

- I. "Your neck is like the tower of David, / Built for an armory; / A thousand bucklers hang on it, / All the shields of the mighty men"—S. S. 4:4:
- A) The neck signifies the human will under God; the Lord considers the submission of our will a most beautiful thing.
 - B) The lover of Christ is beautiful in having a will that is submissive to Christ (neck like the tower of David) and that is rich in the defending power (bucklers and shields of the mighty men): ① If we have a submissive will, a will that has been subdued like a flock of goats on a mountainside (v. 1b), our will is expressed like the tower of David that holds all kinds of weapons against the attacks. S.S. 4:1 Oh, you are beautiful, my love! Oh, you are beautiful! Your eyes are like doves behind your veil; Your hair is like a flock of goats That repose on Mount Gilead. ② The lover of Christ has come out of her natural will, and now she is standing in her resurrected will against the enemy. ③ The more our will is subdued, the more we will be transformed. ④ First, our will must be subdued; then it will be strong in resurrection and be like the tower of David, the armory for the spiritual warfare: 2. The weapons for spiritual warfare are kept in our subdued and resurrected will. ⑤ The bucklers and shields that protect us against the arrows of the enemy are kept in the tower of the subdued and resurrected will of the Lord's seeking one. ¶
- II. "Come with me from Lebanon, my bride; / With me from Lebanon come. / Look from the top of Amana, / From the top of Senir and Hermon, / From the lions' dens, / From the leopards' mountains"—S. S. 4:8:
- A) The experience of Christ's death and resurrection has brought the seeking one into His ascension, and now she is on the mountaintop of Christ's ascension and is living in ascension.
 - B) Christ calls His lover to live with Him in His ascension, as He had called her to remain in His cross: S.S. 2:14 My dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the covert of the precipice, Let me see your countenance, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your countenance is lovely. ① Christ asks His lover as His bride to look with Him from His ascension (Lebanon), the highest place of the truth (Amana) and of Christ's victory in His fighting (Senir, meaning "soft armor," and Hermon, meaning "destruction") and from the heavenly places of the enemies (the lions' dens and the leopards' mountains). ② When the lover of Christ is living in ascension, she and Christ are living in one condition, the condition of ascension, to be a couple; they are the same in life and nature, perfectly matching each other.
 - C) In Christ's ascension is His victory; there is no more fighting, for the enemy has already been defeated, and we wear soft armor to enjoy our victory in Christ; the position of prayer is ascension, that is, a heavenly position. ¶
- III. Through her living in Christ's ascension as the new creation in resurrection, Christ's transformed bride becomes a garden for Christ's private enjoyment.
S.S. 4:12 A garden enclosed is my sister, my bride, A spring shut up, a fountain sealed.
- IV. When the overcoming lover of Christ becomes one with God to be God's dwelling place, in the eyes of God she is as beautiful as Tirzah and as lovely as Jerusalem; however, to the enemy she is as terrible as an army with banners: S.S. 6:4 You are as beautiful, my love, as Tirzah, As lovely as Jerusalem, As terrible as an army with banners.
- A) The lover of Christ is beautiful and comely before the Lord, as solid as the heavenly city and as serene as the sanctuary; at the same time, she displays the glory of her victory before the enemy and the world: ① Weapons are the most important thing to an army in battle, but unfurled banners, signifying the glory of victory, are the most important thing in victory. ② Banners indicate a readiness to fight and are also a sign that the victory has been won.
 - B) A life within the veil is not only a life before the Lord but also a life before the enemy: ① God has no intention that the lovers of Christ possess the heavenly beauty without possessing a warring nature. ② The overcoming lover of Christ not only has a future that is full of hope and a life that is absolutely heavenly, but she also is a victor who constantly triumphs in her victory. ¶
 - C) The lovers of Christ should be lovable and terrible at the same time; however, many believers have lost their loveliness before the Lord and their terribleness before the enemy. S.S. 6:10 Who is this woman who looks forth like the dawn, As beautiful as the moon, As clear as the sun, As terrible as an army with banners?
 - D) The building of God is always an army; when we become a city to the Lord, we are an army to the enemy: ① Building cannot be separated from spiritual warfare; wherever the building is, there is the battle. ② Fighting always accompanies the building, and the building always brings in the victory in the battle. ③ This is the consummation of the Christian life; the uttermost completion that the seeking lover of Christ can attain is to be a city as an army.
 - E) A terrible army signifies that the Lord's overcomers terrify God's enemy, Satan—S. S. 6:4, 10: ① Satan is afraid of only one kind of people—those who do not love their soul-life. ② The enemy is terrified of Bethel, the house of God. ③ The enemy is frightened by the church that is built up as the city of God. ④ The demons and the evil angels are terrified of the one new man created by Christ on the cross. ⑤ Satan is not afraid of individualistic Christians, even if they number in the thousands, but is terrified of the church as the Body of Christ, the corporate warrior fighting against him and his kingdom. Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil, ¶
- V. On the day of His wedding, Christ will marry those who have been fighting the battle against God's enemy for years; that is, Christ will marry the overcomers, who have already overcome the evil one: Rev. 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. 8 it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints. 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
- A) When Christ comes to fight against Antichrist and his army, He will come as the Son of Man, and as the Son of Man, He will need a counterpart to match Him and complete Him; this counterpart will be His bride: ① Eventually, the overcomers will be a bride collectively to marry Christ; after their wedding, this bride will become an army to fight alongside Christ, her Husband, to defeat Antichrist and his followers. ② When Christ, the Bridegroom, sees that we have reached maturity, He will marry the bride and then come with her to defeat Antichrist and his army and to terminate human government.
 - B) The overcomers who constitute the bride of Christ fight the battle against all the enemies of God and defeat them: ① The overcomers fight against the self—the inward adversary and the most difficult foe—slaying it by the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ② The overcomers resist and defeat the principle of antichrist and the characteristics of antichrist. ③ The overcomers war the good warfare against the differing teachings and to carry out God's economy. ④ The overcomers engage in the warfare of life against death and reign in life over death. ⑤ The overcomers conquer the destructive satanic chaos and triumph in the constructive divine economy; instead of being delivered out of the present chaos, they conquer the chaos by the processed and consummated Triune God as the all-sufficient grace.
- VI. In the maturity of Christ's life, the lover of Christ becomes the Shulammitte, signifying that she has become the reproduction and duplication of Christ to match Him for their marriage: ¶
- A) To say that we are the same as God in the Godhead is a great blasphemy, but if we say that we cannot be the same as God in life, nature, expression, and function, this is unbelief; the Bible tells us repeatedly that God's intention is to be one with us and to make us one with Him.

