

Song of Solomon 2

Jesus

I. His Banner Over Me is Love

- What is the tone of Jesus voice?

Song 1:6 [Bride] Do not look upon me, because **I am dark...**

Song 1:8 [Bridegroom] If you do not know, [you are the...] **fairest among women**

Brides opinion of herself is changed knowing how her beloved thinks about her

The Shulamite

1 I am the rose of Sharon, And the lily of the valleys.

Worldly Phycologists: We are not who we think we are. We are not who others think we are. *We are who we think others think we are.* **FALSE**

- **Q. Who are we really? A. We are who Jesus says we are**
- **Q.** What do we **really believe** Jesus thinks about us?

1. **His Bride** The one He would/did die for
2. **Peal of Great Price** He gave everything for
3. **Treasure** Cherishes every second/every day forever

**I felt unworthy to even be looked at
... But You make me feel as lovely as a Rose**

- **Important:** We will act in a manner reflective of how we believe

Proverbs 23:7 ... as [a person] thinks in his heart, **so is he.**

- If I believe I am unloved by Jesus I will be unloving to others/self-absorbed/constrained
- If I believe/know am loved by Jesus unconditionally... I am free to love others

Jesus voice is never condemning

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus

Jesus desire for His bride? That she knows she is loved by Him
That her esteem comes from knowing her beloved would/did die for her

- **Rose of Sharon**
 1. **From rt.** To be upright/pleasing.
 2. Jesus clothes bride w/His righteousness
- **Beloved speaks/Flower blossoms:** I am the rose of Sharon/Lily of the Valleys

The Beloved

2 Like a lily among thorns, So is my love among the daughters.

Jesus calls His bride a lily among the thorns of this world

We are to walk worthy of that calling. How...?

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in **the midst of a crooked and perverse** generation, among whom you shine as **lights in the world**, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- **You are a Lilly among thorns:** Light among the darkness of this world...

Ephesians 4:1 ... walk **worthy of the calling** with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

- **Bride:** Set apart to her husband/displayed before a watching world...
 1. Doing all things w/out complaining/All things w/out arguing
 2. Let good works shine before men
 3. Act in all humility and gentleness
 4. Putting up with one another/Striving to one in the Spirit

- **Like a Lilly among thorns are you my Bride**

The Shulamite

3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, So is my beloved among the sons.

- **Husband to Bride:** You a Lilly among thorns
- **Bride to Husband:** You are a Fruit Tree among the Vine Maples

So is my Jesus among all others to me

Philippians 3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have **counted loss for Christ**. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may **gain Christ** ⁹ and be **found in Him**, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may **know Him and the power of His resurrection**, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

- **Gain Jesus** At the expense of all I once considered gain
- **Found in Jesus** Covered by His righteousness
- **Know Jesus** Lit. to learn about, come to know, perceive, intimacy w/ Him

**And to Know the Power of His resurrection here and now...
In everyday events, circumstances and trials. Reality of His power!**

[Paul] wants to know in an experiential way the power of Christ's resurrection. That is, he wants to experience the same power that raised Christ from the dead surging through his own being, overcoming sin in his life and producing the Christian graces. [Wuest]

- **No one compares to Jesus...no one**

Psalm 89:6 ...who in the heavens can be **compared to the Lord**? Who among the sons of the mighty can be **likened to the Lord**?

Matthew 17:3 [Jesus transfigured] ...behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to [Peter, James and John], talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here **three tabernacles**: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**"

- Peter attempted to equate Moses/Elijah to Jesus and got zapped by Father

Be quiet and listen... this not some guy...This is My Beloved Eternal Son

- Jews tried to lift Moses up higher than Jesus...Moses Creator

Hebrews 3:3 For this One [Jesus] has been counted **worthy of more glory** than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

- Roman Catholics try to lift Mary up as co-redemptrix and mediator between God/man

1 Timothy 2:5 ... there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all

- Other try to exalt s0-called "holy men/woman" equating them to Jesus. **Really?**
 1. The One who sought me before I ever sought Him
 2. The One who loved me where I was at and save me by His grace
 3. The One who cherishes me day after day no matter how I mess up
 4. The One who died for me when I was at my ugliest
 5. The One who rose from the dead because He committed no sin
 6. The One who sits at the right hand of the Father advocating for Me
 7. The One who is coming back for me to take me the place He has prepared
 8. The One who is eager to lavish me with His kindness for Eternity

**As the Heavens are higher than the earth
So is my beloved among all the others**

3b... I sat down in his shade with great delight...

