

# Find Jesus and Hold On

## Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:1 Preached on 4-30-00 P.M.

Chapter three begins with the church in search of her beloved: and I've seen this great truth throughout the entire book. It seems at one moment she is in close communion with Christ and the next drifted into a sleepy, slothful and secure frame of spirit.

We must ever guard against negligence and complacency. These are two great enemies of the heart.

1. She first looks for him while she is **sleepy**: (on the bed at night) Read **Romans 13:11-13** And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
2. She then looks in the **streets**: (**Overflow**) where the crowds are.
3. Thirdly her search carries her to **broad ways**: (He is not in the broad way but in the narrow) **Matthew 7:13,14** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
4. She finally enquires of Christ's whereabouts: (The watchmen; those that go about the city)
  - a. The Word of God
  - b. The Holy Spirit

5. She found him.
6. She would not let him go.
7. If you are to find Christ you must seek him for the right reason: (Those in John six sought him for **carnal reasons**) **John 6:26** Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.  
**(Principles of Love) (Whom my soul loveth 5 times)**
8. If you find him you must look in the right place: Illus. The women at the tomb early on resurrection morning: **Matthew 28:5,6** And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Don't seek the living among the dead)

**I. Seek Him For Salvation: Illus.** Berry Eller on wed. night Oxford N.C. (Gospel Light Baptist Church)

A. **Illus.** Nicodemus

(Her Husband)

**II. Seek Him For Satisfaction: Illus.** The woman at the well in **John 4:13,14** Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But 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.

A. She was looking for happiness.

**III. Seek Him For Sympathy: (Illus.** The woman with the issue of blood) **Mark 5:25** And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years.

- A. Suffered many things of many physicians.
- B. Spent all she had.
- C. Was nothing better but grew worse.

**Note:** But when she found Jesus she found sympathy.

1. Illus. **Job 16:1** Then Job answered and said, I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.
  - a. Men will fail trying to comfort you.

**IV. Seek Him For Sustenance: Illus. Job 23:12** Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. (Men will work to sustain their flesh, why not labor for the meat which perisheth not)

**V. Seek Him For Support: Illus. Paul II Corinthians 12:8,9** (His thorn in the flesh) For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My **grace** is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**VI. Seek Him For the Sunset:**

# At First You Don't Succeed, Try, Try Again

## Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:2 Preached on 5-7-00 A.M.

As I mentioned earlier, the church, in these verses is in quest of Christ. She is seeking him, whom my soul loveth. But according to verse one, "she found him not." What that would do to us. Although she did not find success in her search at the first, yet with great deliberation in she continued until she found him, whom she loved.

1. She spared no pains in her search: (arose while it was night)
2. She exposed herself to great dangers: (at night) and a woman
3. She even run the risk of losing her good name: (in the streets)

Her earnest desire after, and strong affection for, and her faithful continued search after him gives clear evidence that the love she claimed to have was not a sham, but pure Calvary love, generated in her heart for he who had redeemed her from the curse of sin.

Now if at first you don't succeed in finding your beloved, keep on looking, keep on trying until at last as in verse 4, you too will not only find but lay hold of him whom thy soul loveth.

Now in her failures and success I see first of all:

**I. The Distance Between Them:** V.1 Please notice that it was night; thus denoting darkness. Now in him there is no darkness at all, but all is light.

A. As great a distance as there is between daylight and dark.

1. Yet daylight and darkness meet each other on both ends: (Sun-up and sun-down)

2. He may not be as far away as you think, if you will just resolve in your heart to find him: (For his presence makes our day, and his absence our night) **Luke 2** Illus. When Jesus remained in Jerusalem; 3 days looking.
3. The believers distance and darkness can grow: “In Ch. 2 although Christ was absent yet through a window there were some glimpses of him, but now it is night and he is gone.”
4. In **Matthew 25** while the bridegroom tarried, “Even the wise virgins slumbered and slept.”
5. I see a warning sign: In Christ’s absence most believers fall from activity in their duty: **Isaiah 64:7** And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.
  - a. The distance can be spanned by our:
    1. Love: (Sincerity; singularity; soul-esteem of Christ)
    2. Longings.

