

Song of Songs Chapter Three:

Two Kinds of Warfare

From whose bed do we battle?

3:1 “By night on MY BED”

3:7 “Behold HIS BED”

Where does the warfare happen... My Bed or His Bed?

My bed = On “my bed” I seek in darkness (by night) ...

My fears, thoughts, views... my darkness.

His bed = I *BEHOLD* His bed in revelation Light. I see the Lamb, and
His death / His Cross through which I enter into His rest

Whose Rest are we trying to enter into?

Where is our place?

On what ground do we battle?

3:1 b “I sought him”

Her seeking is in the realm of “I”.

She is seeking him by her soul.

“Whom my soul loveth” is mentioned 4 times in 3:1-4

The word soul is NOT mention in 3:7-11

3:7b “which is Solomon’s”

Real warfare happens on HIS GROUND, the ground He established and maintains forever through His death. If she seeks Him on any other ground, she will lose the battle. When she comes on HIS GROUND (which is Solomon’s) then she is coming under His authority and power of His death.

In what power is she seeking / battling?

3:2 "I will rise now, and go about... seeking Him whom my soul loveth"

*She is seeking him in the power of her soul: (mind, will, emotions).

*She is "going about" to any location and on any ground to find him.

*She is doing all this warfare and battle in her own strength and zeal.

3:8 "They all hold swords being expert in war"

These 60 valiant men of Israel ALL HOLD SWORDS.

The apply the Cross to every enemy of **HIS REST.**

In her mind the enemies are those who hinder **HER REST** because she was selfish and soulish. ***It was all about HER bed, HER rest, HER night, HER soul, etc...*** But those who are valiant in Israel know that it is HIS REST they are protecting, just like David did his whole life. They battle for Christ to have a place of rest in us.

See Psalm 132

The mighty men battle these enemies through the SWORD of the APPLIED CROSS.

They "all hold swords being expert in war"... they know how to win the battle,... apply the sword of the cross!!

They know how to overcome fear in the night (verse 8b)...

Apply the reality of our death with Christ!!

Get on Holy Ground

3:9 "King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon"

Now we have moved from the seeking Shulamite, and even the expert warriors to the King Himself. He has brought her into oneness through His death, but this is not a cheap grace through which her flesh survives. The midst of His throne is "paved with love from the daughters of Jerusalem" (10b). Those who dwell in His throne with Him have suffered with Him and entered in through applying His Cross as the Cross of their own crucifixion.

End of Semester Final!

(for students and anyone else who wants to!)

Please journal your own story through chapters 1-3 in regards to the points we discussed this semester.

This homework needs to be a *minimum* of three and 1/2 typed pages in 12 font Times New Roman.

It is due by email to Kelly by next Thursday, March 19th