- Bride looks to her husband as protector

Jesus is our shade/protection/covering from the heat of Tribulations/Trials

Psalm 17:7 [David] Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the **shadow of Your wings**, 9 From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me.

- **In the midst of trials:** We rejoice in God's faithfulness/Past/Present/Future

Psalm 63:7 Because You have been my help, therefore in the **shadow of Your wings** I will rejoice.

- **Tribulation/Hard times are a reality:** We have a choice

Worry. Be anxious. Get up and Pace back/forth
Sit down at His feet/in His shade...and delight in His sweetness...

3c... And his fruit was sweet to my taste.

- **First saved:** Tasted of His Spirit/Word God...

1 Peter 2:2 ... as newborn babes, desire the **pure milk** of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

- **God wants us to move on to meat...**deeper understanding of His Word

Hebrews 5:12 ... though by this time you **ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes only of **milk is unskilled** in the word of righteousness, for **he is a babe**.

Babies are cute when they coo and drink from bottle...**not a good look for adults**
 Good time to grow up and take God's Word seriously

- **Taste that the Lord is good...**

Exodus 16:31 [^{1st} mention as bread of God; i.e., Manna] ... it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like **wafers made with honey**.

- **Angel Food Cake...**

Numbers 11:8 and its taste was like the taste of **pastry prepared with oil**.

- We find the Word of God...**Tasty**

Psalms 119:103 How sweet are Your **words to my taste**, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalms 34:8 Oh, **taste and see** that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

True believers will continue to grow/delight in the sweet Word of God
Make believers will grow weary/begin to despise God's Word

Numbers 11:4 Now the mixed multitude who were among them **yielded to intense craving**; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat? ⁵ We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶ but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this **manna before our eyes!**"

- **Tasted God's goodness one minute/Despised Him the next**
- **Looked like believers for a time...**

Hebrews 6:4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have **tasted the heavenly gift**, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame. [*Already tasted and yet rejected*]

- **Make excuses for falling away...**

1. I tried that already
2. People are hypocrites
3. Written by men

Never truly saved in first place: Never applied the blood of the Cross to their own sin
It is possible to taste the goodness God/partake in His Holy Spirit/**yet not be saved**

- **You seek me only for the physical satisfaction**

John 6:27 Do not labor for the **food which perishes**, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you

- **Moses gave us manna what will You do as a sign?**

John 6:32 "... Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the **bread of God is He who comes down from heaven** and gives life to the world." ... 35 And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life...** 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 **I am the living bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." ...**53** Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you **eat the flesh of the Son of Man** and drink His blood, you have no life in you... **54** Whoever **eats My flesh and drinks My blood** has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ..."

- Jesus separates the true-believers from make-believers:

1. **You can't stop at tasting of Me;** i.e., physical food, Me giving to you
2. **You must ingest Me;** become one with Me. All or nothing. Become one flesh

Important: All disciples [learners] are not all true-believers

Those who continue with Him are True-believers/True believers will continue with Him

John 6:66 From that time many of His disciples went back and **walked with Him no more**. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away? 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "**Lord, to whom shall we go?** You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

- **He is our everything:** No on and nothing should come close to our love for Jesus...

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and **does not hate** his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

So is my beloved among the others

I sat down in His shade w/great delight...His fruit was sweet to my taste/got sweeter w/time

The Shulamite to the Daughters of Jerusalem

4 He brought me to the banqueting house

- From Ephraim to Jerusalem Solomon brings her home
- Lit. He brought me into His house of wine; i.e., **house of Joy**

Jesus brings us out of the dungeon of despair brings us in to a place of Joy

Psalm 18:19 He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

... And his **banner over me was love.**

- **Love:** Translate to gr. Agape; i.e., Sacrificial Love

1 John 4:8b... God is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4 [Jesus] suffers long and is kind; [Jesus] does not envy; [Jesus] does not parade [Him] self, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek [His] own, [Jesus] is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 [Jesus] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Bride: Where do I sit? **A.** Under that Banner that says LOVE.

- God's unconditional love for His bride
- **Shulamite Bride continues...**

5 Sustain me with cakes of raisins, Refresh me with apples, For I am lovesick.

- **Sustained by His love:** Like note on guitar that rings on...

