

Song of Songs 1:5-14

- **The Shulammitte to the Daughters of Jerusalem (verses 5-6)**

Even though I am dark, I am lovely, O Daughters of Jerusalem, just like the tents of Kedar and the curtains of Solomon.

Do not stare at me because I am darkened by the sun that has glared at me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me keep the vineyards, but I have not kept my own vineyard.

➤ **Explanatory Comments**

1. Dark skin was considered p_____ u_____, especially by the c_____ d_____ of Israel.
2. The nomadic Kedarites had tents made of b_____ g_____ skin, and Solomon's l_____ curtains were admired by all.
3. The Shulammitte had to work h_____ in the s_____ at the hands of her c_____ brothers.
4. She had no time to m_____ h_____ beautiful ("keep her own vineyard") by the world's standards.

➤ **Lessons About God's Gift of Human Love**

1. Beauty is in the e_____ of the b_____.
2. The d_____ of a g_____ w_____ is to be admired.
3. B_____ h_____ do not always produce more b_____ h_____.

- **The Shulammitte to Her Beloved (verse 7 N.I.V.)**

Tell me, you whom I love, where you graze your flock and where you rest your sheep at midday. Why should I be like a veiled women beside the flocks of your friend?

- **Explanatory Notes**

1. The Shulammitte cannot w_____ until the e_____ of the day to see her beloved, so she wants to know where he will be with his f_____ when they rest at n_____.
2. A veil was worn by p_____ (Genesis 38:13-14), so the Shulammitte does not want anyone to m_____ her m_____ by aimlessly w_____ around looking for her mate.

- **A Lesson About God’s Gift of Human Love**

A_____ should make the h_____ grow f_____, as we desire to be with our mates.

- **The Beloved (verses 8-11)**

If you do not know, most beautiful of women, follow the sheep’s tracks, and let your young goats graze around the shepherds’ tents.

I compare you, my darling, to a mare among the chariots of Pharaoh. Your cheeks are beautiful with ornaments, and your neck with strings of jewels.

We will make earrings of gold studded with silver for you.

- **Explanatory Notes**

1. Note the hardworking keeper of the v_____ also tends s_____.
2. Egyptian horses wore h_____ d_____ bridles to enhance their beauty just as the Shulammitte’s j_____ enhanced hers.

➤ **Lessons About God's Gift of Human Love**

1. Husbands should d_____ their wives just as much as w_____ should d_____ their husbands.
2. Godly husbands give words of a_____ and e_____ when their wives need them.

• **The Shulammitte (verses 12-14 Ian M. Duguid)**

While the king is on his couch, my nard gives its scent.

My beloved to me is a pouch of myrrh; between my breasts he will spend the night.

My beloved to me is a cluster of henna in the vineyards of Engedi.

➤ **Explanatory Notes**

1. The beloved s_____ is once more i_____ as a k_____ (verse 4).
2. Earlier the Shulammitte commented on her beloved's g_____ s_____ (verse 3), but now she wants him to enjoy her p_____.
3. Nard was very c_____ perfume from I_____.
4. Women often s_____ with a b_____ of myrrh hanging from the n_____ so that they would s_____ good in the m_____.
5. Engedi ("place of wild goats") is a w_____ where h_____ shrubs ("cypress flowers") grow. These have o_____, r_____, and y_____ leaves.

➤ **Lessons About God's Gift of Human Love**

1. Those in love treat their m_____ like r_____ regardless of e_____ status.
2. A g_____ mate can make even w_____ experiences in life d_____.

- **Lessons About Christ's Love for Us and Our Love for Christ**

1. Our bridegroom is both our S_____ (John 10:11-17) and our K_____ (Revelation 19:16).
2. We are b_____ to our b_____ (Ephesians 5:25-27), and He is b_____ to us (I Peter 1:8-9, II Corinthians 3:18).
3. Our Savior brings us words of a_____ and e_____ when we need them (Matthew 11:28-30).
4. Our great d_____ should be for the L_____ of our s_____.