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Transforming Daily
“... his banner over me ...”
Song of Solomon 2:4

The shulamite uses the term “banner” here which describes a sense of belonging. That is The Shulamite was The Beloved’s possession, protected, and provided for by him. She was satisfied in his presence, sustained by his provision, and secure through his protection. She was associated with his name, his title, and his reputation. The Shulamite was willfully and willingly enveloped by The Beloved.

What a picture of marriage. That’s exactly how it is supposed to be. Each spouse possessed by the other. They are no longer two, but one flesh. Each surrendered and submitted willfully and willingly to the other. The wife derives a sense of security from her husband’s presence, provision, and protection. The husband derives a sense of significance in his wife’s respect for who he is, her recognition of what he’s done, and from her desire to take refuge in what he has lovingly provided for her (and their children).

This is also a great picture of Christ and the church. Through Jesus Christ each member is saved by His shed blood, sanctified by His Word, and sealed by His Spirit. In Christ, each possesses the other. He is mine and I am His. Through Christ I’m provided for (Ephesians 1:3). By Christ I’m protected. No man shall pluck me out of His hand. The Bible says that by His stripes I am healed. Further, the Bible says that no weapon formed against me shall prosper. That isn’t to say that I will not experience pain, trials, tribulation, or even death, but spiritually Jesus Christ has delivered me from the second death.

How about you? Is Christ your Savior? Do you belong to Him? Are you resting in His presence, provision, and protection? Do you willfully and willingly submit to His Word, His work, His will, and His way? God’s love is the single significant factor as to why He has spread His banner over me.