

Song of Songs 3:1-11

- **The Shulammitte (3:1-5)**

¹On my bed night after night I sought the one whom my soul loves I sought him but did not find him.

²I will get up now and go about the city in the streets and squares searching for the one my soul loves. So I sought him, but did not find him.

³The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. “Have you seen the one whom my soul loves?”

⁴Scarcely had I passed them when I found the one whom my soul loves. I seized him and would not let him go until I had brought him into my mother’s house, to the room where she conceived me.

⁵I charge you, daughters of Jerusalem by the gazelles and does of the field, do not arouse or awaken love until it delights to do so.

- **Explanatory Comments**

1. The opening line s_____ to indicate this is a r_____
d_____. It is not l_____ that either individual would r_____
through the city at night (Hosea 2:7).
2. The word for s_____ (sought) implies more than just a brief
l_____. Note the i_____ here.
3. Our young maiden clearly d_____ “the one w_____ my
s_____ loves.”
4. She c_____ him (2:15) and brings him back to her
m_____ bedroom (8:2). She does so because she wants her
f_____ to acknowledge him as her b_____ and to proclaim
her h_____ is his h_____.
5. Once more we note the a_____ of a f_____ for the
Shulammitte.

6. Having found the one she loves, she still k_____ she must wait for her w_____ night to c_____ her relationship, and thus calls upon the d_____ of J_____ to not arouse love until the proper time (2:7, 3:5, 8:4).
- **Lessons About God's Gift of Human Love**
 1. People in love may even d_____ about their m_____. Hopefully, they are s_____ d_____.
 2. We once more see the d_____ of l_____ godly mates should have for one another.
 3. Potential m_____ should see each other in their f_____ settings.
 4. We must wait until m_____ for s_____ intimacy.
 - **Lessons About Christ's Love for Us and Our Love for Christ**
 1. Ours should be a l_____ pursuit of the one whom our s_____ loves (Matthew 13:44-46, Psalm 42:1, Philippians 3:8).
 2. Remember your beloved p_____ you as well (Luke 15:1-10 and 19:1-10).
 - **The Beloved (3:6-11)**

⁶Who is this coming up from the wilderness like columns of smoke perfumed with myrrh and frankincense from all of the merchant's fragrant powders?

⁷⁻⁸Behold, it is Solomon's bed. Around it are sixty mighty men of Israel. All of them are wearing swords and are experienced in battle - each with his sword by his side ready for the terrors of the night.

⁹⁻¹⁰King Solomon made a bed for himself from the wood of Lebanon. He made its posts of silver, its back of gold, its seat of purple. Its interior was inlaid with love by the daughters of Jerusalem.

¹¹Go out, you daughters of Zion and look at King Solomon wearing the crown with which his mother crowned him on his wedding day, the day of his heart's rejoicing.

- **Explanatory Comments**

1. Although most identify the one coming from the wilderness as S_____ or his e_____ (ESV replaces who with what), it is b_____ to identify this one as the S_____.
2. There are four good reasons for this:
 - a. The pronoun is f_____ s_____
 - b. One other t_____ in the S_____, she is the one coming forth from the w_____ (8:5).
 - c. Twice during this s_____ the b_____ utters, “Behold.” He is contrasting S_____ (3:6) with the S_____ (4:1), so 3:6-11 should be seen as a p_____ in the n_____.
 - d. The m_____ and f_____ of 3:6 is repeated in 4:6 but not with the description of Solomon or his bed (see also 1:12-13).
3. The overall f_____ is on Solomon while his b_____ is ignored. This is a description of an extremely e_____ and w_____ man.
4. He is s_____ guarded by twice as many as his father’s t_____ mighty men.
5. Contrast his o_____ furnishings with the m_____ home of our c_____ in 1:16-17.

6. The i_____ could be translated as being inlaid l_____ or with l_____. If the latter is correct, we have a v_____ contrast between the S_____ who keeps waiting for her wedding night to be with her b_____ alone and Solomon who keeps having wedding nights and s_____ partners.
- **Lessons About God's Gift of Human Love**
 1. Marriage is for one m_____ and one w_____.
 2. A faithful c_____ is better than a p_____ man regardless of s_____ or e_____ status.
 - **A Lesson About Our Love for Christ**

F_____ to our b_____ is more important than e_____ or s_____ status for us (Matthew 6:25-32).