## II. Her Deliberations In Seeking Him: (Her resolution)

(V.2 I will rise now)

- A. Resolutions are to be acted upon immediately: (Proceed to the performance of them: (Don’t just talk about it.)
- B. Flesh and blood, which are too often consulted in such cases, will find ways to elude them: (your flesh will try to talk you out of spiritual decisions)
  1. Her design in seeking him was not superficial, but diligent and thorough.

2. Honest resolutions are often to duty:  
(Like a needle that draws the thread  
after it) and believers should not fear to  
resolve on duty from fear of coming  
short in performance, if their resolutions  
be undertaken in the strength of Christ.

**III. Her Disappointments In Finding Christ: V.2** “I  
sought him, but I found him not.” (Why?)

- A. To chastise her for her former lazy, lifeless frame  
of heart.
  1. Often a lazy heart will allow carnal  
corruptions to enter in.
- B. To exercise her faith: (She sought him)
- C. To try her patience.

“At first you don’t succeed, try, try again”

She found him  
But not had she given up

# Have You Found Him Yet?

## Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:3,4 Preached on 5-21-00 A.M.

For without me ye can do nothing; **John 15:5**

I want to preach this morning on, "Have you found him yet." I believe the greatest need of this church is that they find Christ. He first found us and saved us, and now you and I have the glorious responsibility of finding him; that as David said in **Psalms 71:18**. That we might shew unto this generation his strength, and power to every one that is to come.

Let us look briefly at the various places she looked, but all her efforts were vain.

- 1) She first looked on her bed of ease, while living in a sleepy, lazy and complacent state: (But she found him not)
- 2) She then bestirred herself and begin to look in the streets: (The public places of the city)
- 3) Drifting even farther from her beloved she begins to search the broad ways: (But again she ended her search in failure)
- 4) Notice our text verse, "the watchmen that go about the city found me:" (She didn't find them, they found her)
- 5) These watchmen apparently gave Godly advice, for shortly after her departure from them she found him.
- 6) Who are these watchmen? They are not angels, nor false teachers, but rather the true ministers of the Lord Jesus.

**Isaiah 62:6** I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence.

**Ezekiel 33:7** So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

- A. These watchmen must first watch over themselves: (Lest they become a castaway)
  - 1. Don't be diverted by the worlds frowns, neither by their flatteries.
  - 2. Be aware of finances, females, and foolishness.
  - 3. Walk uprightly, honestly, and holiness. (For if ye know not how to rule your own affairs and family, how shall ye be able to rule the house of God)  
[School uniforms] [Sloppy]
- B. These watchmen are to watch for all opportunities to preach the Gospel.
- C. It is the watchmen's duty give the time of night to the church, remind her of the condition she is in, and endeavor to awake her.
- D. It is the ministers' work to give notice of any approaching danger: (From without or within).
- E. Through the discharge of these watchmen's duty; (**They**) found the church, and because of their instructions she found Christ.

### **I. The Shepherds Found Jesus In A Stall: (Manger)**

**(Illus. Luke 2) V.16** And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

- A. Place of Humility: (Manger)
- B. Place of kingly authority: v. 11 (City of David)
- C. House of bread: v.15 (Bethlehem)



**II. His Parents Found Him In A Sanctuary: (Illus. Luke 2:41-49 (v46))** And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

- A. They found him where they left him.
- B. They found him in a pre-eminent position: (In the midst)
- C. They found him teaching others.

**III. His Disciples Found Him In A Solitary Place: Illus. Mark 1:35-37** And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, all men seek for thee.

- A. They followed him.
- B. They found him for the benefit of others.

# Bringing Christ Into the Church

## Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:4 Preached on 5-21-00 P.M.

I want to preach tonight on the thought, "Bringing Christ into the Church," The greatest need in our church today is a Divine manifestation of Christ in our midst.

