

Song of Solomon 4:1 – 5:5

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~ Some degree of feeling inadequate, at some point in our lives, is experienced by everyone. Even those who appear completely self-confident can suffer internally from this malady. There are primary and secondary psychoanalytic deficiencies regarding self-worth, uncertainty, and of merely not measuring up to what one considers normal standards. These can lead an individual to overcompensate; resulting in a superiority complex to counter or conceal feelings of inferiority. This will always lead to either spectacular achievement – which is never fulfilling, and is almost always detrimental – or to extreme asocial behavior and anti-social tendencies. It is widely accepted in Adlerian psychology that primary inferiority feelings are rooted in genetic personalities and developed through a combination of child development and personal experiences; where weakness, helplessness and dependency can easily be intensified by siblings, school peers and friendship circles – which we all know can be brutal and unforgiving.

Secondary inferiority emotions can, and usually do, become elevated *beyond* primary as one is unable to reach a final, fictional, subconscious goal of subjective security, and cannot reconcile what they view as success in their lives. In short, this is where the descent into madness begins. The differing perceptions of closeness and distance from life's goals create negative emotions of all sorts; and, generally and eventually, become simply overwhelming. It's a vicious cycle of existence that is very common to and even further enhanced by those with neurotic lifestyles. This can manifest itself as feeling inferior to other people – but it can also present as feeling unable to perform a task, unable to win the affection of a mate, or an inability to excel in myriad other aspects of life.

While there is no solution for this condition, there is help available to manage our unhealthy inferiority complex. The first step is to recognize where we are focusing our attentions regarding said inadequacies. In the realm of marriage – which is, of course, what we are talking about in the Song of Solomon – there are two extreme viewpoints: one is an emphasis

on sex. This perspective declares sex to be all marriage is about. The other extreme is believing there is *no* emphasis on sex in a marriage; and it is treated as taboo, or even immoral, outside the strict confines of pro-creation. Well, somewhere between the high and holy state of God-given sanctified sexual intercourse and animalistic sexual primacy lay the God-given intent of pleasure in sex in a healthy marriage. Naturally, genuine love in a marriage is physically consummated by the act of sexual intercourse. The following chapter is but a minute description of that sacred institution....

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1 (Christ) - Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.

2 (Christ) - Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them.

3 (Christ) - Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

4 (Christ) - Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

5 (Christ) - Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

6 (Christ) - Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

7 (Christ) - Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.

8 (Christ) - Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

9 (Christ) - Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

10 (Christ) - How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

11 (Christ) - Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.

12 (Christ) - A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 (Christ) - Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,

14 (Christ) - Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

15 (Christ) - A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

~ The Spirit of God fully displays the love Jesus has for us in this passage. Not only does Jesus love you – He *KNOWS* you intimately and personally. Most people need to stop kidding themselves, go to Him in prayer, and tell Him *EVERYTHING*. He already knows all the coldness, indifference, weakness, sin, and inadequacies in your heart and life. Personally, I think most Christians today are using subterfuge and deceit when they deal with God in prayer; in fact, I know they are. Statements such as “.... *if I have wronged anyone....*” or “....*if I have sinned....*” are fraudulent cover-ups when dealing with our Holy High Priest. Further, beating around the bush this way with Christ regarding our sins and shortcomings will get us absolutely nowhere in our spiritual walk; and will result in zero spiritual growth. Playing around with our salvation will ultimately result in Christian Tragedy.

An honest confession and a straightforward admission of trespasses and sins in prayer are the only way in the world to control our inferiority complex. There is *NO OTHER WAY* – you can just write that down. The world has a never-ending supply of gimmickry and self-help psychology propagated by multi-billion dollar businesses; led by a few predators devouring victims that desperately desire to rid themselves of their inferiority! Well, again, we don't get rid of our feelings of inadequacy down here – it just isn't going to happen – not – ever. The psychiatrist, with psychotropic medication, may or may not be able to shift an inferiority from one compartment of the mind to another, and may possibly facilitate some semblance of temporary relief; but the problems remain — and the new problems that fill the void are typically acutely more horrific, profound and pronounced.

Quite candidly, I get a little weary of arrogant and proud so-called Christians today who believe God couldn't possibly run this universe without them. A good dose of inferiority through life-altering and course-changing events would be the best thing that ever happened to many people. Then, there are those who confess their sins, but go right back to doing that thing again. Well, God just happens to be rich in mercy. There was a thorn in the flesh of my own life that I am confident I prayed about, confessed, and asked for it to be removed hundreds of times – maybe more – but that thing was not removed; but His grace and mercy was given to me. It meant failure after failure and defeat after defeat in my life. That's the way it is, friends; irrespective of whether we understand this, accept the findings, like them – or not. Christ Jesus supplied our one and only answer to the problem of inferiority when He died on the cross and was raised again for our justification.

