

The Loveliness Of Christ  
S.O.S. 5:10-16

The theme of S.O.S. is the love of Jesus for His own; the love of the Bridegroom for His bride; the love of the Shepherd for His sheep; the love of the King for His queen.

In this discourse between the bride and the 'daughters of Jerusalem', she tells how after her two-fold disappointment to the Bridegroom, He continued to love her.

The 'daughters of Jerusalem' ask her in verse 9, "What is thy beloved more than another beloved...?" What makes Him so special? The following verses we have her appraisal of Him. She speaks of ...

1. The purity of His life and the riches of His redemption - vs. 10  
'Whiteness', speaks of purity - Heb. 7:25,26  
'Ruddy', speaks of them rich, red blood that was shed for our redemption.  
The two characteristics of the Lord's life & ministry - His sinless life - and His sacrificial death.
2. The glory of His deity and the immutability of His nature - vs. 11  
'His head as most fine gold' - speaks of sovereignty & deity.  
'Locks, bushy & black' - speaks of His vigor, His perennial freshness -  
He is the Lord Who changes not - Malachi 3:6; Heb.13:8  
Thus, His Word will never change - Matt. 24:35
3. The wonder of His omniscience and the accuracy of His judgment - vs. 12  
'The dove's eyes are pure, searching and tender; they are fair, clear and chaste. He sees all and knows all - Proverbs 15:3 Our Lord's eyes are 'fitly set'; He sees things in their true light and in their right perspective. He sees not as man sees - 1 Sam. 16:7
4. The attractiveness and the beauty of His face - vs.13  
'His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers' - The bride sees Him as a beautifully laid out flower garden. Pleasant to behold.  
The unsaved see no beauty in Him - Isaiah 53:2
5. The pure and tender expressions of His love and grace - vs. 13  
'His lips (are) like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh' -  
The purity tenderness and intimacy of fellowship we are bathed in when the Lord draws near us - John 14:23

6. The skillfulness of His guarding, guiding and His providing - vs. 14  
His hands speak of His protection and His guidance - John 10: 28,29 ;  
Psalm 78:72 ; Psalm. 145:16 ; Psalm 23
7. The infinite tenderness of His compassion - vs. 14  
The word “belly” should be rendered “bowels”, a word that in scripture  
always denotes deep feeling - 1 John. 3:17. The bride speaks of the deep  
compassion the Bridegroom has for us, especially when we are in need of  
His sympathy and comfort - Hebrews 4:15
8. His glorious strength, stability and steadfastness - vs. 15  
“His legs , as pillars of marble...” He is well able to bear all the weight of  
the government that is upon His shoulder ( Isaiah 9:6 ) and He will never  
falter.
9. The excellent dignity of His bearing - vs. 15  
The cedars in the forest excel all other trees in height, strength and  
usefulness. Just so, Christ stands out in His splendor, in dignity and in His  
Excellency - Romans 5:12  
How excellent He is in His bearing as He stands before us as our Savior,  
Shepherd and our Sovereign - Psalm 8:1
10. The sweetness of His words - vs. 16  
“His mouth is most sweet...” For example see - Matthew 11:28-30; John  
6:37 ;, John 10:27-29 ; John 14:1-3 ; John 14:27 What comfort and a  
assurance His words provide for us.

This is indeed a full length description that the bride gives of her Bridegroom -  
Our Bridegroom. She says that He is “the chiefest among ten thousand: - that is  
- He is incomparable, unique, unparallel, the pre-eminent One, - and then she  
cries out.... **Yea, He is altogether lovely**. This is my Beloved, and this is my  
friend !

How does this measure up to your estimation and testimony of Him ?  
How does it measure up to your opinion of Him ?