

THE SONG OF SONGS PART Three: Settings of Increasing Love

Scripture: Song of Songs 1:4,12; 2:4
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RESPONSIVE READING

1:4 Draw me, we will run after thee:

1:4 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.

1:12 While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth he smell thereof.

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

“The king hath brought me into his chambers.”Song of Songs 1:4

THE INNER CHAMBER (SS 1:4)

1. A place of INTIMACY and SHARING.
2. A place of REVELATION and DISCOVERY:
 - A. Concerning the KING.
 - B. Concerning OURSELVES.

“While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.”Song of Songs 1:12

THE KING’S TABLE (SS 1:12)

1. The place of the King’s PROVISION.
2. The place of FELLOWSHIP

“While the king sitteth at His table,” may be said to represent what the maiden (the believer) has in the enjoyment of the full abundance of the Lord’s provision. . . . [It] the precise time when there is a partaking of spiritual satisfaction in communion with Him. W. Nee

This bounty may be divided into two classifications. First, there is food made of flour or meal substance. This signifies the perfect Manhood of the Lord Jesus—His own holy life. Second, there is food of meat substance. This expresses our Lord’s accomplishments—His work and sacrificial death so that believers may have intimate communion with Him in His enthroned life. If we fail to perceive the real meaning of this well-pleasing and acceptable sacrifice which is the source of all true joy in spirit, we can neither dedicate ourselves to the Lord nor ever praise Him worthily. W. Nee

Solomon's provision was great but the greatest attraction at His table was still the King Himself.

THE BANQUET HALL (SS 2:4)

1. The place of JOY and CELEBRATION.
2. The place of love OPENLY DISPLAYED.

“He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.” SS 2:4

Being brought by the King into His inner chamber, as in 1:4, is for the purpose of revelation; and this being brought into His banqueting house is for joy—to feel the joyfulness of His presence. W. Nee

CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE KING'S TABLE AND BEEN TO THE BANQUETING HALL

1. A true understanding and appreciation for all that Christ has provided for us and an increasing ability to appropriate it and enjoy it.
2. Increasing JOY.
3. An increasing and overwhelming sense of the Lord's love for us—the growing and consuming conviction that “I AM LOVED!”