

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Part 10 Song of Songs 1:16 -2:5



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 1:16-2:5**

16 “How handsome you are, my beloved,
And so pleasant! Indeed, our couch is
luxuriant!

17 “The beams of our houses are cedars,
Our rafters, cypresses.

2:1 “I am the rose of Sharon, The lily of
the valleys.

2 “Like a lily among the thorns, So is my
darling among the maidens.”

3 “Like an apple tree among the trees of
the forest, So is my beloved among the
young men. In his shade I took great
delight and sat down, And his fruit was
sweet to my taste.

4 “He has brought me to his banquet hall,
And his banner over me is love.

5 “Sustain me with raisin cakes, Refresh
me with apples, Because I am lovesick

- **John 15:9-** “Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you.”
- **Romans 7:17-** So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.
- **Matthew 13:44-** “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid *again*; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”
- **Ephesians 1:13-14-** “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God’s own* possession, to the praise of His glory.
- **Revelation 19:7-9** – Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."
- **Matthew 11:29-30-** “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
- **John 10:10-** “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.
- **Matthew 7:24-27-** “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall.”
- **Romans 8:37-39-** But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Other Scriptures Referenced in Part 10:

- Song of Songs 4:12
- 1 Corinthians 6:18
- 2 Corinthians 11:2
- 1 Corinthians 11:28-31
- Luke 10: *Mary sitting at Jesus’ feet.*

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Main Points

- **Review**
 - The Song of Songs is designed to help you and me discover how He loves us.
 - Jesus is making clear His love for us. He says twice, “Behold, you are beautiful.” He is thoroughly in love with us!
 - The Apostle Paul did not identify Himself with sin, but as one who was purchased by the blood of Jesus and was pleasing and lovely to God.
 - A dove is the ultimate picture of loyalty. After the bride expresses what Jesus means to her (statements about myrrh and henna blossoms), Jesus knows she is committed and praises her for it.
 - Jesus wants one thing from us: our affections! Only we can give them to Him. He is calling us to be like a dove in this way; completely focused on Him.

- **Verses 1:16-17**
 - The couch is a bridal couch, showing that we are on a journey toward a marriage. We have been engaged (Ephesians 1) and will be united with Jesus in the end (Revelation 19).
 - There is rest and safety in your relationship with Jesus.
 - When we walk with Jesus, we walk in and receive life, represented by the green couch.
 - Cedar was the strongest building material known at the time. The foundations and structure of our relationship with Jesus are sturdy and strong. It will help us withstand the trials, tribulation and problems of life.

- **Verse 2:1-4**
 - Here, the Bride declares her own beauty, showing that she has been strengthened in her identity through the dialogue and experiences with Jesus over time.
 - A rose is the symbol of love. A lily is the flower of purity. A lily in the valley speaks of living pure lives in the sin and defilement of this evil age.
 - Jesus reaffirms the “lily of the valley” statement by saying that the Bride is a lily among the thorns. Thorns are a result of sin and the fall, so He confirms that she is truly someone set apart.
 - Apple trees are a source of refreshment. Jesus was a refreshing to His Bride.
 - The Bride discovers that Jesus’ banner was love over her. She is saying that Jesus is leading her through the war of life in love; she knew she could trust Him and He was victorious.

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Discussion Questions

1. Rabbi Schneider states that the thing Jesus is after, and only we can give Him is our affections. What does it mean to give Jesus your affections? Pray together for strength to understand Jesus' affections for you and for the ability to give Him your affections in a greater way.
2. Discuss the couch mentioned in verse 16. What does it represent?
3. Discuss the cedar beams and cypress rafters. What do they represent? How does having this structure apply to your life today?
4. Chapter two opens with beautiful declarations of the Bride. What do these declarations show us about what is happening or changing in the heart and mind of the Bride? Discuss what produced this new level of maturity in her life.
5. How are you a "lily in the valley" or a "lily among thorns"?
6. Remember, as you study, to make the interactions between the Shulamite and King Solomon captured in the Song of Songs part of your own prayer life. Study, then pray what you study back to Jesus in your own words. Conclude the study by discussing Jesus' refreshing role in your life. How has He refreshed you? Thank Him for His refreshment and tell Him, in your own words, that He is your "apple tree".