

August 14, 2021
Song 6.3
Elul Beloved



[from Lori Wilson]

Last week I spoke
on the Sh'khinah
Sh'khinah = Kavod Adoni
כְּבוֹד יְיָ = שְׁכִינָה
Divine dwelling = Glory of G-d
*[Practice pronunciation? Altogether now.
Only thing that was important in Bible days.]*

Metaphorically the cherubs / keruvim represent this.

T'hilim / Ps 27.4 **One thing** have I asked of Adoni, that will I seek: to dwell in the House of Adoni all the days of my life, **to behold the beauty of Adoni**, and to meditate in His Temple.
*[Beauty = Shekhinah = Kavod Adoni = glory of G-d Note Ps 27
Need to add ...]*

Rev. 1.12-16 I turned around to see who was speaking to me; and when I had turned, I saw seven gold menorahs; and among the menorahs was someone like a Son of Man, wearing a robe down to his feet and a gold band around his chest. His head and hair were as white as snow-white wool, his eyes like a fiery flame, his feet like burnished brass refined in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, out of his mouth went a sharp double-edged sword, and **His face was like the sun shining at full strength.**

Messiah Yeshua
IS the Sh'khinah,
the Kavod Adoni!

1 Cor 4.6 For it is the God who once said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has made his light shine in our hearts, the light of the knowledge of **God's glory** shining in the face of the Messiah Yeshua.

We are in the Hebrew calendar month of Elul

This relates to the Sh'khinah ...

« August 2021 »						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28th of Au. 5781	29th of Au. 5781	30th of Au. 5781	31st of Au. 5781	1st of Au. 5781	2nd of Au. 5781	3rd of Au. 5781
4th of Elul 5781	5th of Elul 5781	6th of Elul 5781	7th of Elul 5781	8th of Elul 5781	9th of Elul 5781	10th of Elul 5781
11th of Elul 5781	12th of Elul 5781	13th of Elul 5781	14th of Elul 5781	15th of Elul 5781	16th of Elul 5781	17th of Elul 5781
18th of Elul 5781	19th of Elul 5781	20th of Elul 5781	21st of Elul 5781	22nd of Elul 5781	23rd of Elul 5781	24th of Elul 5781
25th of Elul 5781	26th of Elul 5781	27th of Elul 5781	28th of Elul 5781	29th of Elul 5781	30th of Elul 5781	1st of Tishrei 5781
« September 2021 »						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2nd of Tishrei 5781	3rd of Tishrei 5781	4th of Tishrei 5781	5th of Tishrei 5781	6th of Tishrei 5781	7th of Tishrei 5781	8th of Tishrei 5781
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The name of the month Elul, like the names of the rest of the Hebrew calendar months, was brought from the Babylonian captivity, and originated from the Akkadian word for “harvest.”

[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elul>

However, the rabbis saw an acronym]

Jewish sources from the 14th century and on write that the Hebrew word "Elul" can be understood to be an acronym for the phrase "Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li" – "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine"

[Hebrew alphabet acronym]

אָנִי לְדוֹדִי וְדוֹדִי לִי ← אֵלוּל ← אֵלוּל

Anee l'dodi, v'dodi li

I am my beloved's and he is mine.

Elul אֵלוּל Beloved

Song of Songs 6.3

I belong to the man I love, and he belongs to me.

אָנִי לְדוֹדִי וְדוֹדִי לִי ← אֵלוּל ← אֵלוּל

Anee l'dodi, v'dodi li

I AM MY BELOVED'S

אָנִי לְדוֹדִי

Ani l'dodi



[TLV: I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. Passion for G-d and His Glory!]

In Jewish tradition, the month of Elul is a time of loving repentance in preparation for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Of preparing to approach the Sh'khinah, the Beloved.

It is customary to blow the shofar every morning. The blasts are meant to awaken one's spirits and inspire him to begin the soul searching which will prepare him for the High Holy Days.

As part of this preparation, Elul is the time to begin the sometimes-difficult process of granting and asking for forgiveness. It is also customary to recite Psalm 27 every day from Rosh Hodesh Elul through Hoshanah Rabbah on Sukkot.

[I forgive you for ...

Will you forgive me for ...]

