

April 5, 2020 'I am His, He is Mine' Devotion notes

'I am Yours, and You are mine' Knowing Christ, knowing He is in us, knowing His call & purposes, knowing opposition comes... how do we conduct ourselves ... what truths do we pull on?

Acts 27:18-26

V18-19 ...working with their own hands and **v20** 'we finally gave up all hope of being saved'

They didn't lose hope – they gave it up; everything that can be shaken will be – created things will be shaken so the unshakeable can stand. (Consider: Can't lose first love).

V23: *'Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me...'*

Do you **know** He is with you? Within you?

Song of Songs has a base in human intimacy but if you'll receive it, is a clear and beautiful picture of God and Israel, Christ and His Church; some of the most intimate of Scriptures about Him and His passionate love for mankind – with clear intention that mankind would reciprocate. Ch 2: 'my beloved' 'my darling' 'my beautiful one'; v14 'my dove'; v16: 'My beloved is mine and I am His' - repeated in 6:3 'I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine.'

He wants to see your face – your face is lovely to Him; He wants to hear your voice; He is the passionate lover of your soul, of my soul, of every soul.

1. **I AM HIS - I belong to him.**

God Himself has made us: Psalm 139:14; Ephesians 2:8-10; Colossians 1:16. We are created wonderfully, and we are re-created wonderfully; in him; through him and for him. God Himself has purchased us: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:18-29. He has loved us, made us and purchased us and it is to this Jesus, to whom I belong.

2. **HE IS MINE - He belongs to me.** What's His is mine and what's mine is His - an amazing covenant – established at huge cost to Him – He is the way maker and He is the covenant keeper – like a marriage – a profound mystery but the two become one. In talking about Christ and you, Christ and me, and Christ and every believer: Paul put it this way from Ephesians 5:30-32: *'for we are members of his body.'*³¹ *"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."*³² *This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.*

If God is for me? If He is mine! Then nothing can take me out. **Romans 8:35-39** No person – no created thing can separate us from His love – nothing can put any distance between God and His love for me – except me. Left up to God alone? He's done everything He can: *'He's blessed us with every spiritual blessing'* **Ephesians 1:3.** Jude understood somethings: v24-25: *"²⁴To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— ²⁵to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."*

These are strange times; different times, and difficult times – they are testing times – times of great testing – Paul tested positive in his relationship with God; everything placed in God's hands is safe – we may not be able to touch but we could not be in safer hands. No created thing can take you out of those hands, but we must cherish our relationship with Him; we must hold on to what's true and not let go of the hope that is in us through Him. He wants to see your face. He wants to hear your voice.

We see people in Acts 27 – self-sabotaging – giving up all hope – they had some sort of understanding that *all was lost* but what we need is the illumination that 'I belong to Him' and 'He is mine' and nothing, no one should be lost – no damage incurred and everyone in our boats landing safely. He wants to bring everyone home safely. These times will pass, and storms will Passover. We can't give up – His plans are still in place; His purposes are still prevailing, and He will always be working things for good. **I am His, and He is mine.**