

Got My Traveling Shoes On

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:1 Preached on 8-19-01

In Ch. 5:3 she was barefoot, but now she has shoes on her feet:

As chapter seven begins, we once again find our Lord describing the beauty of his bride. This is at least the third occasion in Solomon's Song that the groom, boasts of the glorious beauty of his church. He has every right to do so because it is by his grace that God's people have been transformed into such beautiful creatures. Paul said in **I Corinthians 15:10** "But by the grace of God I am what I am."

But I want us to notice the reverse order in chapter seven. In chapter four and six the Holy Spirit led Solomon to begin his description with the head or face. But in this chapter the beauty is first found in the feet. Why?

1. It reveals the humility of God's people:
2. It shows that we are steadily balanced on the right foundation. (He set my feet on a solid rock)
3. It proves that Christ loves the poor and the lowly, or those who are less esteemed, with the same love as those who may be highly esteemed in the church:

But please notice her feet is said to be beautiful with shoes. To be barefooted can imply...

1. A shameful condition: **Isaiah 20:4** "So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked

and barefoot, even with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.”

2. Sad affliction and sorrow: Illus. David fleeing from Absalom: **II Samuel 15:30** “And David went up by the ascent of *mount* Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that *was* with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.”
3. Unfitness for travel: Illus. Israel’s departure from Egypt (Passover): **Exodus 12:11** “And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD’S passover.”

The beauty of the feet with the shoes implies...

1. The honoural estate and dignity to which we are called: (Illus. The prodigal who received shoes from the father)
2. A prosperous spiritual condition:
3. A readiness and promptness of obedience to what we are called.

I. Our Renunciation Of The World And Worldly Ways:

Exodus 12:11 “And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD’S passover.”

Why?

- A. We are strangers here: **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.”
(Stranger) (One who belongs to another country)

- B. The world’s structure is temporal: **II Peter 3:10** “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

- C. The sin that abounds here: **II Peter 3:13** “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

II. Our Readiness To Spread The Gospel: Ephesians 6:15 “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”

- A. We are debtors: (To be delinquent)
Romans 1:14 “I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.”
 - 1. Be ready to preach:
 - a. Because of it’s transforming power: (It is the power of God unto salvation)

 - b. Because of it’s revelation of righteousness: (v.17) “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed **from faith to faith.**”

 - c. Because it reveals God’s wrath: v.18 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness

and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;”

2. Ready to pray:
3. Ready to be a personal witness:
Psalm 126:5,6 “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. ⁶He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.”
4. Ready in our pocket book:

III. Our Righteousness In Christ: Illus. The prodigal son: **Luke 15:22** “But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:”

- A. Covered his defilement: (Hog pen mud)
- B. Completed his apparel: (Christ’s righteousness is from top to bottom and from beginning to end.) **Colossians 2:10** “And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:”

Let's Get Out Of Joint

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:1 Preached on 8-26-01 A.M.

I want to preach today on, "Let's Get Out Of Joint." Some people can get out of joint in a bad sense. But, the out of joint I'm referring to, is a good and positive sense. In continuing his description of the bride Solomon says that, "the joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman."

This verse in its primary interpretation is dealing with the walk of the believer. The feet, shoes, and thighs are all used in walking. When I speak of a Christians walk I am referring to our character, our conduct, and our conversation of life. We should behave ourselves as becometh holiness.

Please notice that, it is not the thighs themselves that are like jewels, but the joints. The word jewel here is an ornament that has been hand rubbed or polished by hand. Thus, the walk or conduct of a believer is developed only by the hands of a cunning workman. **Ephesians 2:10** "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should **walk in them.**"

The word thigh means: To be soft, or to be fleshly because of its softness:

The word joint means: To enwrap, or to withdraw self: In **Genesis 32:25** the same word means to sever or abandon.

These joints are what separate the spiritual man from the flesh, and being polished as jewels, enables us to walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:24 "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

1. Live in the Spirit: Conversion
2. Walk in the Spirit: Conduct and conversation

Romans 8:1 “*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,” - **we like to quote the first part of the verse, but the last part says**, - “who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

I could say many things about the believers walk, but I want to emphasize our walk in the Spirit and distinguish it from walking in the flesh.

Jacob was a man who spent much of his life walking in the flesh, but in **Genesis 32**, as he returned home he met a man who he wrestled all night. And, “**He touched the hollow of his thigh; man the hollow of Jacobs thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with him.**”

1. He wrestled with the man until the break of day:
2. He refused to turn him loose without being blessed first:
3. As he passed over the brook, v.31 the sun rose upon him (It was the dawning of a new day)
4. He halted upon his thigh: (A different walk)
5. Jacobs life was changed, he went from a supplanter, to a prince:

Def. Supplant – To seize by the heel; to prevent another by wiles or fraud; to register by tripping up the heels.

6. He was born a supplanter: (**Genesis 25:26**) He took Esau by the heel at birth. (Mention other incidences)
7. He was crooked in his dealings:

8. But after he encountered the Lord at the ford Jabbok, and got his thigh out of joint his walk was in the Spirit and not in the flesh. (Haman hanged himself)

How was this accomplished?

I. Time Alone With God: Genesis 32:24 “And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.”

- A. God proved his heart: **v.27** “And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.” (I’m a supplanter)
- B. God endued him with the power: **v.28** “And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.”
- C. God preserved his life: **v.30** “And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.” (The life which we now live)
 1. Don’t lose everything you’ve fought for. Go on with God, crucify your flesh and make your life count.

II. Toiling In Prayer: v.24 “and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of day.”

- A. The price he paid: v.31 (He halted upon his thigh)
- B. He prevailed over the flesh:
- C. His past was overcome: (**v.28** “Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel.”)