B) The Shulammitte is likened to the dance of two camps, or two armies (Heb. mahanaim), in the sight of God; after Jacob saw the angels of God, the two armies of God, he named the place where he was Mahanaim and divided his wives, children, and possessions into "two armies": [S.S. 6:13 Return, return, O Shulammitte; Return, return, that we may gaze at you. Why should you gaze at the Shulammitte, As upon the dance of two camps?](#) [Gen. 32:2 And Jacob said when he saw them, This is God's camp. So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.](#) ① The spiritual significance of the two armies is the strong testimony that we more than conquer, we "super-overcome," through Him who loved us, according to the principle of the Body of Christ. ② God does not want those who are strong in themselves; He wants only the feeble ones, the weaker ones, the women and children. ③ God needs a people who are one with Him, a people who are submissive to Him, signified by the plaited hair (S. S. 1:11), and obedient to Him with a flexible will, signified by the neck with strings of jewels (v. 10). ④ Those who are counted worthy to be overcomers will be the weaker ones who depend on the Lord. ⑤ When we consider how to arrive at the highest peak of the divine revelation, we should not trust in ourselves but depend on the Lord as love, power, and mercy to make us vessels of mercy, honor, and glory.]

Experience ① : In our spiritual warfare, our will should be completely subdued to God

Song of Songs speaks not only of love but also of the subduing of the will. To have complete, adequate, and thorough transformation, there must be the subduing of the will. The more our will is subdued, the more we will be transformed.

Many of us love the Lord, but we still hold on to our will. Our concept has been changed, and our mind has been renewed, but our will needs subduing. Many of us are so stubborn—not only the brothers but also the sisters. The problem is not with our heart. We do love the Lord. I believe that in the past few months the Lord has heard many voices saying, "Lord Jesus, I love You!" But in answer to these voices, I believe the Lord would say, "Yes, I know that you love Me, but what about your will?" To have our concept changed is not enough. We must go on to have our will subdued....Maturity is reached by the subduing of the will.

