

## Song of Songs 2:8

*The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills.*

You must be at least 30 years old to read today's devotional verse... Just kidding, but in regards to the book of "Song of Songs" or "Song of Solomon", I have heard that the Jews don't allow those under 30 years of age to read it.

Now, I don't know if this is true. But today's devotional is not about that. But reading this small book, written by king Solomon, who he had many, many wives and concubines (**1 Kings 11:3a** *And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines;*), there was one who stood out above the rest and this was written out of his love for her. Some Commentaries say that this could very well be written about Abishag, who belonged to King David in his old age to take care of him, and Solomon married her after King David died.

† **1 Kings 1:1-4** *Now King David was old, advanced in years; and they put covers on him, but he could not get warm. Therefore his servants said to him, "Let a young woman, a virgin, be sought for our lord the king, and let her stand before the king, and let her care for him; and let her lie in your bosom, that our lord the king may be warm." So they sought for a lovely young woman throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. The young woman was very lovely; and she cared for the king, and served him; but the king did not know her.*

I want us to notice the first sentence of today's devotional verse: ***"The voice of my beloved!"*** When you are in love, you really enjoy the voice of your spouse or the voice of the person you are dating. We will even say sometimes, *"I love the sound of your voice when you talk to me."* And how do they respond?

*"Great, now here is what I need you to do \_\_\_\_\_, and I also want you to go and get me some \_\_\_\_\_ and then..."*

A bunch of orders, is that really how they would respond to your tender words of love to him or her?

But isn't that what we do with the Lord? He longs to hear from us, and when we hear that, what do we do? We give Him a laundry list of things to do, and call it prayer, some even jokingly call it a Honey Do list for God.

Really, we hear Him say, ***"The voice of my beloved!"*** and that's how we respond to Him? Do you really, really love the Lord? Then why not talk to Him like you love Him, instead of talking to Him like a servant that you could replace if they don't follow your orders.

Yet how many do replace God with other things if He doesn't answer right away? Or how many will make the wrong choices because they don't wait on God? Would you treat your spouse or someone you love that way? Remember, we are the bride of Christ, therefore He is our bridegroom. So let's start talking to Him as one who truly loves us and that we love in return, instead of like a Genie in a Bottle or a Genie in the Bible.

† **Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT2)** *But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)*

† **1 Corinthians 13:13** *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

† **1 Corinthians 13:4-7** *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*