III. Touched By The Workman's Hand: v.25 "And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him."

- A. He knows where and when to touch us: **Note:** Jacobs touch and Paul's thorn, brought the same results. **Song of Solomon 7:1** Cunning: In the sense of training; an expert workman; to foster; to parent or nurse; be firm & faithful.

A Belly Full Of Jesus

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:2 Preached on 9-2-01

The Lord in his further description of his bride makes mention of her naval and belly. In verse one the feet, shoes, and thighs refer to the Christians walk, or his outward conversation. But here in verse two the thought shifts to that inward man, or that “new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” He says, “Her naval is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor.” (**Ezekiel 16:4** “And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple *thee*; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.”)

The word naval is only mentioned four times in the word of God. **In Job 40:16, Proverbs 3:8, Ezekiel 16:4, and here in Solomon 7:2** and it means, “a twisted cord”, or figuratively speaking it is the center of strength.

1. The naval is the lifeline from a mother, to her inborn baby.
2. It carries all the sustenance necessary for a healthy baby.
3. Whatever the mother eats or drinks will manifest itself in the baby. (Truth, wisdom, love, joy, peace)
4. As a baby is nourished by its mother, even so is the child of God nourished by the Lord.
Colossians 2:19 “And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.”
II Corinthians 4:16 “For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward

man is renewed day by day.”

Jeremiah 31:33 “But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

I. We Are Nourished By The Saviour: Illus. Joseph & his brethren: **Genesis 45:9-11** “Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: ¹⁰And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children’s children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: ¹¹And there will I nourish thee; for yet *there are* five years of famine;”

- A. He came into the land as a servant: (Jesus) came to minister
- B. He resisted sin:
- C. He was exalted as Lord over the land: v.9
 - 1. He nourishes the entire family: v.10
 - 2. He nourishes us even in famine: v.11
 - a. The place he nourishes in: v.11 “and there will I nourish thee” v.10 “and thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen”
 - 1. A place of love: (no plagues)
 - 2. A place of light: (Darkness in Egypt)
 - 3. A place of life: (The passover)

- b. The promise to nourish our children:
Genesis 50:21 “Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.”

II. We Are Nourished By His Sacrifice: (Illus. The Bread of Life) **John 6:51** “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

- A. He must be personally received: (If any man)
Note: Christ may be presented to me in all his attractiveness, I may respect his wonderful personality, I may admire his perfect life, I may be touched by his unselfishness and tenderness, I may be moved to tears by the sight of him dying on the cruel tree, but, not until I receive him as mine, shall I be saved.
 - 1. A glimpse of his goodness is the appetizer: (The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance)
 - 2. To experience (or taste) of his grace is the main course: (O taste the Lord and see that he is good)
 - 3. To behold his glory is dessert: (I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness)

III. We Are Nourished By The Scriptures: Proverbs

3:1,8 “My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments.” **v.8** “It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.” Illus. The Lord in the wilderness of temptations: **Matthew 4:4** “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

- A. His word is vital to the spiritual life: **I Peter 2:2** “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”

A Heap Of Wheat

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:2 Preached on 9-8-01 A.M.

Solomon continues his description of the bride and says, “Her belly is like a heap of wheat set about with lilies.” Please notice, that this is not wheat standing in the field. But, has already been harvested.

I. Wheat That Has Been Gathered: (A heap of wheat)
Illus. John the Baptist **Matthew 3:11,12** “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire: ¹²Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and **gather** his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

A. The reaper: (The Lord Jesus: Lord of the Harvest)

1. Is mightier than John:
2. His fan is in his hand:
3. He will thoroughly purge:
 - a. Is wise in the harvest: (He can distinguish between the tares and the wheat) Illus. Tares and wheat: His servants wanted to immediately gather up the tares and wheat but the Lord said nay: “Lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together **until the harvest**: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, gather ye together first the

tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but **gather** the wheat into **my barn**.”

- b. He waits patiently for the harvest: **James 5:7** “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman **waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it**, until he receive the early and latter rain.”

II. Wheat That Has Been Garnered: **Matthew 3:12** “and gather his wheat into his garner.” (Threshing floor)

A. Free from all chaff: v.12 “but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

- 1. It is winnowed: (“Whose fan is in his hand) Winnowing fork – Explain: The fan lifts both wheat and chaff into the air. The wheat being heavy falls to the ground in a **heap**, but the chaff being light is driven away by the wind.

- a. The winnowing fork: (The word of God)

- b. The wind: (The Holy Ghost)

1. What is chaff?

- a. Ungodly men: **Psalm 1:1-4** “Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he

shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.” (And chaff he burns with unquenchable fire)

- b. Unfruitful works: **I Corinthians 4:12-15** “Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; ¹³Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. ¹⁴If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”

III. Wheat That Has Been Ground: (Pulverized) Luke

22:31 “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat.”
Def. Sift: to riddle (Sifting is temptation in several areas of our life, in a consistent fashion) not just adultery or fornication

- A. Tempted in Christian duties: (Illus. Peter)
1. Sleeping in prayer:
 2. Silent in his devotions: (Denied the Lord)
 3. Self-centered: (I go a fishing)

IV. Wheat That Is Guarded: “Set about with lilies”

Hosea 14:5 “I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.”

The Church At Rest

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:3 Preached on 9-16-01 A.M.

The Lord continues his commendation and description of the church and says, her breasts are like two young roes that are twins. In chapter four and verse five the Holy Spirit used this same term except he added, "which feed among the lilies." (Breasts of blessing)

A young roe is a gazelle that has never given birth to an offspring. The bride uses this likeness because the church is the espoused bride of Christ. The bride of Christ, unlike Israel the adulterous wife of Jehovah, is chaste. The church considered to be a virgin; pure and holy before the Lord. Paul says in **II Corinthians 11:2** "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ."

Please notice also that the church is always mentioned in the feminine gender. Why?

