

Beloved of the Lord:

The description of the Beloved continues - "His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk and fitly set" - S. of S. 5:12. The fulness of the eye to perceive is expressed by the dove in the flowing stream, conveying the thought of tender compassion and unfailing love of the Beloved, with the perfect knowledge that lights His eyes. He is immediate in His perception to show His compassion.

1 - THEY ARE EYES OF TENDER LOVE - To Israel He once said - "No eye pitied thee, and looked upon thee; behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee and covered thy nakedness...and entered into covenant with thee..and thou becamest MINE"-Ezek.16:5-8. Has He not shown His tender love to you and me in the same way? Has He not said to His Bride- "Thou becamest MINE"? -

2 - THEY ARE EYES OF GENTLE LEADING - "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way thou shalt go; I will guide (counsel) thee with mine eye" - Psa.32:8. His ever wakeful eye is upon all His own and in blessed intimacy, our eyes should be upon HIM. He prefers to guide us with His eye, rather than by circumstances!

3 - THEY ARE EYES OF IMMEDIATE PERCEPTION - Asa, king of Judah, failed to rely upon the Lord and was rebuked by the prophet - "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him" - 2 Chron.16:9. Will HE fail to see US? NEVER! "Thou God seest ME", ALWAYS! (Gen.16:13).

4 - THEY ARE EYES OF COMPASSIONATE KINDNESS - "Jesus looking on the young man, LOVED HIM"- Mark 10:21. His eyes rested upon some virtues in him that were commendable and called him to "follow ME". But the "one thing" lacking he would not fulfill! Sad and grieved he left the Saviour and lost treasure in heaven! How many fail to see His loving kindness when HE calls - "Come unto me"!

5 - THEY ARE EYES OF GENTLE BUT RESISTLESS REPROOF - What did they mean to Peter? - when "Jesus turned and LOOKED on Peter...and Peter went out and wept bitterly"- Lu.22:61,62. The crowing of the cock awakened his conscience - for "Peter remembered"- and the look of the Saviour melted his heart! He went out in sorrow and tears, but the prayer of His Master was answered - his faith did not fail! (Lu.22:32). What a faithful BELOVED!

6 - THEY ARE EYES OF SYMPATHETIC FRIENDSHIP - "JESUS WEPT!" - Jno. 11:35. No sham sympathy was this, for those silent tears were a genuine expression of sympathy with the two sisters and for Lazarus. Still waters run deep! Those tears were sincere tokens of heartfelt sympathy for ALL HUMAN SORROW! "There's not a sorrow rends the heart but what the MAN OF SORROWS has a part".

7 - THEY ARE THE EYES OF THE MAN OF SORROWS - His sorrow over Jerusalem! How great it was! "And when He was come near, He beheld the city and wept over it" - Lu. 19:41. What wailing and lamentation was heard - see Matt. 23:37-39. The prophetic words of Jeremiah were also fulfilled in the hour of His greatest sorrow - THE CROSS! "For these things I weep; mine eye runneth down with water"-Lam.1:16. "Mine eyes do fail with tears"-Lam,2:11;3:48. Did He not also mourn over a sinful world as He cried - "Is it nothing to you, ALL ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, where-with the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of His fierce anger" - Lam. 1:12.

8 - THEY ARE TO BE "EYES OF FIRE" TO HIS ENEMIES - When He comes to judge the world, His eyes are described as "a flame of fire" - Rev.1:14;19:11,12. Paul describes His coming in 2 Thess.1:8 - "in flaming fire taking vengeance"etc. Daniel beheld His judicial power - "His throne was like the fiery flame" etc Dan.7:9,10. Terrible, awesome but righteous will be His judgments poured out on the ungodly - Rev.16:5,6.

BUT - to us who look into the face of our Bridegroom of the Church - "HIS EYES ARE AS THE EYES OF DOVES BY THE RIVERS OF WATER, WASHED WITH MILK AND FITLY SET" - HE IS OUR BELOVED! "UNTO YOU THAT BELIEVE HE IS PRECIOUS" - 1 Pet. 2:7

Faithfully yours in Christ,