The answers to all questions, and the solution to all problems in this life, can be found in the Word of God; but a total and complete ignorance of the Word of God is the basis most people are trading on today. Because they know so little about Christ, they are ignorantly attempting to take advantage of Him. Those who do so cannot receive this Song of Solomon on any level whatsoever. The word "*sister*" in verse nine of chapter four and verse one of chapter five, for example, is infinitely delicate in significance; it intimates the very whiteness of purity in the midst of ardour which is, as

the Shekinah Glory, fully glowing, but unspeakably holy! Sin has almost completely deprived us of the capacity to stand before the burning bush – even when we have removed our shoes in recognition of being on holy ground. Printing a T-shirt that says “*Jesus Loves You*” is meaningless if we haven’t truly and consciously experienced His love personally. If we have experienced His love, we’ll have a life to back it up as a witness — and won’t need the T-shirt. Remember, in the Upper Room Discourse, Judas – not Iscariot, the other Judas – said, “.... *Lord, how is it that you have manifest Yourself unto us but not unto the world?*” Well, the bride is getting the message in this report – those who do not love Christ aren’t reading; they stopped their safari a *LONG* time ago. They won’t be returning, either.

This section of Scripture reveals such a deep personal relationship that it almost defies exegesis. Frankly, bringing out the complete message here is, in my estimation, humanly impossible. I can only frame this conversation in psychiatric terms; because that’s the only way I can convey it. You and I cannot comprehend the full meaning of the love of Christ for the individual believer and for His church. I dare say this is a love song that perhaps you and I shouldn’t even look upon! I say that because when we do look upon these truths, a mandate for perfection mysteriously appears; and perfection is something I just don’t know anything about. Now, to be clear, I understand we are perfect in Christ; however, exactly what that entails remains a mystery to me. Maybe it is not a mystery to you; but don’t bother trying to explain it to me, because I have read explanations from some of the greatest Bible expositors this world has ever known – and my conclusion is: our state of perfection in Christ is a mystery, primarily because we do not reach sinlessness in this flesh.

We are cleansed from all sins by the Blood of the Lamb of God and washed daily in His Word; but Christ Himself will be the One Who makes us without spot or wrinkle – and, honestly, because I always am honest with you dear readers, that is also incomprehensible when it comes to sanctifying, and making Andrew Curtis Hunt holy and without blemish. I’m not saying He cannot do it – because I expect to be changed to be like Him at His appearing, but I can’t possibly see how. Obviously, there are many things you and I just do not know. From here forward in this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God, I urge you to read carefully, and spend

some alone time with Christ Jesus your Savior. This is where the Lord speaks directly to our heart, friends; and all I could do at this point is get in the way of that. Ask God to make this all real to you with wisdom, judgment and discernment. A-men....

16 (Church) - Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

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1 (Christ) - I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 (Church) - 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: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

3 (Church) - I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

~ The brides reply in the fourth canticle reveals her conflict between a desire to spend time with the Groom, and needing to go out into the world to discharge her responsibilities. Of course, both are essential. Sitting at Jesus' feet is great until the time comes to follow those feet onto the hillside seeking sheep, or going out into the field of the world to sow the seed of the Word of God. I hope you get the message that this so-called Spiritual Safari is trying to do those things. We have a job to do — and that job is getting His message to a lost and dying world. The only thing God promised to bless is His Word; and Holy Writ is where our success in life will be found — if it is to be found, I promise you that.

The church today seriously needs to hear this message — but no one seems daring enough or properly equipped to transmit it correctly. Who is sufficient for these things? The average believer is asleep in bed; and they

say “....I can’t get out of bed and get my feet all dirty again.” Remember, in the day in which we are studying, even the palace floor would have been very dirty most of the time. Unfortunately, most self-professing believers are literally spiritual hypochondriacs, who never do anything except lay around making excuses and soliciting sympathetic attention from others. I *K-N-O-W* that’s not a nice thing to say; but the truth isn’t always nice. I hear a lot of talk about false teachers – but not a dime is given to promote sound doctrine from the entire Word of God going out to the entire world. Well, you’re just never going to have sincere and unrestrained intercourse with Christ Jesus until you do – because that would be impossible....

4 (Church) - My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.

5 (Church) - I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock ~

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