1. Because we are the weaker vessel: **I Peter 3:7**
"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel."
2. Because of our submissive spirit: **Ephesians 5:24**
"Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing."
3. Because of our tender heart: **Ephesians 4:32**
"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Again I want to say that the church is likened to breasts of two young roes.

1. The breasts are a source of food for babies: (Feed at the house of God)
2. Affection and love are associated with a mothers bosom:
3. But today I want to look at the bosom of the church as a place of rest and safety: **Isaiah 40:11** "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young." **Acts 9:31** "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."

(A Church Has Rest When)

I. Its Members Are Healthy: (As sickness and disease deprives the body of needed rest, even so does sin the same to the church)

- A. Heart disease robs our strength: Illus. **Joshua 1:9** "Have not I commanded thee? Be though strong and of a good courage."
- B. Lung disease deprives us of breathe: **Ezekiel 37:9** "Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."
- C. Eye disease dims our vision: **Revelation 3:18** "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that

thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”

- D. Ear disease dulls our hearing: **Amos 8:11**
“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:”
- E. Broken leg hinders our walk and causes great pain: (Disease or fall! They are different) **Micah 6:8** “He hath showed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” The body; **I Corinthians 12:12** “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.”

II. Its Members Are In Harmony:

- A. No schism: **I Corinthians 12:25** “That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.”
- B. No sarcasm: (**James 4:1** “Speak not evil one of another brethren”) **Ephesians 4:32** “and be ye kind one to another.”
I Corinthians 4:6 “That no one of you be puffed up one against another.”
I Corinthians 13:4 “Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.”
- C. No shunning:

III. Its Members Are Happy:

- A. When corrected with godly correction: **Job 5:17,18**
“Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: ¹⁸For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.”
- B. When we attend to God’s commandments: **Proverbs 29:18** “Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.”
1. The vision referred to in this verse is the revelation of God’s word:
 2. Men are happy as they walk in the light of God’s word:
- C. When we raise goodly children: **Psalms 127:4,5**
“As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.”

The Great Link Between God And Man

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:4 Preached on 9-18-01 Tues. P.M.

I want to remind us tonight as we continue our study in Solomon's Song, that Christ here in chapter seven, is describing his bride. We're looking at the church, not through the eyes of man, but through the eyes of our deliverer; the Lord Jesus Christ.

He says here, that the neck of the church is as a tower of ivory. There's several things I could preach on concerning the neck as a tower of ivory.

1. It stands erect and is strong: **Proverbs 2:21** "For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it."
2. It is ivory in color signifying the purity of the church: **Revelation 21:2** "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."
3. Ivory being costly denotes the value of the church: **Acts 20:28** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."
 - a. With such a high price being paid, the value is high:
4. But the neck is that which links the head and the body:

- a. Christ is the head of the church which is his body:
5. We could mention the blood as the great link: **Ephesians 2:13** “But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.”
6. We could preach the cross as that link: **Ephesians 2:16** “And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:”
7. That great link could be the love of God: **John 3:16** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
8. But tonight I want to use as that link, the **Grace** of God: “For by grace are ye saved”

I. The Headstone Of Grace: Zechariah 4:7 “*Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, **Grace, grace** unto it.”*

- A. The mountain made a plain is the rubbish covering the headstone:
 1. Clean out the trash and beneath it we’ll find the grace of God:
 2. The headstone is Jesus: **Psalm 118:22** “The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.”
- B. As the cornerstone he’s grace coming and going:

C. Jesus is the great link between God and man: I **Peter 3:18** “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that **he** might **bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.”

1. Not Buddha – 2. Not Allah – 3. Not Joseph Smith – 4. Not Mary

Hebrews 9:24 “For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, **now** to appear in the presence of God for us:”

Hebrews 9:12 “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.”

II. There’s Holy Grace: Hebrews 12:14 “Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:”

A. Holy Grace Justifies: **Romans 3:24** “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:”

1. Justification pardons us: **Isaiah 55:7** “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”
2. Justification perfects us: (Just like we never sinned)
3. Justification presents us faultless: **Jude 24** “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before

the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,”

III. There's Helping Grace: Hebrews 4:16 “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

- A. Help us with faults:
- B. Help us with failures:
- C. Help us with fusses:

IV. There's Healing Grace:

- A. Heal our wounds: Illus. The good Samaritan:
- B. Heal our wallet:
- C. Heal our weariness:

V. There's Holding Grace:

- A. During combat:
- B. During the crossing: Illus. The song He'll Hold My Hand

Seeing Things More Clearly

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:4 Preached on 10-14-01

The Lord as he continues to describe his bride says, “thine eyes are like the fishpools of Heshbon.” I don’t have as much information on these Pools of Heshbon, as I would like to have. But, history tells us, that the water was so clear, that the fish could be seen very easily with the naked eye.

This reveals at least two things. One, that we, as the bride of Christ, should possess an ability to see things about our Husband more clearly. I will assure you that Mrs. Hall knows more about me than anyone else in this world. (If we live with him we should be able to see things about him that an outsider can’t see.) Secondly, as a child of God, we should have an insight into spiritual matters that cannot be seen by others.

I Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.”

I Corinthians 2:9,10 “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. ¹⁰But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

Ephesians 1:18 “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;”

Paul mentions three things here, that I believe, indicate three distinct phases of Christian growth.

1. The hope of his calling:
 - a. The misery of the sinners life unfolded:

- b. The meaningless life that a sinner lives:
 - c. The mercy the sinner receives at deliverance:
2. The glory of his inheritance in the saints:
- a. I have been purchased:
 - b. I am his possession:
 - c. I am being prepared: (For his glory)
3. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe:
- a. His power to transform us: (A new body)
 - b. His power to translate us: (The catching away)

I. See The Heart More Clearly: Proverbs 4:23 “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.” (**Keep**: to guard, to protect, to maintain)

A. Its deceitfulness: **Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” **Psalms 53:1** “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.”