In the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:1) he walked in the midst of the church; now if he was walking, he was active and working for them, in them, and through them. He also held the pastor in the right hand of his power.

Please notice that in the context the church had made two unsuccessful attempts in finding her beloved, but by the help and advice of the watchmen of the city she was able to find him. Once he was found she held him and refused to let him go. She therefore brought him into her mothers' house and into the chambers of her that had given her conception.

Please notice, she made no resistance, but willingly went with her into the house where she was birthed.

"This must be the house of God"

"No screen door evangelism"

### **I. We must first find him for ourselves, before we can bring him to the house of God:**

A. **Illus. David – I Samuel 13:14** the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people.

1. He labored to find him.
2. He lived the right life that he might find him.
  - a. He fought the battles of the Lord.
  - b. He refused to put his hand against God's anointed.
  - c. When confronted with sin, he confessed it, and sought cleansing

B. **Illus.** Moses: **Exodus 33** He longed to see the glory of the Lord.

**II. After you've found him, you must embrace him:**

A. **Illus.** Jacob – **Genesis 32:26** And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

1. Blessed with power:

a. With God and with men: v.28

b. Preserved his life: v.30 (What would life be without Jesus)

B. If he is found but not embraced, he will walk on by.

**Illus.** The men on the road to Emmaus. **Luke 24:28** And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us:

**III. While embracing him, bring him into the church:**

A. With our singing: **Psalm 22:3** But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

1. To sit down in quiet.

2. To dwell.

3. To remain.

4. To marry.

**Ephesians 5:19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

B. By our testimonies: **Psalm 107:2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. **Illus.** Disciples **Acts 4:23** And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

1. In v.31 The place was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.
- C. By our prayers: **Illus. Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
  - D. A thankful spirit: **I Thessalonians 5:18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
  - E. Gathering together in the name of Christ. 'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there shall I be in the midst of them.'
  - F. Broken hearts:

# How To Hold Your Grip

## Outline and Notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:4 Preached on 6-6-00 Tues. P.M.

I want to preach tonight on the thought found in verse four. The church here gives her account of finding Christ.

She had sought, but not in vain. The promise of God was made good to her. "Seek, and ye shall find." She had sought him privately, by prayer and meditation; publicly, through the ordinance of the Gospel; and finally by the ministers who preach the Gospel.

But through all these she found him not, until she had went a little further. **This teaches us!**

1. That Christ reveals himself to us by his own sovereign will. (Paul may plant and Apollos may water, but God gives the increase.)
2. That we should not be discouraged when all means fail; because Christ will honor the efforts of our soul, and make himself known to us: (Illus. Job)
3. That finding Christ when all else fails, gives the greatest discovery of Christ's love and grace. (Illus. The next verses, and the chariot) (If you don't find him now, there'll be no chariot romance)
4. That Christ delights in our finding him, and gladly surrenders to us that we might adore him: (It was not her strength that held him)

She held him and would not let him go!

**I. By Her Faith That Found Him:** (Whatever it takes to get God, the same is required to keep him) (Reach out and take him by faith)

A. Faith an anchor: (That which gives stability or security: that on which we place dependence or safety)

1. An anchor is the language of a seaman

a. Anchor comes home: When it is dislodged from its bed (get your faith out of bed) so as to drag by the violence of the wind, sea or current.

b. A peek anchor: Is when it is drawn in so tight that it brings the ship directly over it: (Jesus over us)

c. Anchors are various sizes

### **The Anchor Will Hold**

**II. By Her Fear of Losing Him:** (Illus. Mary at the tomb)

A. She tried to hold him by the feet: (Directly over her)

1. The delightfulness of the fruit of his apple: (2:3)

2. The pleasures of his banqueting house.

3. His embrace in verse 6.

**III. Her Forsaking All Others For Him:** Illus. + Read

**Ruth 1:16,17** And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

**Ruth 1:17** Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

**IV. Her Fervent Love For Him:**

S.O.S. 2:17

**1. The shadows and the valley.**

**a. They lived in the valley; and could not drive out the inhabitants: Judges 1:19 (Anyone can inhabit the mountain)**

S.O.S. 3:1

1. Complacent spirit.
2. Cold heart.
3. Calamity of Life.
4. Careless living.

## **Here Comes the Bride**

### **Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:6 Preached on 6-7-00 A.M.**

There are two questions we must first answer before we can rightly interpret this verse. Who is doing the speaking? And who are they speaking about?