There are three variant forms of the Ani l'dodi statement

Song 2.16 **My lover is mine, and I am his!**

Dodi li v'ani lo דוֹדִי לִי וְאֲנִי לוֹ

[This is the one we sing.]

Song of Songs 6.3 **I belong to the man I love, and he belongs to me.**

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Anee l'dodi, v'dodi li

[TLV: I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. Passion for G-d and His Glory! This is the one the month of Elul is said to incorporate.]

Song 7.11 **I am my lover's, and his desire is for me.**

אֲנִי לְדוֹדִי, וְעַלֵּי תְּשׁוּקָתוֹ.

Ani l'dodi, v'eilei t'shukato

[This is the final and highest form.]

We will do an extended study in the book of the Song of Songs for the month of Elul.

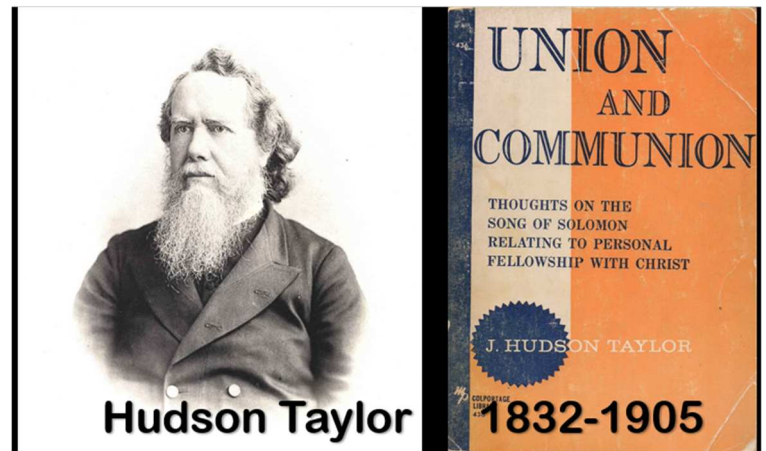
The society that he began was responsible for bringing over 18,000 Chinese people to faith in Messiah, 800 missionaries to the country who started 125 schools as well as the establishment of more than 300 stations of work with more than 500 local helpers in all eighteen provinces. Taylor could speak fluently three dialects of Chinese.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_Taylor

Work among God's ancient people occupied a special place in the prayerful sympathy of both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. On the first day of every

year during his time as head of the China Inland Mission, Hudson Taylor sent a check to the Mildmay Mission to the Jews, London, on which was written, "To the Jew first."

<https://jewinthepew.org/2016/01/01/1-january-1897-to-the-jew-first-hudson-taylor-sends-donation-to-john-wilkinson/>



Introduction to the Song of Songs

Full name of the book is after the first line:

Song 1.1 The song of songs, of Solomon שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים, אֲשֶׁר לְשִׁלְמוֹה
Shir hashirim, asher l'Shlomo

Song of Songs, *Shir haShirim*, שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים Superlative song!

~King of kings, Lord of lord, Holy of Holies

~Superlative union of branch and vine:

^{Yn 15.11-13} I have said this to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy be full ... No one has greater love than a person who lays down his life for his friends.

^{1 Yn 1.3-4} Our fellowship is with the Father and His Son, Yeshua the Messiah. These things we write so our joy may be full.

Outline of Song of Songs

Six sections

1. Unsatisfied life and remedy 1.2-2.7
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[We will cover the first section today, and continue, I believe next week.]

Three speakers in this book

1. The bride, Shulamit
2. The bridegroom, Shomo / Solomon, the King
3. The Daughters of Jerusalem chorus

Text study of Song of Songs

1. Unsatisfied life and remedy 1.2-2.7

Song 1.2 [She] Let him smother me with kisses from his mouth, for your love is better than wine.

[Dissatisfied lover. She is missing his presence, his touch. Kisses from His Word. No satisfaction without His contact.]

Gal. 4.15 So what has become of the joy you felt?

^{~lyov/Job 23.3} I wish I knew where I could find him; then I would go to where he is.

Rev. 2.4 But I have this against you: you have lost the love you had at first.

