

Song of Songs

Chapter 6

V 4 : He breaks His silence to praise her beauty. She has just expressed her love for Him. Praise that comes from God is what we should desire - Augustine. Jesus affirms her beauty 9 times in the book. Calls her His Love.

Tirzah- beautiful city of the Canaanites. Was a capital city. Joshua 12:24. Northern kingdom chose it as its capital in 931 BC : I Kings 14:17. Land of Manasseh.

Jerusalem – God’s Dwelling. Temple. Is 2: 1-4; Zech 14: 16-19.

Tirzah is physical beauty and Jerusalem is spiritual beauty.

Army with banners is victorious. She defeated her enemies and won the time of testing. Conquered her fear and doubt. No compromise.

V 5 : Language of extravagant love. He is overwhelmed by how she spoke of Him during the time of testing. We can move God’s Heart. What can overcome Him ? Our eyes of love. More than the Creation. Coming through times of testing. She has a steady gaze now instead of a glance. She couldn’t feel His Presence during the time of testing but He was overwhelmed! Overcome by weak, broken people who love Him.

V 5-7 : The describes hair, teeth, temples. Like before. Dedication, the Word, emotions. Before in Chapter 4 they were beginning virtues, now they are mature. The testing was part of the maturing.

Everything works together for the good.

V 8 : Picture of Solomon’s court. Solomon had 600 wives when Song was written. I Kings 11:3. Increasing numbers. Queens, concubines, virgins. Queens had royal titles and rights. Concubines owned property and were part of the family. Virgins worked there as staff members.

The Bride surpasses everyone in Jesus’ Court. His Court has different rankings of importance.

V 9 : The Bride (the Church) is the perfect one. Now mature and dedicated to Him. Dove - single purpose. Matured in love and without spot or blemish Eph 5: 26-27. Of all the glorious beings in His Court, He wants her alone. He would, and did, die for her. One alone is unique. She captured His Heart.

Mother is the Church. God is our Father and the Church is our Mother. Our natural mother gives us physical birth; our spiritual Mother presents Jesus and Salvation to us. The lost then become part of the Church.

The Mother’s “favorite one” is the mature, devoted, spotless Church of perfection; the end of time when the Church is spotless and without blemish.

Everyone else praises her. The daughters (immature believers), queens and concubines (heavenly blessings from God's Court.) The Bride has the highest honor.

V 10 : Rhetorical question. Talks about a four-fold glory. First she was compared to earthly beauty, ow heavenly beauty. Shines like the dawn - light after a long night. We and the Church must be salt and **light**. Light showing evil and also the Way.

Moon - light for the night. Genesis 1: 14-19. Doesn't have its own light. Reflects glory. Shines in the darkness.

Sun – she will also have the Glory of Jesus in the New Jerusalem. Rev 21:23. Co-heirs. We (the Church) rule with Him. We will rule in the Kingdom. Daniel 7:27; Rev 3:21. She has victory over all powers.

V 11 : Garden is mentioned 9 times in the book. First 3 times are **her** garden; last 6 times are **His**

She goes to the garden to partner with him. She had told the daughters that he was in the garden. She want to be where He is.

Walnut grove - used for food, oil, medicinal purposes. But to provide those it has to be broken. It is all hidden within the nut. We have to die to self to produce benefits.

She goes out of her familiar sphere to see the greenery. Leaves her comfort zone. God's garden in the midst of a fallen world. She wants to go and help these buds grow. She WANTS to work with Him. Fruit will be produced. She wants to invest work into it. She now has enthusiasm **because of** His Love for her. She says yes to the Great Commission.

V 12: She becomes like a chariot. Fastest way to travel. Kings and rich people had them. She has zeal to move quickly to help people. Strong desire. Wants to help totally in the work.

She is surprised by this. Work of the Spirit. She wants to do her part in the Body of Christ.

Chapter 7: Now the immature believers in the Church want to see **her**. They call her 4 times. Acts 20: 37-38.

Only place in the Song that she is called the Shulamite. City of Shumen. Same root as Solomon- peace. Jesus and His Church based on peace.

Response from the watchmen - they had mistreated her – what’s so great about her? Why do you want to see her? They undermine the desire of the others. A dance of spiritual warfare. Conflict between those who are fervent for Him and those that are not. Matt 10: 34-35. Acts 17:6. 2 camps.

V2: Answers the sarcastic question , “Who is the Shulamite?” The Bride is vindicated by the Lord. Also by the daughters of Jerusalem.

Daughters reaffirm what Jesus had said about her in 4:1-5. He started with her head and worked downward. They start with her feet. Speak of evangelism – she is now committed to the task. Eph 6:15; Isaiah 52:7. She takes the Good News.

Curves of her thighs are strength behind her walk. Muscular. Achieved by discipline and work.

V 3: Navel - nourishment from her mother. Well- nourished with a balanced diet. Good spiritual foundation. Formative years in the Lord and in the Church. Heap of wheat- ready for the harvest. Large amount of wheat brought about in holiness and purity.

V4: Breasts nurture with milk. She can nurture the new believers than come from the harvest. Youthful- more nourishment provided. Double portion.

V5: Neck- the will. Ivory is rare and costly. Her will is for Him. Eyes- ability to receive revelation. She has clear spiritual insight. Pools of Heshbon were very clear. Bath-Rabbim- a resort area with clean water. Phil 3: 8-10 – seeing clearly helps spiritual growth. Nose- discernment; tower is protection. Lebanon and Syria were enemies. Discernment of the enemy.

V6 : Head - thoughts - high and powerful like Mt. Carmel. Purple - royal thoughts. Captive – His Love binds Him to weak and low people. He has all Authority but He is caught up in love for the bride.

All these refer to her ministry.

V 7: Now Jesus vindicates the Bride. He is also answering the watchmen’s question. He sees her as beautiful and pleasant and having good fruits. “Love” represents His passion for her. Beyond comprehension.

V 8 : Palm tree is a sign of victory and conquest Rev 7:4. Picture of maturity Jer 10:5. Thrives because of very deep roots. Grows high. Wind can’t break it. Clusters provide nourishment.

V 9 : Takes hold of the branches. He is the Vine, we are the branches. He releases power and manifestations through us.

V 10-11 : Now He commissions her:

1. Breasts - nourishment of others. Now operating in a new and more powerful way. Spirit.
2. Apples are refreshing. Her breath will refresh others. Spirit. John 20:22.
3. Mouth – intimacy with God. Better than wine. We need to give Him our best. Spirit. Intimacy cannot be neglected. Best wine is the greatest joy. Our love and intimacy with Him is His greatest joy outside of the Godhead. John 17:26; John 15:9

Jesus answers the question in terms of her character and maturity.