

Let Him kiss me

Reading: S.O.S 1:1ff

1 Background - Song of Songs

☞ Holy of holies = ? Most holy place.

☞ Heaven of heavens = Highest heavens.

1Kings 4:32 - Solomon wrote 1005 songs! (N.B Charles Wesley? 6500+!)

This is the best of them all!

Why? Subject matter = Love between Solomon and his beloved but more than that - inspired by Holy Spirit = Love between Christ and His church.

Song is about the Lover and His beloved delighting in each other.

Even tho' she is immature, suffers etc He delights in her and she delights in Him.

2 Already has relationship but longs for intimacy!

So, we are reading about a couple who are deeply in love.

v2 - Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine....

2.1 Love better than wine

Wine - used to gladden, cheer, celebrate with.

But - Jesus love is better than wine.

More deeply and intensely satisfying than anything else on this earth!

Is this your experience? In salvation God wants to give you much more than a ticket to heaven when you die!

Thomas Chalmers - Explosive power of a new affection (early 1800's).

The only thing that will adequately deal with our love for sin & the wrong things is a new & stronger affection/desire for something else.

2.2 Resist the sirens!

Ulysses - on way home from battle of Troy. Warned about the Sirens. Describe

Men told to put wax in their ears, Ulysses tied to mast - wanted to hear the Sirens' song - nearly went mad, just about survived.

Jason - Argonauts etc! He too had to face the sirens. What was his strategy? He took with him a man called Orpheus - best Lyre player in world.

When the Sirens began to sing & enchant, Orpheus played his lyre and Jason wasn't distracted by the Sirens' song. It was overcome by a superior pleasure!

It is only as we discover that Jesus' love is better than.... that we will be truly empowered to say no to sin and even legitimate things in our pursuit of Him.

3 Therefore - let Him kiss me....

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! **For** your love is better than wine.

Because his love was better than anything else, she wanted more! She wanted manifestations of his love, she yearned & longed for greater intimacy with her lover.

KISSES:

- ☞ Intimacy
- ☞ Affection
- ☞ Passion

Having tasted and seen that Jesus is good, having experienced something of His love, the cry of our hearts should be, "Let Him kiss me...; I want more of Him...." Let **Him** kiss me - the emphasis is on Him, nothing or no one else will do.

4 Sick with love

In **2:5 & 5:8**, the Beloved says that **she is sick with love**. She was overcome with love, weak & fainting with desire.

Ps 84:2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

In **5:1**, we are told, **Eat, friends, drink, and be drunk with love!**

Drunk with love!

With physical pleasure God has set limits for our good - sex, alcohol, pleasure.

Adam & Eve - perfect balance - sin - physical appetites became dominant.

No where are we told to restrain ourselves when it comes to desiring God.

Hunger, thirst, long, yearn, cry out - feast, get drunk on God's love!

This isn't someone who is just a dutiful servant but a lovesick servant, an ardent, adoring lover.

Can I ask you are you merely serving God out of duty - duty is good, we are to obey God because of who He is but this is something deeper.

Lovesick servants will do anything!

David's mighty men - water (2Sam 23) - just overhead David thinking out loud.

5 Reset priorities

God's desire for us is that we know greater intimacy with Jesus. **What is greatest commandment?**

In the S.O.S we discover several main themes:

The Beloved delights and thrills in her Lover.

The Lover delights and thrills in His Beloved –

Zeph 3:17 - The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; **he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.** Wow!

The Beloved is far from perfect - immature, showing occasional apathy and spiritual sluggishness - but the Lover still thrills in His Beloved!

Being intimate with Jesus is the key to everything else in our life:

Mark 3:15-15 he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵and have authority to cast out demons.

What was Jesus #1 priority for the apostles?

3-4 years later, Peter and John have been arrested by the Jewish High Council for preaching – **Acts 4:13** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. **And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.**

Before anything else this year – be with Jesus! Develop intimacy with Him!

☞ See His love as better than....

☞ Stir up your affections by prayer & reading about Who He is & what He's done.

Microwave green curry!

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