^{Yermiyahu/Jer 2.1-4} Again the word of Adoni came to me, saying: "Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, thus says Adoni: I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, and the way you followed Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. Israel was kadosh to Adoni, the firstfruits of the harvest ... "What fault did your fathers find in Me that they strayed so far from Me?"

[So, what is the holdup? Hudson Taylor offers some possibilities, based on the context: She retains her own name/identity, will to obey, surrender [dance], control of possessions, money, service energy.]

Why? Distrust of the Divine Lover. Deep seated distrust of our loving Lord is great proof of the deep Fall of mankind...hesitate to give ourselves entirely to Him.]

^{Yeshayahu/Is 30.18} Yet Adoni is just waiting to show you favor, ^{CJB}

Therefore Adoni is longing to be gracious to you. ^{TLV}

Thus He will be exalted, so He may have mercy on you.

For Adoni is a God of justice.

^{Song 2.14 [He]} Let me see your face and hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

[This is what G-d in Messiah thinks of us!!]

Song 1.3 [She] Your anointing oils have a wonderful fragrance; your name is like perfume poured out. This is why young women love you.

[Reminiscing of His presence. No oil like Cohen Hagadol/High Priest. She cannot dismiss her fears, yet tremblingly yields all ... fearful of poverty mentality, ascetism ... rather ...]

Song 1.4 [She] “Take me with you. We will run after you.”
[Statement of surrender!]

Song 1.4 [She] The king has brought me into his rooms.

Tehillim/Ps 5.3 Adoni, in the morning You hear my voice. In the morning I order my prayer before You and **watch expectantly**.

[Private, personal intimacy with His wondrous love. He desires us. Not for begrudging obedience, but glad surrender. “We do not admire selfish children who only think of what they can get from their parents, and are unmindful of the pleasure that they may give or the service they can offer”

Cf: morning watch. World is relatively still. Sound of traffic minimal. Text messages email, maybe not yet. Brain is not cluttered with stressors. No time so profitable. If not ... other times, but special.

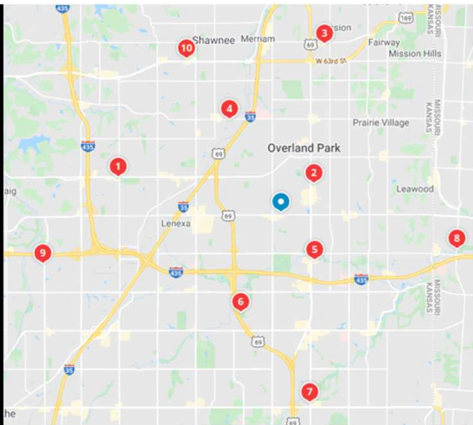
Leave with expectation that the day will be wrought in His power.]

Song 1.4 [Chorus: Daughters of Zion] Let us rejoice and be glad in you; let us extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you!

[So, the day is improved by definition. Chorus cheers her decision!

Next verse is politically incorrect. Bible days no mania for suntan. Sun tan mania is somewhat gone away with concerns over skin cancer. Arabs to this day dress to avoid sun. Not ~Doonesbury cartoon, Zonker competing in the for big tanning competitions like the George Hamilton Cocoa Butter Open. Nevertheless, there are still ten tanning salons within the OP region.]

Tanning salons in the Overland Park area still!



Song 1.5 [She] I am dark tan
[He] but beautiful,
[She] you daughters of Yerushalayim, like the tents of Kedar,
[He] like the curtains of Shlomo.
[She sees herself as flawed. But the Heavenly lover, Bridegroom G-d, sees her potential, her redeemed self.]

Song 1.6 [She] Don't stare at me because I'm dark; it's the sun that tanned me. My mother's sons were angry with me and made me look after the vineyards. But I haven't cared for my own vineyard.
[Fundamental mistake in serving Messiah Yeshua, is being busy in the vineyard, and not caring for your spirit, your joy, your attitudes, your love! Remove speck from brother's eye, and not tend to the beam in our own. What we are is >> than what we do! But what we do is visible. Tyranny of the urgent.

Time...with Adoni Yeshua, with spouse, with children, with friends. Remember, this was written by a man that led 18,000 to Messiah and a large organization.]