1. We may not know the heart, but we can know something about it:
 - a. Illus. Adam: Thought he could cover his sin:
 - b. Illus. Cain: Thought the works of his hands could satisfy God:

c. Illus. Simon the Sorcerer: Thought his heart was right with God:

B. Its depravity: **Ephesians 2:1** “And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

C. Its destruction:

1. By bitterness **Proverbs 14:10** “The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.”
2. By unforgiveness: **Matthew 18:34,35** “And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. ³⁵So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye **from your hearts forgive not** every one his brother their trespasses.”
3. Strife: **James 3:14** “But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.”

II. Sees Hell More Clearly: Luke 16:22,23 “And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; ²³And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.”

A. The guilty: **v.25** “But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things,

and likewise Lazarus evil things: **but now he is comforted**, and **thou art** tormented.”

- B. The gulf: “and besides this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed.” (**A vacancy; an impassible interval**)

- C. The grief: “For I have five brethren”

- D. The gates: **Matthew 16:18** “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
 - 1. The forces of hell continue to battle the church:

III. Sees The Harvest More Clearly: Jeremiah 8:20

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” **v.22** “*Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?”

- A. It is white: **John 4:35** “Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”
 - 1. Turned from bright green, to light color; (harvest time)

- B. It is waiting: (white already)

- C. It is wide: **Matthew 9:37** “Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, (widespread and great) but the labourers *are* few;”

I Smell A Rat

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:4 Preached on 10-21-01

In his description of the church, the Holy Spirit moves from the eyes to the nose. The eyes being that part of the body that we use to see, and the nose God gives us that we might smell. Unfortunately, not everything smells like a rose. There are some odors that aren't pleasant to our sense of smell.

Please notice the position of this nose that is like the tower of Lebanon. **The Bible says it looketh toward Damascus.** It stands like a sentinel, pointed in the direction of our enemy. Damascus is the capital of Syria, and the Syrians have always been the enemy of the people of God. It was in Damascus that Ahaz king of Judah saw a pagan altar that he copied and hid. Erected in Jerusalem on his return trip.

The church should have the ability to discern, detect, and discover; **evil, error** and our **enemy**.

Hebrews 5:14 "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."

I John 4:6 "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."

Philippians 3:17-19 "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. ¹⁸(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is* *their* belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)"

I. I Smell A Rat Called The Devil:

- A. He accuses the brethren: **Revelation 12:10** “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.” Def. Accuse: To hold down by charging the members of a congregation with some offence.
1. Holds down our testimony: **Psalm 107:2** “Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;”
 2. Holds down our talk: Illus. The maniac: **Mark 5:19** “Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.”
 3. Holds down our tears: (**Broken heart**) **Psalm 51:17** “The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” **Psalm 126:6** “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him.*”
- B. He assists in temptation: **James 1:13,14** “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: ¹⁴But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.”

1. He tempts us to deny the Lord: Illus. Peter: **Luke 22:33,34** “And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. ³⁴And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.”

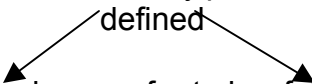
 2. He tempts us to doubt the word: Illus. Peter walking on the water: **Matthew 14:29** “And he said, Come.” **V.30,31** “But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?”

 3. He tempts us to discouragement: Illus. The turning back at Kadesh: **Deuteronomy 1:28** “Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater (still are) and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.”
- C. He attacks the people of God: **I Peter 5:8** “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”
1. Attacks their work: Illus. Nehemiah (**WSOF**)
 2. Attacks our will: Illus. Jesus in Gethsemane: **Luke 22:42** “Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”
 3. Attacks while we wait: (causes us to grow impatient)

Love's Strong Cord

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:5,6 Preached on 10-28-01 A.M.

In these verses Solomon begins to describe the beauty of his lovely bride. He states her head is like Carmel, her hair is purple, and that he is absolutely overwhelmed and captivated by her beauty. He is held there in the galleries. He is bound to her by love's strong cord.

1. Her head being like Carmel may be in reference to the height she has been elevated to: **Ephesians 2:5,6** "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:"

2. Her head like Carmel may refer to her faithfulness: **Song of Solomon 7:12** "Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, *whether* the tender grape appear, *and* the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves." **Song of Solomon 4:15** "A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon."
3. Her purple hair gives reference to her royalty: **I Peter 2:9** "But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"
4. By these beauties, that are reflections of his own grace; he is held there. He is bound to us by loves strong cord. This love is first!

I. Voluntary: Deuteronomy 7:7 “The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:”

A. He was made like us: **Philippians 2:6,7** “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:”

(Illus. Adam & Eve)

1. Equal with God and man: Like God and like man.

B. He was martyred for us: **Philippians 2:8** “And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

C. He is married to us: **Revelation 21:9** “And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”

1. He proposed to me:

2. He prepared me: (Furnished the wedding garment)

3. He planned the wedding:

4. He picked the place for the honeymoon:

II. Victorious: Romans 8:35-39 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day

long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

A. He conquered my:

1. Enemies: (Sin, death, hell and the grave)

2. Enmity:

3. Evils:

(S.O.S. 8:6 “For love is strong as death.”)
(Inseparable)

B. He captured my way:

III. Verbal:

A. He has spoken in the scriptures: **Song of**

Solomon 7:6 “How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!”

B. He has spoken in the sanctuary: **Song of**

Solomon 2:4 “He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

C. He has spoken in the secret chambers of my

heart: **Song of Solomon 1:4** “Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.”

IV. Vigilant: (Always watchful) (Takes extra care)

A. Unselfish:

B. Unchangeable:

C. Untiring:

V. Visible:

Inside Out

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:6 Preached on 11-4-01 A.M.

This verse contains an expression, whereby; the bride's commendation is heightened. **Notice the title that is ascribed to her. "O love for delights."** He calls her in the abstract, love itself, there can no more be said. She is not only lovely, but love itself.