Psalm 55:22 Cast your burden on the Lord, And **He shall sustain you**; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 3:5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the **Lord sustained me.**

- **Do evolutionists ever think of this?** My heart/lungs involuntarily sustained at night

Psalm 41:3 The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will **sustain him** on his sickbed.

- **Sustained:** Ability to keep going one more step/breath by faith, love and hope in Him
- **Lovesick:** Not sick of love but overwhelmed by/with His love

6 His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me. **7** I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love **Until it pleases.**

Don't sell yourself Short...Don't give away what is Precious

- Wait for the right person/right time/God's time...**and it will be worth it**
- No one has ever regretted staying sexual pure till marriage...quite the opposite

SUMMARY His Banner Over Me is Love

II. Beloved's Request Come Away with Me

The Shulamite

8 **The voice of my beloved!** Behold, he comes **Leaping** upon the mountains, **Skiping** upon the hills. 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

- **Beloved:** Leaping, Skiping toward the home of His Love
- **Bride:** Hears voice of Her Beloved outside. **Singing?**

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, **He will rejoice over you with singing.**"

- Jesus sang after Last Supper [Mat. 26:30]

9b ... Behold, he **stands** behind our wall; He is **looking** through the windows, **Gazing** through the lattice.

Stands Looking Gazing: Beloved can't wait to get see his Bride

- Speaks to here through her window...

10 My beloved spoke, and said to me: "**Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away.** 11 For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. 12 The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove Is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the **tender grapes** Give a good smell.

What a Wonderful World? ... It will be

Isaiah 25:6 [2nd Coming] And in this mountain The Lord of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the **veil that is spread over all nations.** 8 He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.

- **Wonderful World Now?** Not so much
 1. Winter past ...implies the world is now cold
 2. Rain over ...implies the world is now dark
 3. Flowers appear ...implies thorns/thistles have taken over
 4. Singing has come ...implies people singing has ceased
- **Good News:** Signs winter drawing to a close...
 1. **Voice of Turtledove?** Distinctive cooing sign spring is around corner
 2. Fig Tree bearing fruit

Matthew 24:32 [2nd Coming] "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, **know that it is near—at the doors!** 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

13b [My beloved spoke] ... Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!

- **We wait for these Words**...in our very troubled world

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself;** that where I am, there you may be also.

- **We say:** Just to be with Him
- **He says:** Just to be with you...

1 Thessalonians 4:15 ... we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For **the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout**, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore **comfort one another with these words.**

Sweetest most Comforting Words a Loving Bride could ever Hope to Hear
...Rise Up my fair one and come away

14 "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret places of the cliff, **Let me see your face**, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your face is lovely."

- **What does Jesus say to His Bride/His dove?**

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| 1. Let Me see your lovely face | The face I formed just for Me |
| 2. Let Me hear your sweet voice | The voice I tuned just for you |

Psalms 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand...

- **Who we are?**

1. Not who we think we are...
2. Not who others say we are...
3. We are who Jesus says we are

Let Me see your lovely face...Hear your lovely voice

Song 1:6 [Bride] Do not look upon me, because I am dark...**8** [Bridegroom] If you do not know, [you are the] **fairest among women**

III. Catch the Little Foxes

Maiden or Her Brothers

15 **Catch us the foxes**, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes.

Catch the "little" foxes before they cause massive damage

Judges 15:4 [Sampson's plot against his enemy] ...Samson went and caught three hundred foxes; and he took torches, turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. 5 When he had set the torches on fire, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and olive groves.

Small things left uncaught/unchecked can lead to big problems

- **Little foxes** that damage relationships **between husband/wife**
 1. Mistrust/Jealousy
 2. Selfishness/Pride
 3. Unforgiving Attitude left unchecked will not just go away
- **Little Foxes** that damage our relationship with Jesus. Things that tempt us to...

WORRY

Luke 10:38 ... a certain woman named Martha welcomed [Jesus] into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also **sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word**. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

- Martha was too busy to sit/too busy to hear. Mess.
- Mary sat at Jesus feet and heard Jesus Words... all was well

Martha was not worried/troubled because she was busy

Martha stayed busy because she was already worried/troubled about many things

Martha tried to fix/forget her worry by keeping busy...instead of sitting at Jesus feet

Matthew 6:25 "[Jesus said] **do not worry about your life...**

Not a request so we might feel better... but a command to not offend Him

Mat. 6:25b... [Don't worry about your life...] what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. **Is not life more** than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

- Worry says we don't trust God. **Period.**

T/F? A friend of God will cease to worry... and believe God's got this?