Song 1.7 [She] Tell me, my love, where you pasture your flock, where you have them rest at noon; for why should I veil myself [like a prostitute] beside the flocks of your friends?

[She wants to work, but WITH Him.

Zeal asks, "What can I do for G-d."

Maturity asks, "What is G-d doing, that I can join in?"

Winograd: If you labor because you see a need, you will kill yourself and your loved ones.

If you labor because of Yeshua, you will be energized, and bless others.

Lots of ways to serve here: children's Ed., Oneg, ushers, sound booth, Sukkot outreach. But be led, subject to training, energized. Me?]

Song 1.8 [Daughters of Jerusalem] **If you yourself do not know, O most beautiful among women, go out yourself in the footsteps of the flock and graze your kids by the shepherds' tents.**

[Find Him by seeking those He is caring for.]

~Yn 21.15 **After breakfast, Yeshua said to Shim'on Kefa, "Shim'on Bar-Yochanan, do you love me more than these?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I'm your friend." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."**

[If not sure of ministry calling...Caring for His lambs will enrich you in His presence.]

Mtt. 25.40 **The King will say to them, 'Yes! I tell you that whenever you did these things for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did them for me!'**



Our neighborhood City Wide Prayer meeting had a presentation by Dr. Steve Hunsley, a retired pediatrician, who had a son with Dravet Syndrome and autism. 90% of congregations couldn't handle disabled. One out of six kids today have some disability!

[<https://youtu.be/VfhQ8Gf5jAc>

[SOAR - Why your Church needs a Special Needs Ministry - YouTube](#)]

The bridegroom responds with his commendation of her heart desire...in their cultural terms:

Song 1.9 [He] **My love, I compare you with my mare, pulling one of Pharaoh's chariots.**

[Hudson Taylor illustration: Best horses from Arabia, from Egypt. p 35-36]

Song 1.10-11 [He] **Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your neck with its strings of beads; we will make you ornaments of gold, studded with silver.**

[She is beautiful, stately, useful, adorned, and He will add with value and excellence.]

Song 1.12-14 [She] **While the king is on his couch, my spikenard spreads its fragrance. My lover is my pouch of myrrh, passing the night between my breasts. My love is to me a spray of henna blooms in the vineyards of Ein-gedi. In His presence, we can share Life!**

[En-gedi is a luxuriant oasis in the moonscape of the Dead Sea coast. The Dead Sea coast is horrifically desolate, barren, death valley.]

Ein Gedi oasis



You can almost feel the presence of David and his men, hiding from murderous King Shaul.

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2 Cor. 2.15-16 **For we are the aroma of Messiah to God, among those who are being saved and those who are perishing — to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. Who is competent for these things?**

[What is your aroma?]

Song 1.15 [He] **How lovely you are, my darling, how lovely! Your eyes are as doves.**

How can that be truthfully said?

2 Cor. 3.18 **All of us, with faces unveiled, see as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; and we are being changed into his very image, from one degree of glory to the next, by Adoni the Spirit.**

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Hawks also have beautiful eyes

Hawk eyes



Hawk eyes: beautiful, quick, penetrating ready for attacking, killing, devouring prey.

Dove eyes



Breathe a sigh of relaxation when see dove eyes.

David had many flaws, adultery, murder, lying.

But he was not allowed to build the Temple because of his warlike nature. War is good and necessary, but

“If we would be soul-winners and build up the Kingdom, which is His temple, let us note this: not [only] by discussion or by argument, but by lifting up Messiah.” Hudson Taylor *Union and Communion* p 41

[Man who won 18,000 souls]

Song 1.16-2.1 [She] How handsome you are, my lover! Oh, so delightful! Yes, our couch is luxuriant. The beams of our houses are cedar trees, our panels are cypress trees. I am but a rose from the Sharon, just a lily in the valleys. אֲנִי חַבְצֶלֶת הַשָּׁרוֹן, שׁוֹשַׁנַּת הָעֲמָקִים

Song 2.2 [He] Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the other women.

Song 2.3 [She] Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my lover among the sons. In his shadow I delighted to sit, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

[Refreshing fruit, shade, rest. Her distrust formerly has vanished.]

