

**"UNTIL THE DAY BREAK"****Introduction**

1. Song of songs: the very best: Christ + believers
2. Love each for the other: exx
3. In this life: we have a little of Christ
4. But we long for the full enjoyment of Him

**1. THE DAY THAT IS TO BREAK**

- 1) The people of God long for Christ's coming:
  - (i) They longed for his first coming: Simeon, Anna
  - (ii) They are taught to pray for the second: "...Kingdom come"
  - (iii) Their hearts are set on Christ's return: "Even so, come"
- 2) History has been a long night-time:
  - (i) Adam put out the light: **Illustration**: a table-lamp
  - (ii) The light we have is  $\Sigma$ : 2 Peter 1: "dark place"
  - (iii) "works of darkness": God ignored / Christ despised...  
**OBSERVE**: The people of God have felt this darkness (Ps. 23)
- 3) But they have faith in the future daybreak:
  - (i) "The day of the Lord – bright appearing" – "sun of righteousness"
  - (ii) "I come quickly..."  
**APPLICATION**: Be sure of this – Christ will come – soon.

**2. THE SHADOWS THAT ARE TO FLEE AWAY**

- 1) These are many: a world of shadows:
  - (i) persecution: the true by the false (Jews / RCs...)
  - (ii) misrepresentation: "resurrection of reputations"
  - (iii) hard speeches: the tongue = sharp sword
  - (iv) sickness + death: the sufferings of the saints

- (v) the sad parting at death – it must come.

2) But even our Privileges are shadowy:

- (i) The Bible: v.9: lattice – "a glass darkly"
- (ii) "By faith" v. "by sight"
- (iii) The Lord's Supper is good but is a shadow

**ILLUSTRATION**: the young lady loves the ring for the sake of her fiancé – not the ring.

**DOCTRINE**: The Supper is to whet our appetite for more of Christ Himself.

**APPLICATION**: Remember: one day they will FLEE AWAY!

**3. THE LONGING TO HAVE CHRIST IN FULL COMMUNION**1) This is clear from the words here:

- (i) "my beloved": See 5:8f
- (ii) "Turn": Christ is gone up: will "turn"
- (iii) "Better": separation – Heaven / Earth
- (iv) "Roe...hart": gentle, tender-ness first

**OBSERVE**: Christ too is aware of the separation + longs for the day of full communion: Jude 17.

2) The **Illustration** in surprise of Christ's love for the Church: texts3) This is shown in human love:

**ILLUSTRATION**: the young man desires wedding day

**DOCTRINE**: Christ + believers look for the great Day

**4. MEANWHILE, WE ARE TO GROW IN LOVE**1) v.16: Believe more in Christ's love for you.

**APPLICATION**: It is the cure for all our faults

2) v.15: Deal effectively with your besetting sins: "little foxes...spoil the vines"

## 3) v.14: Spend time in secret with Christ now in this life. He loves to hear you in secret prayer.

**OBSERVE**: You can tell those who do so – they are sweet, meek,  
more aware of their own faults than others.

**CONCLUSION**

**ILLUSTRATION**: "Farewell, Bible".

**PSALM**

**57: 1 – 5**

**63: 1 – 6**

**98: 4 – 9**