**– Lesson 32: The Bridegroom’s Snare–**

Song of Solomon 4:9—*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.*

INTRODUCTION

1. **Review**

* The Mountain experience is first described in verse 8.

Song of Solomon 4:8—*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.*

1. **“The Bridegroom’s Snare”**

We often think of our love for Christ, but He has a great interest in us.

CHORUS: I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.

He has been *caught* or *ensnared* by her. She hasn’t set a trap for Him, but she is captor to His heart and He loves her.

Song of Solomon 4:9—*Thou hast ravished …* ( in the Hebrew means *to be enclosed.*)

1. Ensnared by the Bride’s Love

*Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse…*

### **Seen in the Bride’s Dedication**

John 14:15—*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

She not only told Him that she loved Him, but He is ensnared by her dedication. Through the tests, hard times and trials she has SHOWED Him that she loves Him.

He is so taken up with the fact that she is so taken up with Him! God does find greater pleasure in those that love Him. His heart is ravished by her dedication.

Song of Solomon 4:9—*Thou hast ravished my heart*, *my sister*,… 🡨 FAMILY

*my spouse*… 🡨 MARRIAGE

Not before, but from chapter 3 and verse 11 through to the end of the book she is titled in reference to the marriage contract. She has been brought into a relationship that not many know anything about. 🡪**He loves the World!**

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.*

**🡪But He is especially taken up with her** because of her love for Him and He enters into an intimate relationship with her as husband and wife. The husband and wife relationship is exclusive and close. He is ravished, enthralled, taken up with the love of the Bride—not the Church.

### **Seen in the Bride’s Separation**

She was totally separated to Him. There has been a transformation in her since she started out running after Him.

2 Corinthians 6:17,18—*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,* 18 *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

She has separated herself from everyone except Him and to Him she smells good. She is beautiful and she has ravished His heart through her dedication, separation and determination.

### **Seen in the Bride’s Determination**

By her going on, going through, hanging on and enduring through the hard times, she has captured his heart. She has not followed after Him to simply turn and go back, but she is determined to go all the way.

II. Ensnared by the Bride’s Eyes

*…with one of thine eyes, …*

He is not satisfied with “one eye” but her “singleness of eye.”

Matthew 6:22—*The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.*

He has caught her eye and she cannot see anything else. How do we get this singleness of vision where we see Him and only Him?

1. **Seen in the Bride’s Prayer**
2. **Seen in the Bride’s Praise**

Genuine praise is not necessarily loud for even a sincere whisper of anointed praise can bring down the glories of Heaven. It is not the volume, it is the content. Whether loud or soft, it must be sincerely from the heart.

1. **Seen in the Bride’s Meditation**

Psalm 1:1,2—*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.* 2 *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

When we pray, praise, and meditate on the Word of God we benefit ourselves, but also He is looking down and watching.

1. Ensnared by the Bride’s Ornament

…*with one chain of thy neck*. (“…just one chain…”)

I Peter 3:1-3—*Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;* 2 *While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.* 3 *Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;*4 *But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

The ornament of chain around her neck is not something outward, but inward. *Even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

She is contented as a cow is in chewing her cud. As a matter of fact “meditation” in the Hebrew means the same as a cow chewing her cud. Discontent people are not meditating on the word properly for the Bible is full of answers.

Galatians 5:22,23—*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,* 23 *Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

He wants to see ALL His graces in us, but to see just one of God’s graces alone demonstrated in our lives pleases Him.

* Love
* Joy
* Peace
* Longsuffering
* Gentleness
* Goodness
* Faith/Obedience
* Meekness
* Temperance

CONCLUSION

* Perhaps the Greatest of God’s Graces to Work in our Lives is Faith.
* Faith Works by Love.
* If we Love Him we will Obey Him.
* He is totally ravished by her.