If we compare scripture with scripture, and look at the context we'll find the answer. Ch. 8:5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: (Here Christ is speaking to the church as coming out of the wilderness.)

But in Ch. 3:7, in the context, someone else is speaking about the bride. This must be the "Daughters of Jerusalem" as they view the church coming out of her wilderness journey.

In the preceding verses the church has been living without the presence of the Lord, and she's been wandering from place to place in search of him. From the bed to the streets to the broad ways to the watchmen of the city, and a little further, but she found him.

Anytime we're living without the manifested presence of Christ, and we're frustrated as where to find him, we're living in the wilderness.

The daughters of Jerusalem were aware of her bewilderment and frustration as she wandered; and her appearance must have been a mess.

But notice the glory that is ascribed to her after she finds Christ, and he leads her out of those wilderness wanderings. (Pillars – Perfume – Powder)

**I. Her Exit From the Wilderness:** Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness?

A. Her calamity has ended

B. Was conducted by the Holy Spirit: (Pillars of smoke)(By night she came in, by day she went out) **Romans 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (He led her in and brought her out)

1. In the sunlight of his love: (When he led Israel by the pillars of smoke it was during the day) (The night has ended)
2. Her affections had been set on Christ: “With her affections for Christ freshly kindled” (Smoke rises upward) **Colossians 3:1,2** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3. She had become a living sacrifice for Christ: (The smoke may represent the whole burnt offering) **Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
4. She had separated herself from the world: (Coming out of the wilderness)
  - a. We see here the obscure state in the world.



- b. Our outward crosses and afflictions hide our inward glory and beauty. (Christ in us)
- c. To the world we appear to be dark and cloudy with very little brightness.

C. Was cologned with the fragrance of Christ:

1. The myrrh is bitter: But has an agreeable odor.

- a. This represents the bitter sufferings of our journey: but also agrees with the life Jesus lived.
- b. The frankincense is also bitter but is so pleasant to smell that it is used in perfume;

1. The myrrh and the frankincense represent Christ and his sufferings: both bitter to himself, yet a sweet-smelling savour to his father.

D. She was cured of her sickness: (The powders of the merchant) Powder: Substance reduced to fine particles and used for medical purposes.

a. Christ is the merchant man, therefore he dispenses the proper medicine:

1. The powder of the Golden calf.  
**Exodus 32:20** And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strowed it upon the water, and

made the children of Israel drink of it.

2. The powder of the grove which was found in the house of God: **II Kings 23:6** (Idol worship) And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.
3. The powder of Jeroboams alter: **II Kings 23:15** Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.

## **Brought Revival**

## In Defense of Rest

### Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:7 Preached on 6-18-00 A.M.

In the preceding verse the daughters of Jerusalem, upon the church's departure from her search for Christ, ascribed to her great glory. She's like, pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, and all powders of the merchant.

But the bride, seeing one whose glory, and loveliness far exceeds her own, very hastily, calls their attention, to her wonderful king. (Let me interject this) King Solomon is here mentioned by name. But quoting the words of our Lord Jesus, "Behold a greater than Solomon is here."

These five verses that close chapter three are short, but as the old saying goes, "They are short, but sweet." They set forth Christ, lovely and glorious in three most excellent steps.

