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I must be feeling much better; I am able to rise early. "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine." Solomon 1:1. When a man and woman come together there is a wonderful union between them. Ravenhill says the lovers love to be alone with one another, see how Solomon speaks of the kiss being better than wine. The intimacy of the union surpasses all earthly pleasures in just the kiss... unconditional love. The love for the other takes his eye of self and sees only perfection in the other. But as the relationship goes on the lover begins to look at self and all the cares of the world.

"I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, open to me, my sister, my lover, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: Solomon 5:2

Out of prayer, filled with great love for being in the presence of God, he comes to his lover. My sister, love, dove, undefiled, Oh how his heart is so moved with unconditional love. But she hesitates to his calling, self has precedence, have put off, shall I put on, I have washed, shall I defile. When she does move it is too late. What has happened, look at what was said just previously.

"My beloved spake, and said unto me, rise up, my love my fair one, and come away 2:10 "My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies. Until the day break and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountain of Bethel. Solomon 2:16"

Oh, how she has forsaken her first love for self and the cares of this world. Before she would see the break of day with her lover, but now she can not find him. Oh, how many relationships are ended this way?

"I am my beloved's and his desire is toward me. Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages, let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, "there will I give thee my loves. Solomon 7:10"

But she does return and he is found. His love is unchanged and once again the perfection union is there. Can we not see that our love for others is being ruined by the cares of this life? Are we not critical of the other when before we saw only perfection in love? Oh, that we would turn away from all the entertainment and noise and bustles of their world and begin to have fellowship with one another. Is not the love of our youth greater than all this.

But let us look deeper still is it not the union with Jesus that is suffering. It is time with Jesus that produces in us the great love for others. And our most intimate relations with our wives and husbands does it not thrive from the love of Christ.

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Thank you Christian for sharing this!

How much do you care for things in this world compared to God and the things above?

Monday, 28th, 1831 - Earthly affections and desires sometimes assail me. But God by giving me joy in divine things, in the absence of all I wished from the earth, has shown me that there is better happiness.

-Andrew Bonar *Diary & Life*

'The Kingdom that I seek
Is Thine; so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
Else I must surely stray.'
-Horatious Bonar