

2-27-2022 Weekly Messages

Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Song of Solomon 4:1-5

Sermon Title: **The Image of the Holy Bride of Christ**

In the Holy Ghost, we can hear the voice of Jesus Christ to the Christians who have become his beautiful bride through the words of Solomon to the Sulamite woman. The bride of Christ has been chosen as a glorious helping spouse of Christ for him to fill all in all (Eph. 1:23) in the eternity.

The Bible tells in detail the process by which sinners become children of God the Father and become the holy bride of Jesus Christ.

The resurrected Jesus made a very important statement when he told his disciples about how all the Scriptures testify of Himself:

" Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

" (Luke 24:46-48).

He said that all nations shall receive the remission of sins through repentance, so we need to know what is repentance and what changes will occur when we receive the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus, who took away all the sins of the law by imputing all the sins of the law into his body and dying on the cross, told his disciples before he died, and when the Holy Ghost came after his death and resurrection on the third day, The Holy Ghost will reprove of sin unto the world. He said that when the Age of Law passes by and the Age of Grace comes, it is no longer sin against the Law, and it is sin not to believe in Himself, who had taken away the sins of the Law:

" And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;" (John 16:8-9).

When we believe in Jesus Christ, who took away the sin of the world, and repent with your whole heart for your sin of not believing in Him, all the sins deeply rooted in the hearts of us are removed by the blood of Christ, so that we

may receive eternal life through the Holy Ghost and receive salvation of our souls:

" But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

..... 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.

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 10:3-4; 9:12-14).

When Jesus spoke to his disciples, he spoke of what kinds of sin are in all men's conscience:

" That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit,

lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." (Mark 7:20-23).

That's right! When anyone understand that it is the sin that he did not believe in Jesus Christ, who took away all the sins of the world by imputing to his body on the cross, and repents, all sins are forgiven, and the blood of Christ flows spiritually in the body. When all the thirteen kinds of sin are cleansed taking away all of them,, the soul that was going to hell shall be saved. The Bible says that no one can take the soul away once saved and sanctified:

" By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all..... But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." (Hebrews 10:10, 12-14).

The Apostle Paul also witnessed to the saints in Rome of this wonderful grace:

" Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword??" (Romans 8:33-35)

No one can take away the salvation of Christians whose souls have been saved because they have faith in Christ and His blood has taken away all sins.

However, after being saved, we must constantly confess our sins to be sanctified by purifying our soul with the washing of water by the word (Eph. 5:26). The Lord also prayed to sanctify his disciples by the word of the Father, that is the truth (John 17:17). Christians confess and repent of their sins daily, not in order to be saved, but because they must be purified to be like Christ unto holiness, until they meet Christ Jesus, until they work out their salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). The Apostle John testified of the Christian life of confession of sins:

" If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:9-10).

Solomon praised his own bride, Sulamite woman, for seeing her in beautiful holiness. He spoke unto her of her eyes, hair, teeth, lips, cheeks, neck, and her two breasts. Our Lord Jesus Christ also wants the Christians who will meet with the Lord in the day of His appearing to be seen as holy as the Shulamite woman.

Christ looks only at us, and He wants our eyes to be hidden in our hair like his sulamite woman, and to look only at him like dove. Sins occur when we stop looking only at the Lord. In old days, Eve our grandmother turned her own eyes to the serpent, then she committed the unimaginable sin that she passed unto all humans. Even today, Christians commit the sin of spiritual adultery when they fall in love with the world by turning their eyes to the world instead of looking to the Lord (James 4:4).

Also, the Lord wants our souls to be white and pure like sheep sheared. Also, he wants to bear many fruits, as if giving birth to twins, without any barren children. He always wants to be the bride who win souls through the fruit of the Spirit:

" Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (John 15:2).

When Solomon saw the lips of a Shulamite woman as a thread of scarlet as the blood of Christ. Rahab, the prostitute who hid the two spies in the old days, hung a scarlet thread on the window and saved the whole family, so that the pomegranate contains grains as the souls of her family. Solomon praised her like a piece of a pomegranate side. In addition, her figure shows the image of the bride of Christ who was beautifully put on the full armor of God through the anointing of the blood, the word, and the Holy Ghost.

Solomon says that the words of the Sulamite woman are beautiful. That's right! The Lord wants his own brides to use beautiful words. Apostle Paul testified of this:

" Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.... Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. " (Ephesians 5:4; Col 4:6)

The Lord not wants Christians to have stiff neck, not as proud and straight-necked as the Jews of old, but as a neck to rebuke and fight against sinners with a straight neck as Stephen did.

Solomon says that the two breasts of a Shulamite woman are like two young twins, a roe deer that feed among lilies. The Lord wants his own bride Christians to live spiritually balanced lives. Jesus, the only begotten Son, whose Word became flesh, was full of grace and truth (John 1:14). The Apostle Paul told the saints in Colossae that he had heard your faith in Jesus and your love for all the saints. A balanced life through the Word and prayer is also a beautiful thing.

The Apostle Paul testified when he wrote to the Thessalonian church members, "**For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:**" (1 Thessalonians 4:3). "**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**" (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Amen! Hallelujah!