1. We are love, as he, because we have been made partakers of his divine nature: **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."
2. Notice the words; fair and pleasant:
 - A. The word fair means; to be decked out and looks to the external loveliness of her person:
 - B. The word pleasant means; agreeable and refers to the sweetness and amiableness of her inward disposition:
3. The word "How" is used before both words; fair and pleasant:
 - A. This word shows an incomparableness, and an inexpressibleness to be in her beauty:
4. So Christ finds his bride to be beautiful inside and out:

I. Our Outward Man:

A. Our appearance: **I Thessalonians 5:22** “Abstain from all appearance of evil.” Def. Abstain: To distance ourselves from.

1. The appearance of our clothes:

a. Clean:

b. Proper fitting:

c. Christ-like: (**I Timothy 2:9** “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel,”

Note: In **Proverbs 7**: there is a young man void of understanding: **v.10** “And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the **attire** of an harlot, and subtle of **heart**.” (**Inside and out**)

2. The appearance of our countenance: Def. Evil: Calamitous, distressful, wretched, miserable:

a. Appear to be delivered:

b. Appear to be delighted: **Note:** This requires the proper diet: Illus. Daniel and the three Hebrews. **Daniel 1:15** ” And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king’s meat.”

3. The appearance of camouflage:

- a. Draw nigh with the mouth, but the heart is far from God:
- b. Vain worship:
- c. Make clean the outside, but inwardly full of envy and strife:

B. Our activities:

1. Should be clean: (Fishing and hunting) But watch the professional side:
2. Should be church oriented: (Don't plan secular activities on church night.)

II. Our Inward Man: II Corinthians 4:16 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day."

A. His attitude:

1. Should be candid: (Free from undue bias, disposed to think and judge according to truth and justice, or without partiality or prejudice.) **I Corinthians 4:6** "that no one of you be puffed up for one against another."
2. Should be charitable: **I Corinthians 13:4** "Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,"
3. Should be cheerful: **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall

have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

4. Should be coherent: (**Sticking together.**)
 - a. Connected: (**To Christ and the church.**)
 - b. Consistent:
5. Should be compatible: (**Seeking the same thing.**)
 - a. The best interests of the church:

I Might Bend With The Wind, But I Will Not Break

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:7 Preached on 11-04-01 A.M.

In this verse the stature of the church is likened unto a palm tree. This statement is a comprehensible view of his bride, and in manifest, by the parts mentioned above. In her fullness, or her completeness her stature is like the palm tree.

The members of the church all set in their proper places, and in a just proportion, are said to look very beautiful and comely.

1. The palm trees height and straightness may indicate her:
 - a. Majesty: **Revelation 19:7,8** “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ⁸And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”
 - b. Uprightness: **Psalm 84:11** “For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”
2. The palm will grow straight and upright even though many weights are hung upon it. (**Illus. Israel in Egypt**) **Exodus 1:12** “But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.”

3. The vital force or power of the palm tree is not in the root but in the top: (Christ the head)
4. The leaves of the palm are always green: **Psalm 1:3** “And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”
5. The palm tree flourishes best in warm sunny climates:
 - a. The beams of the sun of righteousness:
 - b. In the courts of God:
 - c. Planted in the house of God:
6. Branches of the palm tree are used as tokens of joy and emblems of victory: (The Lord’s triumphant entry)

7. It is said to be a tree that never rots:

But the point I wish to dwell on is the tree’s ability to stand against great forces of wind, even to hurricane magnitude.

- a. There’s no limbs for the wind to get hold of: Illus. The house on the rock in **Matthew 7:25** “And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.”
- b. The child of God has the strength to stand against the winds of temptation, troubles, and trials; and when the wind ceases be yet as rooted in Christ as we were before the storm.

(Had no idea of the heavenly conversation)

I. Unexpected Winds: Illus. Job 1:18,19 “While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house: ¹⁹And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.”

- A. He worshipped: v.20 (To humble oneself and beseech)
- B. Acknowledge his weakness: (v.20 He fell down upon the ground and became identified with what he was made of)
- C. He waited: (**But he did not wilt**)

II. Useful Winds: Illus. Jonah 1:4 “But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.”

- A. Changed his course: (He was traveling in the wrong direction)

III. Unnecessary Winds: Illus. Paul going to Rome: Acts 27:21 “But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.”

- A. They brought it upon themselves:
- B. They refused Paul’s instruction: v.10,11

IV. Untimely Winds:

- A. Seems to come at a time when to many other things are going on:

V. Unavoidable Winds:

- A. No matter how hard you try, there just seems to be no way around them:

Christ Working In His Church

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:8 Preached on 11-18-01 P.M.

I find in this verse two declarations by our Lord. One, he will go up to the palm tree. He is here emphasizing his presence in the church. I don't think too much can be said about the need of Christ's presence in his people.

When Israel journeyed toward Canaan in **Exodus 33:14** the Lord said, "my presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. In verse fifteen Moses said, "if thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." And there's not going to be much accomplished without him.

The second declaration, "I will take hold of the boughs thereof", indicate the Lord's working his church. As long as his people live on this planet earth his work on their behalf will continue. He is not finished with us .

John 4:34 "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

John 5:36 "But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ."

What is the work he's doing in the church?

I. He Is Planning Out Our Lives For Us: Illus. Joseph: Basically in two dreams, (encounters with God) his entire life was laid out before him.

- A. The promise of finding our life: **Matthew 10:39** "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

B. The pain that comes with life:

1. Disappointments:
2. Discouragements:
3. Dissidents: (parting) (Some will leave you)

C. The patience we must possess in life:

1. Wait for the good things:

II. He Is Preparing Our Lives:

A. For eternity:

1. By acquitting our sins: **I John 3:5** “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.” Def. Take: To raise (lifted burden) To sail away:

Hebrews 9:26 “For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.” Def. Put: To set aside, to neutralize:

Hebrews 9:28 “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

2. By acquitting us with himself: (If I am going to live with someone forever I'd like to know a little bit about them.) **Philippians 3:10** “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;”

- B. For evangelism: Illus. Jesus – Prepared his disciples for three and one half years before commissioning them. **Matthew 28:19** “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

III. He Is Proving Us: Illus. Moses at the Mount:

Exodus 20:20 “And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.”

