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Reading: Song of Solomon 5v2-6, v10-16

It is important that the preacher knows the Lord.

Who is David Harvey?

He was born on a farm near Ferric, Kilmarnock to a non-Christian family where he was not taken to Sunday School. In the 1990s there had to move as they were only tenant farmers. The family bought a shop in Comrie. About that time Ken McDowell and Jack Hay started gospel meetings in Comrie. David got to know a Christian boy, Barry Turnball, at school and was invited along. He finally went one Sunday and after the service was invited back for supper. Because he got a good supper, he kept going back on the Sunday nights. One Sunday Ken preached on the cross in the Gospel of John and went through the sufferings. David realised he was sinner but went away home because he did not want to become a Christian and have to tell his friends. The fact of the Lord Jesus hanging on the cross kept coming back to him. He realised that his friends can laugh you into hell but they cannot laugh you out.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1990, when it was raining, the devil was trying to stop David finding the Lord. He went to Ken's house, Ken read and prayed with him. David opened up his heart in a silent prayer.

He was taken off the broad way and onto the narrow and he has never looked back.

Song of Solomon 5.

v2-6 – Picture of self.

v10-16 – Picture of Lord Jesus.

v2 - “sleep” - no care

- no thought of Christ

What has changed? We have got comfortable; we are sleeping; people have money, a job, two cars – they feel they don't need the Lord.

“beloved that knocketh” - Lord knocks at door

- He won't barge into your life

- Up to you to accept Him, you need to open the door.

v3 making excuses

- “I like what I'm doing”

- “I don't want to change my life”

- “I could never keep it up” - You don't have to – The Lord Jesus gives you strength.

v6 “called Him but no answer” - may come a day when it is too late to call to Him.

If the Lord is challenging you do not put it off. Herod is a warning in Luke's Gospel. He had John Baptist as a prisoner and asked him questions. He put it off and finally had John beheaded. The Lord Jesus was brought to him but He did not speak. It was too late for Herod.

v10 We don't bring a man to you – The Lord Jesus is the very Son of God.

“chiefest” - He is the standard bearer – heads and shoulders above – All of us have fallen short.

v11 “bushy and black”- youthful and enthusiastic

v12 - “eyes of dove” - full of peace.

Think of Peter – as he denied and the cock crew the Lord looked – not with anger but with compassion.

He wants us to come to him - “[As hen gathereth brood under wing](#)”

v8 - “bed of spices” - fragrance – Lord Jesus always sweet to smell and taste.

“lips” - pure, never said anything out of place.

v14 “hands” - pure and precious

“[stretched forth and touched](#)” the one “[full of leprosy](#)” - The one who had not felt human touch for many years.

The hands that did so many mighty works were pierced through with nails.

“stomach” - inmost being – pure - The Lord did not have any sin in Him – Peter could say of Him “[Thou art the Christ, the Son of God](#)”.

v15 “pillars” - mainstay

Think of the story of the lost sheep. Lord Jesus carries us with his strength.

“fine” - all the impurities taken out – He has gone through the trial.

The Lord didn't have any dark spot – we do, but he can wash it “[white as snow](#)”.

If we put our trust in him He will wash us white as snow.

As we look at our Savior we can say He is all together lovely.

Most important to be able to say “[This is my beloved, and this is my friend](#)”

Don't need anything fancy – no great knowledge or long prayers – need to accept you are a sinner and need Him as Saviour.

Put your faith in him and make Him your Saviour.