

***THE FAIREST OF TEN THOUSAND: THE SONG OF THE SHULAMITE***  
***THE ATTRIBUTES OF JESUS IN SONG OF SOLOMON 5:10-16***  
***SESSION EIGHT: THE KING'S GRACIOUS SPEECH (SONG 5:13B)***  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

The Scriptures declare that the power of life and death is in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21), and that the entire course of life can be set ablaze by the words of an influential person (James 3:6). How important it is, therefore, that the One with infinite power and influence have gracious and gentle speech. In this session, we will consider the grace of the King's spoken words, and how we may receive maximum blessing from them.

**I. THE METAPHOR – “HIS LIPS ARE LIKE LILIES, DRIPPING LIQUID MYRRH.”**

- A. His lips are His words
- B. They are lovely and filled with grace
- C. They strengthen us for obedience

**II. THE GRACIOUS WORDS OF THE KING**

- A. *“She thinks of the lips as speaking. All that comes forth from them, the breath in itself, and the breath formed into words, is most precious myrrh.” (Keil & Delitzsch, Commentary on the Old Testament)*
- B. Psalm 45:2 – Grace is poured upon His lips  
***Psalm 45:2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.***
  - 1. Sweetness, charm, loveliness
    - a. Psalm 119:103 – words sweeter than honey  
***Psalm 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!***
    - b. Proverbs 16:21 – sweetness of the lips increases learning  
***Proverbs 16:21 The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.***
    - c. Proverbs 25:11 – “a word fitly spoke is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”  
***Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.***
    - d. Luke 4:22 – gracious words from Jesus' mouth  
***Luke 4:22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.***

- e. John 7:46 – “no one ever spoke like this Man!”

***John 7:46 The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”***

2. Enabling power

- a. Daniel 10:11 – the Word of the Lord strengthens him to stand

***Daniel 10:11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.***

- b. Psalm 119:28 – soul strengthened by the Word

***Psalm 119:28 My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.***

- c. Psalm 119:92 – delightful law sustains in affliction

***Psalm 119:92 Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.***

- d. Ecclesiastes 12:11 – “words of the wise are like goads.” This speaks of stimulus and power to do the right and wise thing in a given situation

***Ecclesiastes 12:11 The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.***

- e. Isaiah 50:4 – word to strengthen the weary

***Isaiah 50:4 “The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.***

- f. Hebrews 4:16 – grace to help in time of need

***Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

3. Irresistible wisdom (promised to His people)

- a. Luke 21:15 – Jesus will give wisdom that cannot be contradicted or withstood

***Luke 21:15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.***

This is Jesus’ promise to us in the context of speaking prophetic truth that will arouse and expose resistance from those who oppose Him. Apostolic power demands a response, either of conviction or persecution.

- b. Acts 6:10 – Stephen's teaching was irresistible

*Acts 6:10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.*

- c. Titus 2:7-8 – sound speech that cannot be condemned

*Titus 2:7–8 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, & sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.*

### III. THE BEAUTY OF HIS WORD

“Like lilies . . .” Mainly used in poetic material as a symbol of beauty. The use of this term in Song of Solomon 5:13 suggests fragrance or beautiful shape to the King's lips.

- A. Psalm 119:18 – wondrous things in the Law

*Psalm 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.*

- B. Psalm 119:35 – delightful commandments

*Psalm 119:35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.*

- C. Psalm 119:47-48 – loving, delightful meditation on the commandments

*Psalm 119:47–48 And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love. 48 My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, Which I love, And I will meditate on Your statutes.*

- D. Psalm 119:72 – Law of His mouth better than gold or silver

*Psalm 119:72 The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.*

- E. Psalm 119:140 – pure word, loved by the servant

*Psalm 119:140 Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.*

### IV. THE SORROWFUL CUP OF OBEDIENCE

“*Dripping liquid myrrh . . .*” This refers to the reality that the Word of God penetrates to the center of our being, addressing and removing everything that hinders love.

**Rev 10:9-10; Eze 3; Prophetic word tastes sweet, makes stomach bitter**

- A. Sinful things in our souls that separate us from His loving purposes

1. Hebrews 4:12 – sharpness of the Word, and its penetrating power
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*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

2. 1 Corinthians 14:24-25 – the convicting nature of the prophetic word

*1 Corinthians 14:24–25 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. 25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.*

- B. Grief over the loss involved in moving on to the fullness of His desires

1. Psalm 45:10-11 – “leave your father’s house”

*Psalm 45:10–11 Listen, O daughter, Consider and incline your ear; Forget your own people also, and your father’s house; 11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty; Because He is your Lord, worship Him.*

2. Deuteronomy 21:10-14 – code of ethics in war; imagery of spiritual growth

*Deuteronomy 21:13 She shall put off the clothes of her captivity, remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month; after that you may go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.*

3. Matthew 10:37-39 – rejection of all other values in light of His value; involves counting cost and embracing loss

*Matthew 10:37–39 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.*

4. Philippians 3:4-11 – counting all things loss

*Philippians 3:7–8 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ*

## CONCLUSION:

The privilege of encountering the Living Word of God – the Person of Jesus Christ – by His Spirit and in the written Word, is of incomparable value to us as His beloved ones. In all your getting, get the gracious power of the Word of Christ dwelling richly in your heart, strengthening and equipping you for all that He has in store.