- A. Prove your salvation: (**Are you really saved**)

- B. Prove the sincerity of your love:

IV. He Is Purging Us: (Sifting out our hearts before the judgment seat)

John 15:2 “and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.”

John 15:2 “Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away.”

John 15:6 “If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.”

- A. Lopping of the branches of the palm:

The Fragrance of His Grace

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:8 Preached on 11-18-01 A.M.

In the first part of this verse, Christ says he will go up to the palm tree. His going up indicates his presence in the church. The next three statements in reference to the bride are the effects of his presence, there in the midst of his people.

Her breasts as clusters of the vine represent her fruitfulness. This theme has already been dealt with on another occasion and we'll not extend our study upon it any further at this time. But, the second statement says that the smell of her nose is like apples.

The word smell means an odor as blown; it means to blow or to breathe. Apparently the Lord is saying that her breath smells like apples. Very often a persons breath gives an odor of the food they have been eating, and there are at least three other places in Solomon where the bride is said to be in the presence of apples.

Song of Solomon 8:5 "Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree:"

Def. Raise: The opening of the eyes; wake up; lift up
It was under that tree that her eyes were opened!

I. The Fragrance Of The Cross:

- A. Justification of the sinner: **Romans 3:24** "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Redemption: (To deliver by paying a price) **Romans 4:25** "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

1. He died under our sins, but when he arose our sins were gone:

- a. To acquit from guilt:
- b. To accept as righteous:
- c. To absolve from merited punishment:

B. Judgment on sin: **I Corinthians 15:55-57** “O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. ⁵⁷But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1. Two things are mentioned here with sin:

- a. The Law: It was fulfilled:
- b. Death: Whose sting is sin:
Illus. The honey bee: Once his sting is placed in someone, the stinger remains and the bee dies.
Note: Death placed its sting which is sin, in the Lord: death departed from him and died (**The death of death**) and he buried sin in his grace: then came out with victory.

C. Joy of saints: **Psalms 48:2** “Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.”

D. Journey for the saved:

II. The Fragrance Of His Comfort: Song of Solomon 2:5 “Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick of love.”

- A. His comfort sustains us: (**Song of Solomon 8:5** “Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?”) Illus. David fleeing from Absalom **Psalm 3:5** “I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.”
1. He sustains us in tribulation: **II Corinthians 1:3,4** “Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; ⁴Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”
 2. He sustains us in tragedies: Illus. Mary and Martha **John 11:19** “And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.”
 3. He sustains us in all our troubles: **Psalm 54:7** “For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.” Illus. Lazarus and the rich man: **Luke 16:25** “But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.”

III. The Fragrance Of His Care: Song of Solomon 8:5

“Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree:”

2:3 “As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.”

- A. He cares when we are broken hearted: (**He cares when we are broke**)
- B. He cares when we are burdened:
- C. He cares when we are bewildered: **I Peter 5:7**
“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”

Glory In The Palm Tree

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:8 Preached on 11-11-01

In the previous verse the scripture likens the church to a palm tree. Maybe I need to re-phrase that statement. He says that her stature is like a palm tree. I take this to mean, that she is fully matured. She is completely grown. Like Paul said in **Ephesians 4:13** “**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**”

Christ says he is going up to the highest place in the Palm; because he says he is going to take hold of the boughs thereof. There are no limbs on the palm tree except in the top. When the church reaches that perfect state, and Christ occupies such a lofty position he will come to be glorified in his saints and that church will be full of the glory of God.

Ephesians 3:20,21 “**Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, ²¹Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**”

Def. Glory: Dignity; Honour, Praise, Worship: But the definition I want to use is (To be very apparent)

WHEN IS IT VERY APPARENT THAT CHRIST IS IN THE CHURCH?

I. When Sinners Are Being Delivered: John 17:1-5

“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: ²As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. ³And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and

Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. ⁴I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

- A. It accomplishes his purpose: (Give eternal life) v2
- B. He is admired by his people: (To marvel or wonder at) (I marvel every time Grace effects another sinner)
- C. It affirms his mighty power:

II. When Saints Are Working Together:

I Thessalonians 1:2,3 “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; ³Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;” **Hebrews 6:10** “For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” Illus. **Nehemiah 4:6** “So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.”

- A. Adversaries hinder the work: (Sanballet and Tobias) With one hand they wrought in the work and with the other they held the King James Bible (Weapon)
 - 1. They ridicule:
 - 2. They discourage:
 - 3. They become angered:

B. Apathy will halt the work:

C. Action will help the work:

III. When Sin Is Departed From: II Timothy 2:19

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Def. Depart: To desert; to instigate, to revolt

Def. Revolt: to turn from one to another

A. It makes the lump Holy:

B. It makes living (or life) heavenly:

C. It makes our love healthy: (Strong; in the heart and home)

IV. When Sending Out Light And Truth: Psalm 43:3 “O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.”

A. His commandment is obeyed:

B. His commission is fulfilled:

C. His cross is magnified:

V. When the Savior Is Being Adored:

What Goes In, Is What Comes Out

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:9 Preached on 11-20-01 Tues.

According to the law of gravity, everything that goes up must come down. Likewise, in biblical theology, what goes in will eventually come out. I want to preach tonight on that thought; “What goes in, is what comes out.”

In verse eight Christ declares his going up to the palm tree (**which is the church**) to take hold of the boughs thereof. This is not a sudden reaction, but rather a deliberate resolve. The effects of his presence are found in the next three statements. Her breasts as clusters of the vine refer to her fruitfulness in life; the smell of her nose like apples is the fragrance she puts off; and the roof of her mouth as the best wine is the flavor of the life she owns.