1. His bed: a place of excellent happiness, quietness, and nearness to Christ.
  2. His chariot: signifying the excellent means of his covenant of redemption revealed and preached.
  3. His crown: revealing his own glorious person, love, and stately majesty, beyond which there is no step to proceed.
- A. What is meant by his bed?
1. Some believe it to be the heart of the believer, where Christ condescends to dwell, and are kept by his power, and guarded by that peace of God, which passeth understanding.

2. Others believe that the scriptures are the bed, and in reading we find comfort, rest, and protection from its promises.
3. But I believe this bed to be the church, it is here Christ dwells, this is his resting place.
  - a. He is near to his people.
  - b. His people have access to him.
  - c. They enjoy fellowship one with another, and live in quiet rest. (Three score valiant men)

B. Who are these sentinels:

1. Describe them in the text.
2. Def. A soldier set to watch or guard a place or camp, from surprise: to observe the approach of danger and give notice.
  - a. They could be angels who are ministering spirits who encamp round about them that fear him.
  - b. But we are to understand that, they are the ministers of the Gospel, who by night stand in the house of the Lord as watchmen, who defend the truths of the Gospel, vindicate the cause of Christ against all opposers, and guard the believers peace and quiet that we enjoy in Christ. (Illus. Paul (Defend the Gospel) **Philippians 1:17** But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.)
  - c. But we can apply it to all believers, because all possess the weapon given us to defend this rest.

## I. Their Swords:

### A. **Ephesians 6:17** The sword of the spirit:

1. It is spiritual: (The weapons of our warfare are not carnal)
2. It is sharp: **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
  - a. Sharp rebukes
  - b. Severe reproofs
  - c. Cutting convictions
3. It is two-edged: (Law and Grace) (It accuses and convicts, but it also curses and condemns)

## II. Their Skillfulness: v.8 (Being expert in war) (II

**Samuel 23) Hebrews 5:13,14** For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

- 1.) The school of exercise
- 2.) Taught and versed in the art of war.

### A. Be acquainted with the word of God:

1. Study the devices of Satan.
2. Study the deceitfulness of the heart.
3. Study the alluring baits and snares of the world.

B. Apprehend the word of God.

C. Adherence to the word of God: (We're not only to hold it forth to others, but hold it fast ourselves)

**III. Their Readiness:** (Every man has his sword upon his thigh) (**ON GUARD!**) (That our peace and comfort cannot be broken in upon)

A. They are in the posture of defense: (It is in their mouth and heart) (The word dwells richly in their hearts) (The word is in their heart to meditate upon and in their mouth to preach)

1. Defend against false doctrine, wolves, intruding goats, false prophets, hirelings pride, jealousy, and fleshly activities.

**IV. Their Cause:** (Because of the fear in the night)

A. Their nights of affliction, temptation, sleepiness, and carnal security: (They become discouraged and are ready to faint. Their peace, rest, and quietness in Christ are disturbed.)

# A Ride You Will Never Forget

## Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:9 Preached on 6-25-00 A.M.

The scripture before us is some of the most lovely and glorious in all the word of God. They reveal Christ to us in three excellent steps. In verse seven we see his bed where he is called Solomon; then in verse nine his chariot is in view and he suddenly becomes King Solomon. But as he closes out the chapter, as ours will when we enter eternity, the royal diadem has been brought forth and he is now King Solomon crowned.

Last week we looked at Solomon's bed or a type of the church; a place of quietness, and nearness to Christ. Guarded by sixty valiant men, all expert in war. Today I want to look at his chariot. Verse ten describes his chariot in detail and I will look at that next week. But verse nine simply states that it is Solomon's, and it is made of the wood of Lebanon.

### WHAT IS THIS CHARIOT MADE OF WOOD

A. Some believe it to be the human nature of Christ;

1. Here Christ made himself visible and conspicuous to men, and gave a glorious display of his greatness and majesty.
2. It also shows his humility and condescension; one of such royal dignity, assumed human nature, and being found in the fashion as a man, humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
3. Being of the wood of Lebanon shows the incorruption of Christ's human nature. He

died and was buried, yet he never saw corruption, neither was his soul left in hell.

