



Biblical Manhood

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny
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Listening To Jesus' Voice

In **Song of Solomon 2:8-9**, the Beloved, Abishag describes the coming of her love, Solomon. She imagines him coming to visit her. She mentions that there are three things about Solomon that stirs her heart.

First, she adores his voice, "The voice of my beloved!" (**Song of Solomon 2:8a**). When she hears his voice, it touches her heart. It stirs her desire. It moves her. The voice of her love is unlike any other voice. No other voice has the power to affect her like his. She could pick that voice out of a thousand.

Second, she adores his coming to her, "Behold, he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved, is like a gazelle or a young stag" (**Song of Solomon 2:8b-9a**). Urging us to use our ears and our eyes, the woman imagines Solomon coming to visit her. First, she asks us to see him

bounding across the hills on a horse. Then she describes him as a leaping gazelle. Both pictures emphasize

Solomon's coming to her and the power this has to stir and bless her. The "he" in this verse is emphatic. It means "the very one." This very one is the one who had captured and stirs her heart.

Third, she adores, his desire for intimacy, "Behold, there he stands beside our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattice" (**Song of Solomon 2:9b**). She is excited by his coming to see her. However, what stirs her even more is his desire to be intimate with her. He longs to spend time with her. He wants to speak to her and listen to her. He is there to show how much he loves her and how much he desires her.

Application To Marriage

This text speaks about the fervor and passion that a husband and wife should be for each other. Obviously, these things will be stronger in the beginning of the relationship. It should be more noticeable at the beginning, but it should never be lost. This fervor

should be guarded and maintained over the years.

Married couples should commit to pray for the protection and strengthening of this fervency and passion. The following is a prayer guide to pray about this crucial issue in marriage:

- Ask God to rekindle the love and passion between the two of you;
- Plead that God will protect this love and passion, that you will not allow it to focus on another person;
- Pray that God will remove anything that might hinder the love and passion between you and your spouse;
- Ask that God will teach you how and empower you to pursue each other.

Application To Christ And The Believer

These verses speak first about Christ's voice. There is no voice but His that can make the heart burn. His voice should be like no other voice in our lives. We must pray to hear His voice above all other voices.

Jesus wants us to remember His voice above all others. It was this voice that Adam heard while walking in the garden in the cool of the day. It was this voice that cast demons out of Mary's tortured soul. It was this voice that that

stilled the storm on the Sea of Galilee. It was this voice that the leprosy heard and fled out of broken bodies.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd (**John 10:11**)! Jesus Christ Himself says, "The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out" (**John 10:3**). Jesus knows your name; He desires to speak to you. Are you listening to His voice? Are you striving to hear Him? Plead that God will give you a sensitive ear to hear the voice of Your Shepherd and Savior.

These verses also speak about the Savior's coming. Just as the Beloved is stirred by the coming of Solomon, the believer should be stirred by the coming of our Savior. Jesus laid aside His glory to come to a sinful, dying world as the only Savior. Jesus comes to us through the Word and Spirit, calling us to trust in Him as our Lord and Savior. He comes to us daily, desiring to bless and help us. He is coming one day as the Lord and King to rescue us and to reward us. The coming of Jesus should delight and stir our hearts.

These verses also refer to Christ's desire for intimacy with us. Just as Solomon desired to spend time with Abishag, so Jesus desires to spend time with us. What a loving Savior He is! He longs to have an intimate relationship with us. How slow we are to appreciate and desire Him! Yet, He is quick to come to us and to invite us to fellowship

with Him, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me” (**Revelation 3:20**).

Christ invites us to come to Him! He longs to have fellowship with us. How can we respond to this invitation? We do this by the Word, worship, and the ordinances of baptism and the Lord’s Supper. As we read His Word and seek Him in prayer, we spend time with Him and see glimpses of His glory and greatness. As we practice baptism and the Lord’s Supper, we experience and see more and more of our Jesus. We come to know Him more intimately.

Christ invites you to fellowship and intimacy with Himself. Will you respond to this call? Will you give yourself to prayer, the Word, worship, and baptism and the Lord’s Supper? Christ longs for you. Are you longing for Him?

- 8-Anguilla
- 9-Antigua
- 10-Argentina-The Church
- 11-Argentina-The Lost
- 12-Armenia
- 13-Aruba
- 14-Australia-The Church
- 15-Australia-The Lost
- 16-Austria-The Church
- 17-Austria-The Lost
- 18-Azerbaijan
- 19-Bahamas
- 20-Bangladesh
- 21-Barbados
- 22-Belgium
- 23-Belize
- 24-Benin
- 25-Bermuda
- 26-Bhutan
- 27-Bolivia-The Church
- 28-Bolivia-The Lost
- 29-Botswana
- 30-Brazil-The Church
- 31-Brazil-The Lost

The World Prayer Plan

February

January

- 1-Afghanistan-The Church
- 2-Afghanistan-The Lost
- 3-Albania
- 4-Algeria
- 5-American Samoa
- 6-Andorra
- 7-Angola

- 1-British Virgin Islands
- 2-Brunei
- 3-Bulgaria
- 4-Burkina Faso
- 5-Burundi
- 6-Byelarus
- 7-Cambodia
- 8-Cameroon
- 9-Canada-The Church

- 10-Canada-The Lost
- 11-Cape Verde Islands
- 12-Cayman Islands
- 13-Central African Republic
- 14-Chad
- 15-Channel Islands
- 16-Chile
- 17-China-The Church
- 18-China-The Lost
- 19-China-Persecuted Believers
- 20-China-Spiritual Warfare
- 21-China-Missionaries
- 22-China-Agencies Working in China
- 23-China-Provision of Bibles
- 24-China-Christian Literature
- 25-China-Conversion of Soldiers
- 26-China-Collapse of Communism
- 27-China-Taiwan
- 28-Colombia-The Church

Confessing God's Word Over Your Marriage

“Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent” (**Proverbs 6:27-29**).

Father, help me to remember that sexual immorality is like playing with fire. Those who play with it are going to be burned. Enable me to develop a hatred of sexual sin. Let me always regard it as evil and destructive. Deliver me from ever toying with it. Help me to pursue purity of thought and feeling. Amen.

Commit yourself to conquer impure thoughts and feelings toward the opposite sex. Pray diligently for purity in your thought life.

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