"<u>I Am My Beloved's</u>, and His Desire is toward me." Song of Solomon 7:10no2 KJV

In the Song of Solomon we have in poetic prose a beautiful dialogue of majestic Love. The maiden, at first, giddy with joy at the king's displays of affection, declares, "My beloved is mine, and I am his." She delights in the king's love for her and considers it a priceless possession. As their relationship blossoms, she learns, more importantly, that her security lies more in the fact that the king loves her. She learns that her claims on him play second fiddle to his claims on her. She then proclaims, "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine." Then she finally realizes that it is simply enough to be loved by the king. She demurely states,



"I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me." If the king loves you, it's all that matters! It is a beautiful allegory to the believer's relationship with Christ! At first, we are overjoyed and revel in our new found treasures; Mercy, Grace, Love, Joy, Peace, Gentleness, and Faith. We think, "He is mine!" As time progresses and we learn more about the Character and Nature of our KING, we begin to rest in His Love for us as the eternal security of our soul. We realize that it is of greater importance that "I am His!" "Your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our Life, shall Appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in Glory." Without Him we "are nothing. I can do ALL things through Christ which strengtheneth me." If the KING doesn't claim me, I am lost! "Not everyone that saith unto Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the Will of My Father which is in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that Day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works?' And then will I profess unto them, 'I never Knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." Finally, as we mature in our faith, it is enough that "We are His!" It matters little that I claim Him. It is enough to know that "His Desire is towards me" It is the place where the soul steadfastly settles and remains eternally secure against any and all opposition. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" That I am on His side pales in comparison to the fact that He is on mine. Unless He fights for me I am totally lost! But, because He fights for me I am "more than conqueror. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear NO evil for Thou art with me," I can serenely and securely go through every day knowing that because the KING Loves me, I have no needs that will not be of the utmost importance to my KING, the Lover of my soul! ALL my needs are anticipated! He "Knoweth what things ye have need of BEFORE ye ask. Ask and ye shall receive. And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His Will, He Heareth us: And if we know that He Hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." Does the KING Know you?

> I am the KING'S! Oh blessed thought! What words with heav'nly comfort fraught, Come heavy storm or desert draught, My life and soul will lack for naught! –CGP

"Jesus Loves me: This I know, for the Bible tells me so!" Believers can declare, "I am my Beloved's, and His Desire is toward me." Jesus Loved us before we even heard about Him! "We love Him, because He first Loved us. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. In Hope of Eternal Life which God that CANNOT LIE Promised BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN! Not by works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us." Like the little girl trying to quote Psalm 23 said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I want!"

"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, 'Yea, I have Loved thee with an Everlasting Love: therefore with Lovingkindness have I Drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:3 KJV