

Song of Songs 1:15-2:7

- **The Beloved (1:15)** Wow! You are beautiful, my darling. Wow! You are beautiful. Your eyes are doves.
- **Explanatory Comments**
 1. The b_____ is responding to the S_____ desire for him.
 2. It is hard to know e_____ how eyes are like d_____, but they are c_____ a sign of b_____ and worth looking into on an ongoing basis (Genesis 29:17).
 3. She r_____ the c_____ in Song of Songs 5:12.

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

Both s_____ should see b_____ in one another and p_____ that beauty to one another.

- **The Shulammitte (1:16-2:1)** Wow! You are beautiful, my beloved. How delightful.

Our bed is green. The beams of our house are cedars; our rafters are pine trees.

I am a wildflower of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

- **Explanatory Comments**

1. The Shulammitte repeats the w_____ and b_____ comments.
2. The word delightful can mean p_____, l_____, or c_____.
3. The g_____ bed and the reference to t_____ (pine may be cypress) is an indication of a f_____ house flourishing with growth, that is to say, c_____ (Psalm 128:3, Psalm 144:12, Psalm 127:3).
4. Wildflower is usually translated r_____, but it is best understood to be a c_____ (Isaiah 35:1 – perhaps an iris or daffodil).

Sharon was a s_____ land. The Shulammitte sees herself as
n_____ special or b_____. She is just one of many
l_____ (possibly water lotus) among a f_____ full of
them.

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

1. A primary purpose of m_____ and s_____ is to bear children.
2. Married couples should r_____ in their children.

- **The Beloved (2:2)** Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the eligible young women.

- **An Explanatory Comment**

The beloved builds on the Shulammitte's c_____ and changes its
m_____ by saying all others are like t_____ compared to her.

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

Godly husbands give words of a_____ and e_____ when their wives need them.

- **The Shulammitte (2:3-7)** Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my lover among the young men. I delight to sit in his shadow, and his fruit is sweet to my taste (N.I.V.)

He brought me to the house of wine, and his banner over me was love (Ian Duguid).

Strengthen me with raisin cakes; refresh me with apples, for I am love sick!

May his left hand be under my head, and his right hand embrace me (Ian Duguid).

I 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 Shulammitte tries to match her beloved's c_____ by saying he s_____ o_____ among the other t_____ of the f_____.
2. A shadow is often seen as p_____ (Psalm 17:8, Psalm 91:1, Isaiah 49:2) in the Old Testament. Her lover both p_____ her and p_____ for her.
3. Wine is a source of j_____ and c_____, and that is what he p_____ for her (1:2).
4. Banners were set up as f_____, c_____, or m_____ markers. The Shulammitte has left her original h_____ (banner) and now dwells under a banner of l_____.
5. Her love is so strong she g_____ faint and needs n_____. Some think r_____ and a_____ were aphrodisiacs.
6. Song of Songs 2:6 is repeated in 8:3, and Song of Songs 2:7 is repeated in 3:5 and 8:4.
7. Swearing by a g_____ or a d_____ means that the Shulammitte is invoking a s_____ and m_____ (gazelle can be translated "host") animal to i_____ she is very serious about her o_____.
8. This married w_____ is telling the u_____ m_____ that they must wait for m_____ to fulfill their s_____ desires.

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

1. It is the husband's job to p_____, p_____ for, and l_____ the wife. These should be done in such a l_____ manner that the wife r_____ in them.
2. Godly mates should be l_____ s_____ (madly in love, crazy love).
3. Sex c_____ after m_____.

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

1. Christ considers us a l_____ among t_____ and has c_____ us to be his own (Hosea 14:4-7, I Peter 2:9-10).
2. Christ p_____ us (Romans 8:38-39), p_____ for all of our needs (Philippians 4:19), and lovingly l_____ us (John 10:3-4). We should in response l_____ s_____ to Him (Ephesians 5:24).
3. Ours is a life of j_____ because of our l_____ Bridegroom (I Peter 1:8-9).
4. Christ's l_____ is so strong (Ian Duguid reverently says He has a "crazy love" for us) that He d_____ for us (Romans 5:6-8). May our love for him makes us f_____!