Please notice that the roof of her mouth is like wine. But not just any wine, the best wine. I’m glad Jesus always gives us his best. The next three words are almost like a short interjection by the bride. “For my beloved.” It’s like she says “you have given me thy best, now I give my best to thee.” Should we not always give our best to him?

The roof of the mouth has two primary purposes. It is used for the tasting of food. Without it the taste of our food would be very bland. Secondly, it helps us greatly in our speech.

The bible says, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, and, what we feed our heart is what comes out of our mouth. We must ensure that what we take in is of proper taste.

I. The Taste Of The Mouth: Psalm 34:8 “O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.”

- A. Taste his word: **Psalm 119:103** “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”
1. It enlightens the eyes: **Palm 19:8** “The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.” Illus. Jonathon **I Samuel 14:27** “But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.”
 - a. He saw victory:
 2. It educates the sinner: **Psalm 19:7** “the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.”
 3. It effects the heart: **Psalm 19:7** “The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul:”
- B. Taste his wafers: **Exodus 16:31** “And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it *was* like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.:
1. By it they were tried: **Exodus 16:4** “Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.”
 2. From it came a testimony: **Exodus 16:32** “And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to

be kept for your generations;” v.34 “So Aaron laid it up before the Testimony to be kept.” (**A testimony of him**)

C. Taste his wine: Illus. The marriage at Canaan – **John 2:9,10** “When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, ¹⁰And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.” (**JOY**)

1. It is bountiful: v.6 (6 waterpots or 2or 3 firkins) **108-162 gal.**

2. It is best: v.10 (the governor)

II. The Talk Of The Mouth: Luke 6:45 “for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.”

A. Should be thankful:

1. Of his revelation: **Matthew 11:25** “At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.”

2. Of his remission of sin:

3. Of his return:

B. Should be thoughtful:

C. Should be truthful:

A Wine That Awakens

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:9 Preached on 11-25-01 A.M.

The Lord is concluding his commendation to the church and says, “the roof of her mouth is like the best wine that goes down sweetly, and that it awakens and gives life to those who are asleep.” (**For a sleeping man to speak, he must be awakened**) and this wine is said to awaken him.

This wine is like the best wine; that is, in some ways it has the same appearance and effects of fermented wine. Fermented wine is said to be alive; it moves arightly in the cup. **This Bible wine is alive.** (Because it has life giving effects) Fermented wine that is moving is said to be working as it moves arightly in the cup. **This Bible wine works.** It awakens and causes men to speak.

What is this wine?

Isaiah 55:1,2 “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which* is not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which* is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.”

Romans 10:8-10 “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Proverbs 31:6,7 “Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. ⁷Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

What is this wine? **IT IS THE GOSPEL**

THREE THINGS IN THIS VERSE

I. The Purity Of The Gospel: (The best wine)

A. Is without mixture: (No dregs)

1. No self-righteousness: Illus. Israel;
Romans 10:3 “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” Note: You cannot do righteous deeds and make yourself righteous.
2. No substitutes for grace: **Romans 3:24**
“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:”
3. Has serious side effects:
 - a. It will make you: **Holy, Happy, Hungry, and Healthy.**

II. The Penetration Of The Gospel: (It goeth down sweetly) Def. Sweetly: In one accord; In agreement; To make prosperous:

- A. Penetrates a rebellious heart: **Illus. Paul being saved: Acts 9:5** “And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*”
- B. Penetrates a religious heart: **Illus. Nicodemus: John 3:5** “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say

unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

- C. Penetrates a rascal’s heart: (Mean & Low) Illus. The thief on the cross: **Luke 23:42,43** “And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. ⁴³And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.” (**Illus. Me**)

III. The Power Of The Gospel: (Causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak)

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

- A. Power to regenerate sleeping sinners: **Illus. Jailor Acts 16:27** “And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.” (When his prison door opened it shocked him)
- B. Power to revive sinking saints: **Illus. The bride in Song of Solomon 5:2** “I sleep, but my heart waketh: *it is* the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying*, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled:”
- C. Power to re-gather silent soldiers: **John 5:28** “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

Mutual Love

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:10 Preached on 11-25-01 P.M.

“I am my beloved’s, and his desire is towards me.”

Def. Mutual: reciprocal; interchanged; each acting in return or correspondence to the other; given and received. (Done by each to the other.) (Mutual love is that which is entertained by two persons each for the other.)

1. In mutual love one does not attempt to take advantage over each other: (We are not to take advantage of Christ, for his benefits, because he will never take advantage of us.)
2. In mutual love each gives his best, to the other:
 - a. Christ has given his best to us: From the coats of skin of Adam and Eve to the cross; and from the cross to his second coming. He has given, and will continue to give his best to the people of God.
3. In mutual love both yield to the desires of the other: **Song of Solomon 6:5** “Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me:” (Christ) **7:10** “I *am* my beloved’s, and his desire *is* toward me.”
4. Two things I want to mention, and we’ll close the message.

I. The Position Of The Church: (I am my beloveds)

- A. His personal possession: **I Corinthians 6:19,20** “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have

of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1. Freely surrendered:

- a. In our body: **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."
- b. In our bosom: **Song of Solomon 1:13** "A bundle of myrrh *is* my wellbeloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts."

(As a hart panteth) (Our Love)

(His love has consumed me)

(He should be our first love, and our final love)

- c. In our best: (I wonder have I done my best for Jesus) **Colossians 3:23** "And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;" (Put your heart into it)
2. Faithfully standing: **Ephesians 6:13**
"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore,"
- a. Loins girt about with truth: (Our strength)

- b. Breastplate of righteousness:
 - c. Feet shod with preparation of the Gospel of Peace:
 - d. Taking the shield of faith:
 - e. Taking the helmet of salvation:
 - f. Taking the sword of the Spirit:
 - g. Praying always:
3. Fully satisfied: (**I find no fault in him**)
Psalm 23:1 “The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”

II. The Passion Of Christ: (And his desire is toward me)
Def. Desire: To stretch out after; to long after; to run after or overflow.

