking is on the horizon and is about to take place and be completed.

It is the full manifestation of Himself. The soul suffers on her journey while getting there. Sometimes the purpose of the suffering is so that we can identify with creation. And the suffering works in you compassion for creation. It will enable you to minister and to help others in due time, when you come into full maturity. The Lord is so good!