

Song of Songs 8:6-14

- **The Shulammitte (8:6-7)**

⁶ Set me like a seal upon your heart, like a seal upon your arm: For love is as strong as death, its jealousy is as fierce as the grave, and its flames are God-like flames.

⁷ Many waters are not able to extinguish love, and rivers cannot drown it. If a man were to give all the wealth of his house as a price for love, he would be utterly despised.

- **Explanatory Notes**

1. Seals were the e_____ of s_____ and demonstrated official o_____. Note the maiden wants her l_____ to know that he owns both her i_____ and o_____ beings (2:16, 6:3, 7:10).
2. She uses t_____ i_____ to show how strong a love they have for one another:
 - a. Like d_____, their love cannot be p_____ .
 - b. Like the g_____, their love brings j_____ when rivaled.
 - c. Like a d_____ f_____, their love continues to s_____ and cannot be p_____ o_____ (I Corinthians 13: 8).
3. Further, their l_____ for one another cannot be b_____. It is p_____.

- **The Shulammitte's Brothers (8:8-9)**

⁸ We have a young sister who does not yet have breasts. What shall we do for our sister on the day when she is spoken for?

⁹ If she is a wall, we will build a battlement of silver upon her; if she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

- **The Shulammitte (8:10)**

¹⁰ I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers. Now I have become in his eyes one who brings (or finds) peace.

- **Explanatory Notes**

1. In the a_____ of her f_____, the maiden's brothers have the responsibility of r_____ and p_____ her (1:6).
2. Both the b_____ (towers) and the b_____ signify that the brothers are ready to f_____ off any who threaten her p_____.
3. The maiden a_____ her brothers that she is fully d_____ and uses their m_____ language to indicate that she has c_____ her lover who has entered her f_____.
4. It is significant that the p_____ and c_____ are b_____ and f_____ by both mates (Genesis 1:23-24).

- **The Shulammitte (8:11-12)**

¹¹ Solomon had a vineyard in Baal-hamon. He let out his vineyard to tenants who each would bring as the price of its fruit one thousand pieces of silver.

¹² My vineyard belongs to me, and it is my very own to give. You may keep the one thousand pieces of silver, O Solomon, along with the two hundred that go for the keepers of its fruit.

- **Explanatory Notes**

1. The v_____ refer to Solomon and the maiden's b_____ (1:6).
2. Solomon had one thousand t_____ (I Kings 11:3), but the m_____ wanted none of that. Her body was her own to give to her o_____ m_____.
3. This is reinforced by the fact that no g_____ l_____ of Baal-hamon is known in ancient Israel, but the word can be translated "h_____ of a c_____."

- **The Beloved (8:13)**

You who dwell in gardens, companions are listening to your voice. Let me hear it!

- **The Shulammitte (8:14)**

Flee fast to me, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag upon the mountains of spices.

- **Expalnatory Notes**

1. We have one last a_____ from both m_____ to be together.
2. The beloved's b_____ f_____ has a b_____ v_____ that he longs to hear.
3. The Shulammitte's great d_____ is for her young b_____ (2:8-9) to return quickly so that they may once more enjoy the pleasure of s_____ i_____ (2:17; 4:6,10,14; 5:13).

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

1. A godly couple's l_____ for one another is strong e_____ to e_____ throughout the t_____ of this life (I Corinthians 13:4-8a).
2. A godly love is not m_____ by m_____ advancement.
3. Married c_____ belong to one another and to one another a_____.
4. Monogamy brings far g_____ j_____ then promiscuity.
5. One important concluding comment must be mentioned here. Although we have been primarily considering the i_____ r_____ of married couples throughout Song of Songs, God r_____ broken relationships and f_____ sexual sins (I Corinthians 5 and II Corinthians 2:5-8). I do not say this f_____; our perfect Bridegroom has m_____ an i_____ b_____.

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

1. The Lord has a r_____ j_____ for our total d_____ to Him (Exodus 34:14-16).
2. We cannot b_____ Christ's love for us (Isaiah 55:1).
3. Christ alone brings us p_____, w_____, and c_____ (Ephesians 2:11-16).

4. Christ's love for us is s_____ then d_____ (Romans 8:38-39, Isaiah 43:1-2).
5. Christ has restored our g_____ (from Eden to Paradise) and rejoices in hearing our voices c_____ with Him and p_____ Him.