



Holiness of Hymns and Purity of Praises

places of the cliff), show ME your face. Let Me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is fair (lovely).¹ (2: 13b-14) Here the Lord Jesus Christ goes a step further, indicating to the soul or the Church the place where she is to come. It is to a sheltered place (the rock is the Lord Jesus Christ) beyond the second wall that surrounds a city (city is a figure for the world). It is also a more secluded place to lay aside her veil and show her face to Him. For she managed to get past winter unscratched, and it is spring when repose is given to her soul and calmness to her mind. Her face is now renewed according to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ who created it, not having a spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish; she has reached perfection. When the bride has learnt to speak and opened her mouth to the Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ says to her, "Let Me hear your voice," because your voice is sweet and your face is comely.¹

Catch us the little foxes that destroy the vines, and our vineyards will flourish.¹ (2: 15) The Bridegroom is speaking now to the companions, or to the good angels and Church leaders. He is telling them to catch the little foxes that lurk in the vineyards when they are just budding, and do not let the vines develop their flowers. Foxes are the wicked powers of demons. The flowers are the virtues that enable the soul to discern which thoughts are according to God, and which are from the devil. As long as the fox or bad thought is still little, it is easily driven from the heart. When it has grown up and become a matter of habit, it can no longer be driven out, and only the Bridegroom Himself will be able to do it. Some holy doctors and teachers of the Church receive the power of catching foxes, to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and all power of the enemy.

Blessed is the man who enters holy places,¹ says Origen. But far more blessed is he who enters the Holy of Holies! Blessed is the man who observes the Sabbath, but more blest he who keeps the Sabbath of Sabbath! Likewise when you have been through many beautiful songs and Holy Psalms, then set your course for greater heights and sing the Song of Songs.¹ ✚

Holy Bible "Music" Word Search

All the words listed below are in the puzzle to the left, right, up, down or diagonally. Circle each letter of the words you find. After you have found all the words, the leftover letters will reveal the mystery word.

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| Antiphonal | Lamentation |
| Banquets | Merrymaking |
| Bass | Minstrel |
| Bugle | Moses |
| Castanets | Musicians |
| Choirs | Orchestra |
| Cymbals | Percussion |
| Dance | Psalter |
| Dirge | Religious |
| Faith | Sounds |
| Fife | Spiritual |
| Harmony | Tabernacle |
| Horn | Tambourine |
| Instrumental | Timbrels |
| Instruments | Trumpet |
| Israelites | War |
| Kings | Worship |

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