For Young Working Saints

In the spiritual warfare and for your maturity of life, subduing of your will to God is very important. Please read the scriptures of Joshua 6 telling about the destruction of Jericho to possess the good land. [Joshua 6:3 And you shall circle the city, all the men of valor, going around the city one time. Thus shall you do for six days. 4 And seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Ark. Then on the seventh day you shall circle the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 And when they give off the blast of the ram's horn and you hear the trumpet sound, all the people shall shout with a great shout. And the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, each straight ahead. 6 So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Take up the Ark of the Covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Ark of Jehovah. 7 And he said to the people, Pass on and circle the city, and let the armed men pass on before the Ark of Jehovah. 8 Then when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before Jehovah passed on and blew the trumpets; and the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah went after them. 10 And Joshua commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, nor let a word go forth from your mouth, until the day I say to you, Shout! Then you shall shout. FT1: God's people did not need to do anything to destroy Jericho. They only needed to believe and trust in God, to listen to the instruction from the Captain of the army of Israel, and to exalt Christ by bearing the Ark. The bearing of the Ark here by the priests shows that in the spiritual warfare the first thing we should do is exalt Christ. FT2: Here to remain silent until the command was given to shout means to carry out the matter in the Lord's way without expressing any thought, opinion, or feeling.](#)

In order to fight the spiritual warfare in your business life, your will must be thoroughly subdued to God. Without subduing, you cannot accept the way to fight that God showed us in Jericho, so you express your natural opinion and then you cannot fight the war at Jericho. As a result, you find yourself in the slavery of Satan and will lose God's presence and blessings. Learn to be submissive to God and join to the army of God!

Experience ② : Stand firm with Lord's Word and Lord's name, do your best to fight the spiritual warfare.

After he saw the two armies of God, Jacob did a marvelous thing. He divided his wives, children, and the rest of his possessions into two groups, or "two armies." He thought that if his brother Esau attacked one group, the other group could escape being slaughtered. This is full of spiritual significance. These two groups are not just the singular army of God but "two armies." This means that we are more than conquerors. It also signifies a strong testimony. God does not want "giants." He wants only the feeble ones, the weaker ones, the women and children. They can become His armies because the fighting is not in their hands but in His hands. He needs a people who are one with Him, a people who are submissive to Him, signified by the plaited hair (S.S. 1:11), and obedient to Him with a flexible will, signified by the neck with strings of jewels (v. 10).

When we consider how to arrive at the high peak of the revelation in Song of Songs, we should not trust in ourselves. We may think that because the apostle Paul was strong, he could do it. But the apostle Paul himself says that he was less than the least among the saints (Eph. 3:8). He says, "Who is weak, and I am not weak?" (2 Cor. 11:29)....In [Romans 9:16 Paul says, "It is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy."](#) We may think that we can run, but we cannot. It is Christ who can run. Paul also says, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20a). All who are strong in themselves will be disqualified....The weaker ones...who depend on the Lord will be counted worthy to be the overcomers....In [Revelation 3:8 the Lord said that those in Philadelphia had "a little power."](#)...Remember that these two armies were composed of Jacob's wives and children. Eventually, none of them fought against Esau. It was God who fought Esau by changing his attitude.

For Junior & Senior High Students

You should never think that you are not part of the spiritual fighting, just because you are junior or senior high school students. The army that God wants is "bride army", "women, children army". One who is strong in himself can never participate in the army of God. [Rev. 3:8 I know your works; behold, I have put before you an opened door which no one can shut, because you have a little power and have kept My word and have not denied My name. FT: This indicates that what pleases the Lord is not our doing much for Him but our doing our best for Him with what we have.](#)

Even if you are still a weak youngster, do your best to pray-read the Lord's Word, apply it to your life, call on the name of the Lord and exalt Him. Particularly in the battle, you need to pay attention to and execute the following important points.

- i. **Every morning revival:** To keep the human body and mind healthy, you should keep early hours. In addition, as a Christian you should get up early in the morning, read and pray-read the Lord's Word. This is the basic requirement for fighting the spiritual warfare.
- ii. **Everyday overcome:** The words of the Bible you read are not just teachings, they are the reality. Because God's Word is living and effective, apply the Word to your school life, experience and enjoy Christ practically. In addition, call upon the Lord's name and experience that He is rich to you.
- iii. **Church life:** The church is the Body of Christ, the one new man. This new man is also an army of God. Therefore, carry out church life by participating in fellowship with brothers and sisters, small group gatherings, Lord's Day meeting and so forth.