

Crystallization-Study – Song of Songs

Pursuing Christ for Satisfaction

- The Crystallization-Study of Song of Songs covers the **living of a Christ-seeker** as depicted in Song of Songs. This living is expressed in **4 stages of experience**.
 1. **Attracted** by **Christ's love**, **charmed** by His **name**, and **captivated** by His **person** to **pursue Him** and be led into the church life.
 2. Called to **remain** in the **cross** that she may be **freed** from her **introspective self** for the fulfilling of her Beloved's purpose concerning her in the divine life.
 3. Called to **live in ascension** and even **within the veil** to experience the stronger cross that she may be **one with God in her spirit** even before rapture.
 4. **Conformed**, ultimately, to be the wonderful **Shulammite**, who, as the duplication of Solomon, is the greatest and ultimate figure of the New Jerusalem.

Man Being Created with a Seeking Heart for God

- The first “crystal” in this book is to **pursue** Christ for **satisfaction**.
 - God created us not only that we may become like Him in life and nature but not in the Godhead. He also created us with a **seeking heart for Himself** so that He could be **our satisfaction**.
 - The **desire** for God, the **seeking** for God, still **remains in man's heart**.
- The wise King Solomon, after his many human experiences, concluded, “Vanity of vanities; all is vanity”.
 - Everything under the sun is vanity of vanities if one does not have God.

Pursuing Christ

- Song of Songs is a book in the Bible that tells us how we can be **properly satisfied with God**.
 - There is no other way except by **pursuing Christ**, because Christ is the very embodiment of the Triune God.
 - **Phil. 3:12** – Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but **I pursue**, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
 - We have to pursue Christ for satisfaction.
 - **S.S. 1:2a** – Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!

- God's ordained way for man to receive Him in this kind of **personal and affectionate way** is first to **believe in Him**.
- To believe in Him is to **receive Him** as the divine life into us so that we may have an **organic union** with God in the divine life.
- After we believe in Christ, after we receive Him as the divine life into us, we have to **love Him**.

The Need for a Personal and Affectionate Relationship with Christ

- Each one must have a **personal and affectionate relationship** with Christ.
 - God works in a **personal and affectionate way**, not in a way of a **movement**.
 - As those who have been born of God, we are the **children of God**, the same as God in life and nature but not in the Godhead. Therefore, our relationship with God has to be **personal and affectionate**.
 - The Lord Jesus lived among men for thirty-three and a half years. This is the personal, affectionate way recorded in the New Testament from the incarnation to the day of resurrection where God came to **build up His relationship with man**.

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