4. The chariot was made for him only, though the glorious trinity had a hand in making it, yet none but Christ appeared in it.

But in short, by this chariot we understand the way of redemption in general, as it is contrived in the eternal council of God, and so called the covenant of redemption, and also as it is preached and manifested to us in the Gospel!

### **I. God's Covenant of Redemption:** (The chariot) (Revealed in the Gospel)

The Gospel:

- A. It is eminently and peculiarly Christ's workmanship: (King Solomon made himself a chariot)
  1. His wisdom drew the plan for it: (Illus.)  
**Acts 2:22-24** Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
  2. His power effected it:
  3. His grace filled it:

He alone is the author, as well as the subject, sum, and substance of it: It is "the Gospel of Christ"



B. Was designed (especially for her) to carry the bride from the house of her father to the house of her husband: (No flat tires, no mechanical break downs, and it won't run out of gas) Illus. The Good Samaritan **Luke 10:30-36** And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

C. In his chariot she rides triumphantly:

**II Corinthians 2:14** Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

**Romans 8:37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Illus. Mephibosheth **II Samuel 9** (The king's table) Illus. Hannah **I Samuel 1** (Her Samuel)  
(THE WRONG CHARIOT)  
**Ahab I Kings 22**

D. This chariot being made out of the wood of Lebanon is very durable:

1. Perseverance: **Hebrews 11:13** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

E. The wood of Lebanon being cedar was incorruptible:

1. Preserved

# Red Hot Love

## Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:9,10 Preached on 7-20-00 A.M.

In the verses before us this morning we have a description of Solomon's chariot. It was designed to carry his bride from the house of her father to the palace of Solomon. It's beauty and construction was beyond comparison, and its glory was magnificent.

Solomon here represents Christ, and his chariot typifies his way of redemption. That is to say, the means by which you and I are transported from a life of sin to our eternal inheritance.

I want to look very briefly at the principle components that this chariot is comprised of:

1. The wood of Lebanon:
  - a. Valued for its durability: God's covenant is sure, not one jot or tittle shall fail.
  - b. Cedar wood: Has a sweet odour: Not only is our chariot of redemption lasting, but it's very delightful.
  
2. The purple or crimson canopy: Represents the blood of his propitiation, and covers us from the wrath of God. **C.H.S.** Look up, my soul, and see what interposes between thy God and thee! He must smite thee, for thou art a sinner, but thou art covered and sheltered and living happily.
  
3. The pillars of silver: Represents purity and redemption;
  - a. His divine holiness and purity.
  - b. As silver purified, tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
    1. His Gospel is holy; there are no imperfections.

4. The bottom of Gold: This is to indicate that the foundations of salvation are imperishable, and unchangeably precious. The basis of grace is laid in the immutable purpose and unchangeable decree of God.
5. Paved with love:
  - a. This makes five elements; the number of grace.
  - b. It is in the midst, therefore it cannot be seen from the outside.
  - c. The love of Christ is the core of the Gospel: Like the sun's rays streaming forth from its substance, so doth Justification – Sanctification – and Glorification come forth from the love of God.
  - d. **Romans 5:5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (Def. Shed: presently gushing)
6. Def. Midst: Exactly in the center.
7. Def. Paved:
  - a. Embroider (as if with bright stones)
  - b. Live coal.
  - c. Lightening or a hot thunderbolt.
  - d. To be set on fire.
  - e. A red-hot stone.

His love for us is RED-HOT!

**I. The Love of Calvary: Luke 23:33** And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they

crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

- A. The word Calvary mentioned one time in scripture: (the # of God)
- B. His love is in the midst. (Between two thieves)
  - 1. His red hot love as he fought against sin: (He was there made to be sin for us; but he went to the grave, shook it off, walked out and left our sin behind.) (He was derided and mocked: they tried to defile the sacrifice)
    - a. You and I have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.
  - 2. His red-hot love as he forgave us our sin: v.34  
Father forgive them.
  - 3. His red-hot love as a fountain of life was opened for all: v.45 “and sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.”