- A. His desire to deliver my soul: **Psalm 142:4** “I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there*

was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.”

1. He sought me when I was condemned:
2. He bought me on the cross: (When he was on the cross I was on his mind)

B. His desire to develop my life: **Jeremiah 18:3,4**
“Then I went down to the potter’s house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. ⁴And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*.”

1. He didn’t throw the clay away:
2. He made the vessel to his likeness:

C. His desire to discipline my heart: (**Make me a learner**)

1. Learn to follow: **John 10:27** “My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.” (**Not far off as Peter did; it leads to trouble**)
2. Learn to feed: (**Illus. Peter John 21**)
(Feed my sheep) ME
3. Learn to fear:
4. Learn to fight:

Desires For the Right Company

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:11,12 Preached on 12-02-01 A.M.

In the previous verses the Lord has spoken many endearing words of love and affection toward his bride. And I believe she finally realizes that he loves her. For she says, “and his desire is toward me.” Recognizing this fact has created a great desire in her heart not only to be in his company, but to see their communion perfected.

She desires to have his company in every area of her life; the field, the village and the vineyard.

1. She is willing to forsake all others that she might enjoy him: **(Illus. Ruth and Naomi) 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: ¹⁷Where 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.”
2. His company greatly encourages our faith: **(Illus. Peter walking on the water) Matthew 14:28** “And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come.”
3. His company provides immediate help when we find ourselves in trouble: **(Illus. Peter) Matthew 14:30,31** “But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. ³¹And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?”

4. The wrong company can hinder his:
II Thessalonians 3:14 “And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.”
5. We are to chose the right company even among professing Christians: **I Corinthians 5:9-11** “I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: ¹⁰Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. ¹¹But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.”

I. His Company In Your Heart:

- A. Will keep it tender: **Ephesians 4:32** “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted,”
- B. Will keep it temperate: (Self-control) **I Corinthians 9:24,25** “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. ²⁵And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.”
 1. Keeps his body under:
 2. He places restraints upon himself:
- C. He will be truthful:
- D. He will be thankful:

II. His Company In Our Homes: (Let us lodge in the villages) Note: This is not a one night stand, but it refers to an extended period of time.

- A. It assures us of peace: **Isaiah 32:18** “And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;”
Illus. The Lord in his apostolic commission: Luke 10:5,6 “And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house. ⁶And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.”

- B. It assures us of pardon: (**Illus. Zacchaeus**) **Luke 19:9** “And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forso much as he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

- C. It assures us of his unfailing purpose: **Proverbs 12:7** “The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.”

III. His Company In God’s House: (Let us get up early to the vineyard)

- A. Divides the sheep from the goats: **Illus. Luke 4:16** “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.” (State what he read)
 - 1. Their conclusion: **v.28** “And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, ²⁹And rose up, and thrust him out of the city”

B. It delights the saints: **Psalm 122:1** “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

C. It defeats Satan’s purpose:

D. It devours (consumes) the sin:

IV. His Company In The Harvest: (Let us go forth into the field)

Laying Up Treasures For Christ

Outline and notes in the Song of Solomon Ch. 7:13 Preached on 12-9-01 A.M.

In these final verses of chapter seven, we find an invitation from the bride, requesting the presence of the bridegroom, in the field, villages, and vineyards. She has the assurance that the graces of the Spirit are flourishing within her heart. This is not vain boasting, but in humble sincerity, she acknowledges, that what she has found in herself is to his praise and glory.

She realizes that she is now acceptable to him, and that the grace and labor he has bestowed upon her has not been in vain. These statements are a confirmation of her faith, both expecting and receiving what she had prayed for.

1. The fruit of the Spirit is now ripe, and in their flower: "The mandrakes give a smell." (**They are ripe**)
 - a. She is now living in the fullness of the Spirit: **Ephesians 5:19,20** "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"
 - b. These verses are a result, or the culmination of v.18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;"

2. She is graciously adorned with a great variety of fruits: “And at our gates (**Garden Gates**) are all manner of pleasant fruits.” **Galatians 5:22** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

3. There is both the preservation of the old, and growth of the new: “and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old.”
 - a. There has been an increase in the believers' graces:

 - b. She has reached a new degree of love and faith:

 - c. She preserves the old, and brings forth the new: **Matthew 13:52** “Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.” **Illus. The parable of the ten pounds: Luke 19:16** “Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.”

 - d. Have we gained anything for him:

 - e. Where the old is preserved, there will be found new also, otherwise what seemed once to blossom, becomes almost withered: **Hebrews 2:1** “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip.”

- f. Believers who seriously, tenderly, and humbly follow holiness, may attain great heights in it: **Hebrews 12:14** “Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”
4. The gains she had made, and those preserved, were never used for common purpose, but were laid up for him: **Matthew 6:19-21** “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: ²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

TREASURES

I. The Precious Tears We Shed: Psalm 56:8 “Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?”

- A. Tears for our children: **Luke 23:28** “But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.”
- B. Tears of Christian adoration: **Illus. Mary Luke 7:38** “And stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment.”
- C. Tears of Christ like attitude: **Romans 12:15** “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”

II. The Prayers We Say: Revelation 8:3-5 “And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand. ⁵And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.”

- A. Prayers for souls: **Romans 10:1** “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”
- B. Prayers for your enemies: **Matthew 5:44** “But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”
- C. Prayers for our rulers: **I Timothy 2:1** “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;”

III. The Personal Deeds Of Service: Matthew 10:42
“And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.”

- A. Go the extra mile: **Matthew 5:41** “And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.”