

**LOSING A TOO FAMILIAR GOD**  
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We have a saying in our world that familiarity breeds discontent. No matter how beautiful, talented, etc., our companions might be, after too much time together, they cease to be special. We forget how long we went without their company and begin taking them for granted.

In the sixth chapter of his song, Solomon was enamored of his love. He praised the beauty of her smile, the shape of her body, and even said she was both beautiful and as terrible as an army with its banners. What a strange compliment. Until we consider the **Song of Solomon** is an allegory of the love affair between Christ and His bride.

Consider for a moment, the distant sight of a mighty army with banners waving. Whether it is beautiful or terrible would depend on whether they are coming to our rescue or to the aid of those we are fighting. Whether we fear or yearn for God often depends on how much sin we have in our lives that we know displeases Him, but we are not willing to relinquish.

When we become too familiar with God, we cease both fear and longing. We forget how long we went without His companionship and begin taking Him for granted. We no longer go out of our way to compliment and praise God or thank Him for spending time with us. Though He changed not at all, we have lost our sense of wonder at His presence. How unfortunate, since that is the first of His attributes described in **Isaiah 9:6**.

When He ceases to first be wonderful, how can He thereafter be our Counselor, our Mighty God, our Everlasting Father, or our Prince of Peace?