## **II. The Love of Consolation: II Thessalonians 2:16**

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace.

- A. From the Greek word *Parakaleo* meaning to call near.
- B. Def. Comfort: alleviation of misery, or distress of mind; refreshment of mind and spirits: a comparative degree of happiness in distress or misfortune, springing from any circumstance that abates evil, or supports and strengthens the mind, as hope, courage, or the like.

C. Springs of consolation: (Therefore v.15)

1. Chosen to salvation: v.13 (Sovereign will and responsibility)
2. Called by the Gospel: v.14
3. Crowned with Glory: v.14
  - a. Consoled when frustrated.
  - b. Consoled when we fail.
  - c. Consoled when we fall: **Psalm 37:23,24** The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

**III. The Love of Constraint: II Corinthians 5:14,15** For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

- a. Live for him: v.15
- b. Live right: v.17
- c. Love sinners: v.19

# **I Take This Man**

## **Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 3:11 Preached on 7-9-00 A.M.**

The marriage covenant is a very serious commitment, especially when it is between Christ and a poor fallen sinner. It is so grave a matter, that it means the difference between either an eternity in heaven or an eternity in hell. With our heavenly bridegroom there are no divorces, not even legal separation. We have no other lovers, we are espoused to him as a chaste virgin.

In this text the church is exhorting the daughters of Jerusalem to go out and behold King Solomon. They have already seen his bed where we see our salvation rest, and his chariot of redemption. Now they are encouraged to behold him crowned as he reigns supremely in their heart.

What does it mean crowned, by his mother in the day of his espousals.

1. Some refer this to the time Solomon was crowned king over Israel, and Bath-Sheba being his mother.
2. Others believe it to refer to the time of his marriage.
3. Some have the opinion that the words regard the passion and sufferings of Christ: at which time he was crowned with a crown of thorns, and by his blood purchased and espoused the church to himself.
4. But I want to use the words as being in reference to Christ, as our glorious mediator, when first discovered to a poor sinner in all his fullness and

grace, as sitting and riding in the chariot of the everlasting Gospel.

It is at their salvation experience that every saved sinner, crowns Jesus with glory and honor, then humbly bows to ascribe all they have and are to his grace. We then acknowledge, "It is by the grace of Christ, I am what I am."

- A. These daughters of Jerusalem are exhorted to:
  - 1. Go forth:
    - a. Don't be slothful, but go forth.
    - b. Arise and view this glorious object.
  - 2. Behold him:
    - a. Look to him: **Isaiah 45:22** Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. **John 1:29** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- B. They are also reminded that his espousal has brought gladness of heart: (**Note:** As the bridegroom rejoices over his bride on marriage day, so does the Lord rejoice when poor sinners are saved.)
  - 1. The recovered lost sheep: **Luke 15**
  - 2. The return of the prodigal: **Luke 15**
- C. Please notice for a moment, King Solomon's coronation, or crowning, it is said to be in the day of his espousals, that is on his marriage day: "The day a poor sinner, being enabled by grace, gives up himself to the Lord, and consents to be his forever."



## I. The Marriage:

### A. It's Courtship: (Illus. Ruth & Boaz)

1. She was not to be reproached: 2:15 (to insult or be put to shame)
2. She was not to be rebuked: 2:16 (to chide with)
  - a. The reason being she had already been rebuked and reproached by the law: **Ruth 2:10**  
Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? (We now see grace at work)
3. She was to be given handfuls of purpose:
  - a. To keep her soul stirred for him.

### B. The Ceremony: (Read the vows)

1. The Vows
  - a. It is holy:
  - b. We obey:
  - c. We serve
  - d. We love:
  - e. We honor:
  - f. We forsake others:
  - g. It is forever:
2. The ring exchange: (token of love) (The Father and the prodigal)
3. The Kiss:

### C. The cake:

### D. The Cruise: (honeymoon)