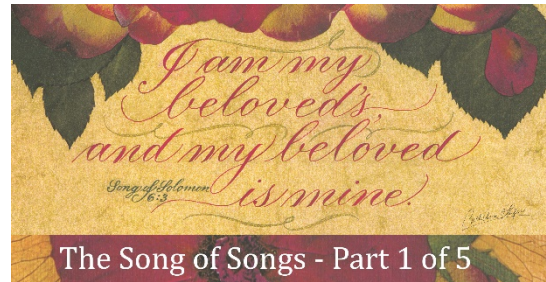




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The Song of Songs

Deepening in His Love

Part 1 of 5

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Dear friends,

Please read *The Song of Songs – An Overview* before beginning this 5-part study. The information in the *Overview* is necessary to understand the rest of the content.

Below, I have placed a part of the *Overview* called *An Overview of The Song of Songs in 5 Parts – The Progression of Holy Romance (RS)* for your convenience, so you can review where we are going in the next weeks. This week, I am starting with Part 1. [Father, give us revelation in the knowledge of Your love!](#)

Part 1 – What God does for me – Chapter 1:1-7

- The Bride has tasted Him and wants to be with Him.
- She sees how He sees her versus how she sees herself.
- The wrong perspective leads her astray, but she repents and returns.

Part 2 – What God wants from me – Chapter 1:8-17

- The Bride works in His kingdom.
- He softens her with affirmations; her heart blooms.

Part 3 – What I mean to God – Chapter 2:1-3:3

- *Crisis 1 of 2* – Yeshua asks her, “Will you climb the mountain out of your comfort zone?” She says *no*.
- His presence leaves her to discipline her to bring about her repentance and resolve.

Part 4 – I will go all the way with Him. I belong to Him. – Chapter 3:4-6:13

- The Bride is resolved to journey with Him. She sees the wedding day.
- The Bridegroom leads her to the mountain to share the view with Him.
- The Bride totally surrenders. (4:16)
- *Crisis 2 of 2* – Yeshua asks her, “Will you also share in my sufferings?” She says *yes*.
- His presence leaves to teach her to walk by faith. She is faithful in adversity.

Part 5 – I am consumed by Him – Chapter 7:1-8:14 (see 7:10)

Part 1 – What God does for me – Chapter 1:1-7

The Scripture verses and the **Speaker** are aligned on the left of this document. The teaching is indented and bulleted. Additional Scripture connections are highlighted in **green**. As we identify with the characters in the story, our own prayers are formed (highlighted in **blue**).

Scripture connections and prayers are written by Beth Ann (**BA**). The King, Your Bridegroom might show you other connections in Scripture and lead you in new prayers!

¹ The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

Bride (Church)

2 May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!

She has tasted Him.

- Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- Yeshua opened His mouth, and began to teach them saying... (Mt 5:2)
- Mouth=Word=Torah=Sword. (For more on this connection, see [The Master Marksmen](#) at ShaleFragments.com)
- His word creates, restores, heals, and delivers. Hearing His voice is my joy.
- Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart for I have been called by Your name, Adonai, Lord God of hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16)

For your love is better than wine.

- Wine is symbolic of joy, celebration, and highest delight. Once I taste His love, I am full of joy! Kiss me with Your voice in Your word, Your truth. Let me taste the sweetness of Your loving instruction. Touch me with revelation from Your heart! You are intimate and personal with me. Let us linger together in Your truth!

3 Your oils have a pleasing fragrance,

Your name is like purified oil;

Therefore, the maidens love you.

- She breathes in the King's beauty and purity. His essence is fragrant like a flower and anointed like natural oil.
- Oils symbolize what He pours out, His miracles. Everyone can smell Him. His Name is like poured, costly, fragrant oil.
- His fragrance and oil flows from Him into her vessel.

When I breathe in the scents of lavender, rosemary, sage, and mint from my garden, I think of You. The fragrance of Your presence is more pleasing than any other experience. Let me know Your presence daily as I walk with You. Through me, reveal the fragrance of the knowledge of You in every place (see 2 Corinthians 2:14). I praise and thank You for offering Yourself up as a fragrant aroma on my behalf (see Ephesians 5:2).

4 Draw me after you and let us run together!

- Draw me away from anything that separates our love. Draw me after You; I cannot come on my own. (RS)
- Show me Yourself, give me revelation; then, I can run!
- No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. (John 6:44)
- Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. (James 4:8a)
- From a distance Adonai appeared to me saying, "I love you with an everlasting love; this is why in my grace I draw you to me." (Jeremiah 31:3 CJB)
- She partners with Yeshua in His work. (RS)
- Yeshua said "I glorified Thee [the Father] on the earth, having accomplished the work You gave Me to do." (John 17:4)
And He said, "...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8)
- Let us lay aside every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us fixing our eyes on Yeshua... (see Hebrews 12:1-2)

The king has brought me into his chambers.

- She had an intimate chamber experience with Him. He discloses Himself to her.
Yeshua, we are running together over the landscape in Your purposes. The Wind (Holy Spirit) is at our back as we laugh and rejoice! Draw me close as You lead! Let me be a witness to Your love! Reveal more and more of Your loveliness to me as we work together!

Chorus (Holy Spirit)

We will rejoice in you and be glad;
We will extol your love more than wine.
Rightly do they love you.

I remember when You first revealed Yourself to me. I praise You for Your love so undeserved!
Holy Spirit, be a well of water in me springing up to Everlasting Life! I drink of You! (John 4:14)

Bride

- 5 I am black but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem,
Like the tents of Kedar,
Like the curtains of Solomon.

The wrong perspective of herself leads her astray. (RS)

- The common tents were made of black goatskin; the Temple curtains were white.
- There is a tension in me between how I see myself and how He sees me (beautiful).

Yeshua wants to cleanse our view of ourselves (RS):

- God is beautiful, and I am created in His image.
- Through Yeshua, I have become the righteousness of God.
- His Spirit is in me; His love has been poured in me.
- Beauty is in the eye of The Beholder – Him.
- Even in our immaturity, we are beautiful to Him.

- 6 Do not stare at me because I am swarthy [dark] for the sun has burned me. (RS)
- She is self-conscious and insecure because of rejection. She began her journey intoxicated with His love, and then she ran into life. Mistreatment has affected her. The pampered girls in the shade were more desirable.
 - The “labors under the sun” spoken of in Ecclesiastes refer to the activities of the world; the world had skewed her vision.

My mother’s sons were angry with me; They made me caretaker of the vineyards,

- She was abused and exploited by those who should have taken care of her.

But I have not taken care of my own vineyard.

- She had neglected to take care of her own relationship with the King. So, her experience of His love had grown cold; a distance had come. Sitting with Him in daily communion would have kept her mind cleansed with His perspective.

- 7 Tell 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?

She journeys back to Him. (RS)

- How can I get back? Where are you, Lord? I only feel safe with You and kindred spirits. Even though my faith is weak, it is authentic. I am not a hypocrite; I am just weak.
- A woman would veil herself when she was working among strangers. So, she is saying, “Why should I be like a stranger to you? I want to be with You.”
- If you feel lukewarm, call out to Him.

Keep me in Your perspective. Let me see myself through Your eyes. Strengthen me with confidence in Your love. I quiet myself before You to listen for Your voice. All I want is You.