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April 2, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 33 – Crowned with Love

"Of the wood of Lebanon Solomon the king made himself a palanquin: He made its pillars of silver, its support of gold, its seat of purple, its interior paved with love by (for) the daughters of Jerusalem." (Song 3:9-10)

In Song of Solomon 3:9-10, we see a beautiful picture of a royal wedding procession, which also speaks to the safety and love that King Jesus offers to His people. The "palanquin" mentioned here is a type of royal chariot or seat that would be carried by others. In this context, it represents how Jesus, as King, has designed a special, eternal place of refuge and safety for us, His Bride. Just as a king would create a magnificent chariot, Jesus Himself has crafted this "palanquin" to carry His beloved, ensuring her safety and rest. Every detail of this seat reflects Jesus' care and His deep love for us.

"Go forth, O daughters of Zion, and see King Solomon with the crown with which His mother crowned Him on the day of His wedding, the day of the gladness of His heart." (Song 3:11)

The "mother" symbolizes the Church and those who do God's will. In Matthew 12:46-50, Jesus says that those who do the will of God are His true family, His "mother and brothers."

The passage in Song of Solomon highlights a special crown that Jesus receives on the day of His wedding. This crown is different from any crown He might receive for His victories in battle or ruling over a nation. It is a crown given to Him out of love on the day He marries His Bride, the Church. While Jesus went through sorrow and suffering in His earthly life, He looks forward to this "day of gladness" when He will be crowned with love by His Bride.

The crown that Jesus desires most is the one we give Him through our voluntary love and devotion to Him. When we love Jesus with all our heart and submit to Him as our King, we are crowning Him as our Bridegroom King. This is the crown He longs for most, the crown of our hearts. This wedding day is described in Revelation 19:6-8. It is the day we fully give Him everything.

In summary, this passage speaks to the deep, intimate relationship between Jesus and His Church, and how our love and submission to Him is the crown that makes Him glad. This is the wedding day Jesus is eagerly waiting for, the day when His Bride fully gives herself to Him in love and devotion.