

Song of Solomon 5:2-6 (ESV)

“I was asleep, but my heart was awake.
Listen! My beloved is knocking.
‘Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one,
for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night.’
I had taken off my robe should I put it on again?
I had washed my feet should I soil them again?
My beloved thrust his hand through the latch-opening;
my heart began to pound for him.
I rose to open for my beloved,
and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with flowing myrrh,
on the handles of the bolt.
I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had withdrawn and was
gone.
My heart sank at his departure.
I sought him but did not find him; I called him but he gave no
answer.”

Theological Reflection:

This passage from *Song of Solomon* serves as a powerful **allegory of Christ's pursuit of the believer's heart**. The bride represents the soul longing for communion with Christ, the Beloved. Her sleep symbolizes spiritual slumber or delay in responding to His call, while her heart remaining awake signifies a yearning or sensitivity to His presence (cf. *Romans 13:11* "It is high time to wake from sleep").

The **Beloved knocking** illustrates Christ's patient and persistent invitation to fellowship (*Revelation 3:20*), revealing the grace and mercy of God who continually seeks a relationship with His people despite their hesitation.

The bride's hesitation questioning whether to put on her robe again or soil her feet represents the conflict between remaining in a state of separation or sin, and the willingness to respond to God's call (cf. *Isaiah 1:18, Psalm 51:7*).

When she finally rises to open, her hands dripping with myrrh (a fragrant resin used in worship and anointing) symbolizes preparation, devotion, and the costly effort of true repentance and openness before God.

However, the Beloved's withdrawal before she opens is a sobering reminder that **delays in responding to God's call can lead to missed opportunities** for intimate fellowship (*Luke 13:24* "Strive to enter through the narrow door").

What Does Christ Teach His Church?

Revelation 3:20 (ESV):

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." This verse emphasizes Christ's initiative in salvation. He patiently knocks, but it requires our willing response to open the door of our hearts.

Many delay due to worldly distractions or false security, waiting for "the right time" to surrender. This is dangerous because Scripture warns that the moment of salvation is urgent and unpredictable.

Luke 12:36-40 (ESV) exhorts believers to be spiritually vigilant and ready at all times, since Christ's return may come unexpectedly.

The Urgency of Now

The invitation is clear: **Open your heart to Christ now. Do not procrastinate.** Salvation is a present reality, but grace is not guaranteed forever (cf. *Hebrews 3:7-8*).

Delaying risks losing the intimate fellowship Christ desires, and the bride's sorrow reminds us of the pain of missed opportunity.

Practical Application

If you feel the Lord knocking at your heart today, respond immediately. You don't have to wait until life feels perfect or circumstances change. Jesus calls you now.

If you're ready to receive Him as your Savior, please contact us for free prayer support and guidance. We are here to help you walk this new path of faith.

May God bless you richly as you respond to His loving call.

DON'T WAIT—OPEN YOUR HEART NOW

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