Behold The Bridegroom Cometh

(This message was spoken at the, Ladies Home Journey meeting for the month of August 2021)

The title of my message was inspired by a song I had heard years ago by Julie Meyer titled: *"Behold The Bridegroom Cometh."* This song is still on YouTube if you care to look it up. It sends my spirit soaring into realms of His glory.

Beloved Bride your Bridegroom is coming back soon for you….Are you ready?

I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine.
Song of Songs 6:3a

I would like to speak about us, you and I who are the Bride of Jesus Christ. Yeshua is Hebrew/Aramaic and Jesus is English. I personally like to refer to Jesus as Yeshua, his Hebrew name. My scripture references will be from the book; Song of Songs, you may know it as the Song of Solomon. It is pronounced in the Hebrew as:

The Song of Songs שִׁיר
(Shir Hashirim) הַשִּׁירִים
(SHEER hah-shee-REEM)
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When Hebrew scholars speak of the Song of Songs they tell us that it is the best of **all** songs, it is the SONG of all Songs. Did you know there are about 185 songs written in the scriptures and the Song of Songs is the holiest and best of all?

The Hebrew language is full of word pictures. Song of Songs is a love language with amazing descriptive word pictures. There are 4 basic levels of Hebraic understanding* and we will touch on all for levels as we speak about the Shulamite and her Beloved. (*Listed on pg. 68, of my book; ABBA I Give You My Heart.)

This ultimate Song is a beautiful picture of the Bridegroom (the Beloved) and His Bride (the Shulamite.) It's an expression of dancing with the Bridegroom in fullness which is spiritual maturity. Song of Songs is about intimacy with the LORD on the deepest level, Spirit to spirit.

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We see this deep level of intimacy in Deuteronomy 34:10. It speaks about Moses (Moshe) knew the LORD face to face. The Hebrew understanding of face to face is: there is nothing between you and God. You have full access to His presence. It is the deepest intimacy that you can experience with your Creator.

Always remember as we are speaking about the Shulamite or the Bride that we are speaking about YOU, the "called out ones" *Ekklesia* in the Greek. You are the beloved Bride that Yeshua your Bridegroom is coming back for. He commands us to keep our lamps trimmed and ready. MARANATH – LORD Jesus come quickly!

Currently on the Hebrew calendar we are in the month of Elul. As I was reading my devotions this morning I discovered something very interesting.

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This scripture reference SOS 6:3a when looked at as an acrostic spells out the name Elul. God wants to meet with us in an intimate way as we remove ourselves from this chaotic world and step into a *Karios moment* (a God moment) in time. Even if it is only briefly…one moment can change the course of our day and our lives. Another interesting thing I discovered was that the Jewish people describe the month of Elul as a time when "the King is in the field." We wants to meet with you and has set aside a "*kairos moment*" to meet you in the field. Beloved, will you take the time to meet with Him?

I am wearing white garments *(picture on right)* as a representation of the pure and spotless Bride (SOS 4:7 says; there is no spot in you) who stands blameless in the presence of her King. When a believer makes that decision to run after their Beloved in full abandonment this is actually called a Bridal mindset. She knows who she is in Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Christ.)

> *Revelation 19:8 and to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen (white cloth) is the righteous acts of the saints.*

A Hebrew word for holiness and being set apart is; ***Kadosh****.*

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Holy: kadosh, kodesh (Strong's #6918, #6944)

- Root: קָדַשׁ (qof, dalet, shin) [sounds like k'desh/k'dosh]
- The root word kodesh actually means "to consecrate." So the word Holy means consecrated, dedicated, set apart…

As the Bride of Yeshua we are consecrated solely to our King with a holy fear and great reverence for Him. I am sure most of us have been reading in the book of Revelation lately. How can we not be overcome with a holy fear as we see His day approaching? Amen?

My Beloved spoke, and said to me:
"Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Song of Songs 2:10

And yes the army boots are a representation of our walk with the LORD. Sometimes we have some tough places that we must walk through. But as we come away with Him, He will lead us by His Spirit in the way we should go.

