Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ – Week 2

Song of Songs—the Progressive Experience of an Individual Believer's Loving Fellowship with Christ for the Preparation of the Bride of Christ

Monday 1/16

S.S. 1:2, 4

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine.

4 Draw me; we will run after you-The king has brought me into his chambers-We will be glad and rejoice in you; We will extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you.

Hosea 11:4a

4a I drew them with cords of a man, With bands of love;

1 John 4:9-10

9 In this the love of God was manifested among us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might have life and live through Him.

10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.

Psa. 2:12

12 Kiss the Son Lest He be angry and you perish from the way; For His anger may suddenly be kindled. Blessed are all those who take refuge in Him.

John 14:23

23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

1 Cor. 6:17

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Further Reading: *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 2, Day 1*

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 6, Section: The Truth of the Mystery in the Gospel of John (3)

Tuesday 1/17

S.S. 2:8-10, 13-14

8 The voice of my beloved! Now he comes, Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the

hills.

9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart. Now he stands behind our wall; He is looking through the windows, He is glancing through the lattice.

10 My beloved responds and says to me, Rise up, my love, My beauty, and come away;

13 The fig tree has ripened its figs, And the vines are in blossom-they give forth their fragrance. Rise up, my love, My beauty, and come away.

14 My dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the covert of the precipice, Let me see your countenance, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your countenance is lovely.

Rom. 8:2, 4, 29

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

2 Cor. 5:17

17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

Further Reading: *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 2, Day 2*

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 6, Section: The Error of Christianity; the Father, the Son, and the Spirit in John 16:15

Wednesday 1/18

S.S. 3:9-10

9 King Solomon made himself a palanquin Of the wood of Lebanon.

10 Its posts he made of silver, Its bottom, of gold; Its seat, of purple; Its midst was inlaid with love From the daughters of Jerusalem.

S.S. 4:12, 16

12 A garden enclosed is my sister, my bride, A spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

16 Awake, O north wind; And come, O south wind! Blow upon my garden: Let its spices flow forth; Let my beloved come into his garden And eat his choicest fruit.

Eph. 2:22

 $2\hat{2}$ In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

2 Cor. 5:14

14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died;

Rom. 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

2 Cor. 4:16-17

16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

Further Reading: *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 2, Day 3*

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 6, Section: The Mystery of the Transmission

Thursday 1/19

S.S. 6:10, 13

10 Who is this woman who looks forth like the dawn, As beautiful as the moon, As clear as the sun, As terrible as an army with banners?

13 Return, return, O Shulammite; Return, return, that we may gaze at you. Why should you gaze at the Shulammite, As upon the dance of two camps?

Prov. 4:18

18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

Phil. 2:15

15 That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,

Psa. 110:3

3 Your people will offer themselves willingly In the day of Your warfare, In the splendor of their consecration. Your young men will be to You Like the dew from the womb of the dawn.

2 Cor. 3:18

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor. 13:3-4

3 Since you seek a proof of the Christ who is speaking in me, who is not weak unto you but is powerful in you.

4 For indeed He was crucified out of weakness, but He lives by the power of God. For indeed we are weak in Him, but we will live together with Him by the power of God directed toward you.

Rom. 8:37

37 But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.

Further Reading: *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 2, Day 4*

Corporate Reading: *The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity,* **Chapter 6, Section:** All that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit Have Being Transmitted to Us by the Spirit

Friday 1/20

S.S. 7:11-12

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields; Let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us rise up early for the vineyards; Let us see if the vine has budded, If the blossom is open, If the pomegranates are in bloom; There I will give you my love.

2 Cor. 6:1

1 And working together with Him, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

Col. 1:28-29

28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

1 Cor. 3:9

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

1 Pet. 4:10

10 Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it

among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

Rom. 12:1

1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

John 21:16

16 He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.

Further Reading: *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 2, Day 5*

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, **Chapter 6, Section:** The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity

Saturday 1/21

S.S. 8:5-6, 13-14

5 Who is this who comes up from the wilderness, Leaning on her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree: There your mother was in labor with you; There she was in labor and brought you forth.

6 Set me as a seal on your heart, As a seal on your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol; Its flashes are the flashes of fire, A flame of Jehovah.

13 O you who dwell in the gardens, My companions listen for your voice; Let me hear it.

14 Make haste, my beloved, And be like a gazelle or a young hart Upon the mountains of spices.

Isa. 50:4-5

4 The Lord Jehovah has given me The tongue of the instructed, That I should know how to sustain the weary with a word. He awakens me morning by morning; He awakens my ear To hear as an instructed one.

5 The Lord Jehovah has opened my ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn back.

Ex. 21:6

6 Then his master shall bring him to God and shall bring him to the door or to the doorpost, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

Dan. 2:35

35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the

wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Rev. 22:20

20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Further Reading: *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 2, Day 6* **Corporate Reading:** *The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity,* **Chapter 6, Section:** *Being a Corporate Expression*

Lord's Day 1/22

Phil. 3:7-15, 20

7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.

8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you.

20 For our commonwealth exists in the heavens, from which also we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Hymns, #556

Further Reading:

CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 3, "Crystallization-study of Song of Songs," chs. 1-2