James 2:23 ... Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And

he was called the friend of God.

- Worry means we don't trust God
- **Worry never leads to anything good**

Mat. 6:27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

- Faith sets us apart from those who don't know God...

Mat 6:31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

Since worry is an offence against God in Heaven/Never leads to anything of value on Earth
And since believing Jesus is a sign we belong to Jesus, lets...

Believe God by our actions/Exemplify our faith to a watching world... **Stop Worrying**

- *With so much free time on my hands what should I do?* **Glad you asked...**

Mat. 6:33 [Instead...] **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

- God does a **device status check** on us every second
- God knows what we need **more than we know what we need...**

Romans 8:26 ... the **Spirit also helps in our weaknesses**. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

- **As a man thinks so is he. If you...**

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| 1. Think about you | Worried/Self-consumed |
| 2. Seek His Kingdom | Fear/worry disappear as we sit at His feet |

1 John 2:5 ... whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him...**12** No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us...**18** There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

If we are about our Father business, we will have no time/reason to fear/worry

- Being anxious **seems like** the correct response to the times we are in? Not for us...
- **God does not waste trials:** Always a Purpose in the Pain conform us to Jesus

Romans 5:3 ... we also **glory in tribulations**, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Things we worry about are the Little Foxes that destroy growth/fruit

- Matter of setting mind [thoughts] and hearts [emotions] on what is good/true/right

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.6 **Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication, **with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- Praying w/thanksgiving leads to peace. Big peace.

Philippians 4:8 [Cont.] Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy**—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the **God of peace will be with you.**

- **Takes Action:** Det your mind [thoughts] and heart [feelings] on the things above

**As a man thinketh...so is he
Think like this and God will be with you. Period**

- **Little Foxes become big werewolves if not caught**
- Do we want to be known as worriers or men/woman of faith?

Little Foxes def. Anything/Everything tempting/pulling us away from Simplicity in Christ.

- **Guard Tender Grapes:** Precious relationship w/Jesus. Nothing more important

Proverbs 4:20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. 23 **Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.** 24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

- **Guard your relationship in marriage** by catching the Little Foxes that creep in
 1. Mistrust/Jealousy
 2. Selfishness/Pride
 3. Unforgiving Attitude...unchecked will **become worse**
- **Guard your relationship with Jesus** by catching Little Foxes. Not only worries but...
 1. Compromise
 2. Disobedience
 3. Complaining
 4. Busyness/Hustle/Bustle
 5. Ingratitude
 6. Apathy
 7. Pettiness/Self-centeredness
 8. Indulging the Flesh...all little foxes. Catch 'em while small

Catch us the foxes

The little foxes that spoil the vines...for our vines have tender grapes

The Shulamite

16 My beloved is mine, and I am his. He feeds *his flock* among the lilies.

He is mine and I am His! Nothing can change that

Romans 8:38 ... I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When everything around us changes...His love stays the same
It is important that our love for Him is constant and consistent

- He feeds [his flock not in orig.] among the lilies
- Speaking of her lips; i.e., smooching

Song 5:13 ... His lips are lilies, Dripping liquid myrrh.

- **Kissing:** An evolutionary leap for survival of the fittest. No.

Shulamite To Her Beloved

17 Until the **day breaks** And the shadows flee away, Turn, my beloved, And **be like a gazelle** Or a young stag Upon the mountains of Bether.

- **Bether:** Lit. Separation/Cleft

Trials may make us "feel" Jesus is not w/us/ We walk by Faith knowing He is

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

The spouse speaks of 'mountains' dividing her from her Beloved: she means that the difficulties were great. They were not little hills, but mountains, that closed up her way... It is plain, from this sacred Canticle, that the spouse may love and be loved, may be confident in her Lord, and be fully assured of her possession of him, **and yet, there may for the present be mountains between her and him.**" [Spurgeon]

- Yet one day we will hear these Words...and melt. Winter over/Battles over

Song 2:10 My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away. 11 For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. 12 The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove Is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the tender grapes Give a good smell.