We find a parable in Luke 19:11-27 that talks about what we are to do with what we have until He comes back for us. As the Bride, we must **occupy until He comes** (Luke 19:13.) This parable that Yeshua spoke, talks about what the servants did with what was given to them. Did they keep it for themselves or did they have MISHPAT & TZEDAKAH (justice & righteousness.) *Luke 19:26 says; "'Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away."* This is a sobering thought and a very good teaching for us to understand. Idleness and complacency are no longer an option…we must occupy till He comes!

In Israel they have a saying; "That person has a good eye." What does that mean? They are generous with what they have. Bride of Christ, do you have a good eye? What are we doing right now with what has been given to us? Are we using the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to us? Yeshua has called us to lift others up. Another Hebrew understanding of MISHPAT & TZEDAKAH is; to lift another out of shame. A lifting out of our shame into a place of honor is what Jesus does for you and me.

WHO IS THE BRIDE?

The Bride is male and female, Jew and Gentile who have answered the high call and left Babylon, never to look back.

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Song of Songs 4:1a
THE BELOVED
Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold you are fair!
You have doves eyes behind your veil…

The Beloved sees that the Bride has *dove's eyes.* The symbol of the dove speaks of single mindedness. When a dove finds a mate, it is for life and it no longer has eyes for any other. The LORD perceives that His Bride has doves' eyes. Why? Because her eyes are fixed solely on Him and no other, she is lovesick. The yearning within her heart burns for her Beloved.

Are we sold out for the LORD or do we have things holding us back from pursuing Him at all costs? Your Bridegroom desires to bring you into His chamber (SOS 1:4a) and to know you, face to face. He has a purpose and a destiny for each one of us. So, what keeps us from entering into all that He has prepared for us?

Have we found that cozy spot, a comfort zone that keeps us from returning to our first love? So what are we saying here? Time is for a brief moment on this planet and you and I are here at this specific time and place in *Chronos time*. The book of Esther says it well: *For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"* *Esther 4:14* Can we take a risk once again and begin to respond to the Spirit of God? His Spirit is stirring us… He's knocking on the door of our heart.

The Shulamite had a troubled evening because the Spirit of God was stirring her but complacency was trying to settle in. BUT GOD…

THE PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE

- Read: Song of Songs 5: 2-8

So something has transpired…the Beloved is drawing the Shulamite out of her comfort zone. He wooing her to take a risk and come out of hiding behind the lattice and seek Him with her whole heart. There is a preparation of the Bride to come into her full potential. He will lead

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her into fullness (maturity) as she responds, leaving her place of comfort to seek Him with every fiber of her being. She is lovesick…

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until her righteousness (TZEDAKAH) goes forth as brightness,
And her salvation as a lamp that burns.

The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,
And all kings your glory.
You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the LORD will name.

You shall also be a crown of glory
In the hand of the LORD,
And a royal diadem
In the hand of your God.

You shall no longer be termed Forsaken,
Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate;
But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;
For the LORD delights in you,
And your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a virgin,
So shall your sons marry you;
And as the Bridegroom rejoices over the Bride,
So shall your God rejoice over YOU.

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As we see the Bride in this image above she is now without boots, her work is done. Her warfare has ended (Isa. 40:20) …she is now joining in union with her Bridegroom. Her destiny is complete. She is walking on *Kadosh* ground (Acts 7:33.)

A VISION IN HEAVEN

Revelation 19:6-8
And I heard a sound like the roar of a great multitude, like the rushing of many waters, and like a mighty rumbling of thunder, crying out: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him the glory. For the marriage of the Lamb has come; and His bride has made herself ready. She was given clothing of fine linen, bright and pure." For the fine linen she wears is the righteous acts; of the saints.…

There is an invitation to all who can hear what the Spirit is saying; The Spirit and the Bride say "Come!"The LORD is wooing us to Him. The parable of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25) warns us to keep oil in our lamps, be prepared. Awake and ready to be accepted into the Beloved…

Let me encourage you eat the Word of God and not just read it. The Bridal mentality is about a state of being in Yeshua Messiah the hope of glory. Amen, let it be so…

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