Song 2.3-7 [She] He brings me to the banquet hall; his banner over me is love. Sustain me with raisin cakes, refresh me with apples— for I am weak with love. His left hand is under my head.

[2.3 fearlessly she can sit at His side at His acknowledged spouse.

2.5 -6 Blessedness of being possessed.]

Song 2.3-7 [She] and his right hand embraces me. Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you, by the gazelles and does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it delights.

[You may always be abiding,

If you will at Yeshua's side,

In the secret of His presence,

You may every moment hide.

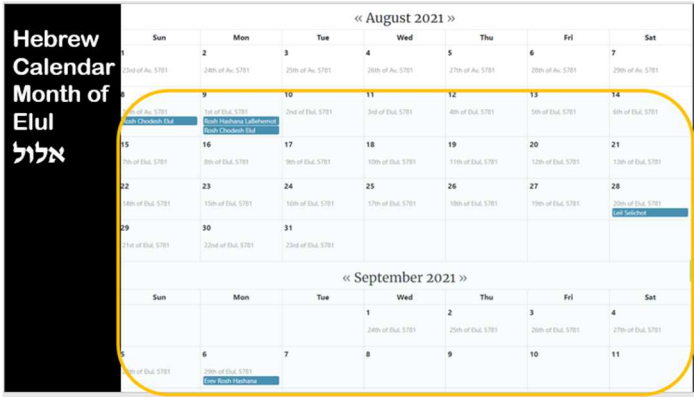
His love does not fail. "Abide in Me, and I in you."]

•Roger Babson, a famous statistician was having lunch with the President of Argentina, "Mr. Babson," the President said, "I have been wondering why it is that South America, with all its natural advantages, mines of iron, copper, coal and silver,

•rivers and great waterfalls is so far behind North America?" Babson replied, "Well, Mr. President, what do you think is the reason?" He answered, "..South America was founded by the Spanish who came in search of gold. North America was founded by the Pilgrims who went there in search of God." *[George Whitten]*

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Elul continues till Rosh HaShanah at the first of Tishri, Sept. 6, Labor Day.

I would challenge us to enter into an Elul seeking of the Bridegroom in fasting. Suggested by Stewart Winograd, actually until Yom Kippur, Tishri 10. From Stewart:

The focus I have been given from the Lord is this:

- Passionate intercession for an awakening (revival) in the body of Messiah, for all believers in Yeshua, starting with our own hearts.

- A desperate cry for a great outpouring of the Ruakh Ha Kodesh. (Like we saw in the Book of Acts and in various times and places in history.) The purpose and desired result of the above leads us to:

- Urgent, compassion-filled prayer for the lost. For the good news of Yeshua's salvation to go viral through His revived body; for a great harvest of thousands, even tens of thousands, of Jews and Gentiles in the coming year.

“Is not this the fast I choose: to release the bonds of wickedness, to untie the cords of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to tear off every yoke?” Isaiah 58:6

Remember the purpose of fasting is to make yourself less sensitive to the things that satisfy your flesh and more sensitive to the things of God's Spirit and to give more time to focused prayer.

We set aside the time we would be preparing meals and eating; to pray, read the Bible, and worship. We are hungry for God and to see His breakthroughs.

- Fast from solid foods.
- Fast from solid foods at a specific time each day (i.e. 10 am-7 pm, sunup to sundown, etc.).
- Fast from solid food one meal per day or eat only one meal of solid food per day.
- Daniel Fast, fast from prepared foods and wine (alcohol).... eat fruits, vegetables, nuts, and liquids.
- You can also mix and match these fasts, perhaps doing a different fast each week of the 40 days.

[Not quite 40 days left, but now, or soon, till YK. Intensify during the 10 days from RH to YK, especially considering Sukkot outreach.]

- In addition to the food-based fasts above, consider adding a fast from your favorite TV show, internet browsing, social media, and/or some other pleasures

Song 2:16 **My lover is mine, and I am his! He grazes his flocks among the lilies.**

דודי לי וְאֲנִי לוֹ הִרְעָה בְּשׂוֹשַׁנִּים

Dodi li v'ani lo, ha ro-eh ba-shoshanim
[This is the one we sing]

1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another?

[Who are you discipling, building up? 4]