

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Part 7 Song of Songs 1:6-8



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 1:6-8 -**

⁶“Do not stare at me because I am swarthy,
for the sun has burned me.

My mother's sons were angry with me;
they made me caretaker of the vineyards,
but I have not taken care of my own vineyard.

⁷Tell me, O you whom my soul loves,
where do you pasture *your flock*,
where do you make *it* lie down at noon?

For why should I be like one who veils herself
beside the flocks of your companions?"

⁸“If you yourself do not know, most beautiful among women,
go forth on the trail of the flock
and pasture your young goats
by the tents of the shepherds.”

- **1 John 5:4** - For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith.
- **Matthew 16:18** - I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.
- **Matthew 26:34** - Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."
- **Matthew 26:75** - And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.
- **John 21:3** - Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

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Main Points

- Review
 - The Shulamite bride is a prophetic shadow of the church.
 - She has an encounter with the King and determines to remember it, even in the face of the challenges of life.
 - She also experiences the tension of being cleansed from sin, while at the same time being lovely to her Bridegroom. As we struggle against sin, God sees us as we will be, not as we are. Remember, she (and you) is (are) lovely to God!
 - The daughters of Jerusalem represent those who are less mature. It is these people that may not understand you and your pursuit of Jesus, even though they are Christians.
- The Shulamite asks that she not be stared at because she is “swarthy” or dark. This represents insecurity.
- She is struggling a bit because she was made a caretaker of the vineyards. This represents oppression in life – those situations that are difficult, in which you are not appreciated by those around you and which result in spiritual neglect of some kind.
- We begin to see in verse 6 the realities of life set it. She was first touched by the King in a special way, like we can have amazing encounters with Jesus, but eventually we face challenges in the valleys of life at work, at home, financially, etc. It is in these times that the spiritual “high” begins to wane. It is critical to remember the love of Jesus and how He previously “brought you into His chamber” in these times.
- The Shulamite’s response to the waning passion due to the realities of life (e.g., responsibility, difficulties, other peoples’ business) is in verse 7. She calls out to the King in love for a renewed intimacy. She knew in this place that her love was real, but not yet mature and she wanted to get closer to the King. Peter is a New Testament example of maturing love.
- Why should I be like one who veils herself? A veil was put on in the presence of strangers. The Shulamite did not want to be a stranger; she did not want distance between her and the King. Also, she did not want to just be around those who knew the King or that talked about the King, but she wanted to be near the King Himself. These realities apply directly to us in our relationship with Jesus.
- Jesus, in verse 8, speaks to her with tenderness and affirmation to deal with her shame and self-consciousness.

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Discussion Questions

1. Review verses 1-4 of the Song of Songs. Explain their application to your life today?
2. Do you feel busy and stressed and unable to tend to your own spiritual life? What can be done about this based on what God reveals in the Shulamite's life?
3. What does a veil represent?
4. Do you feel distance between yourself and the LORD? Has the inner desire for Jesus lessened in your life? What was the Shulamite's response to these feelings?
5. Discuss how Jesus responds to and deal with our failures, mistakes and shame?
6. Continue the prayer dialogue with Jesus, your Bridegroom King according to what you heard and discussed today.