

Song of Songs Chapter 2

V 1: Christ is the Rose of Sharon. Most beautiful flower. Best ones grew there. Lily is preferred over Solomon (Luke 12:27). He is present everywhere; not locked in a garden. Valleys are low places. He is white and pure everywhere. Humble people see His Glory more powerfully. Redemption.

V2: Bride is identified as a lily. He compares her to the lily - He is the Lily. The beauty of believers is that they are like Him. They are made like Him. They are among thorns – sin and sinners in the world. We have to live with them and with tribulations. Saints among sinners.

We are Jesus' inheritance. Psalm 2:8. Eph 1:18. Father promised Him. She captures His heart. Only desire outside the Trinity. Co-heir; not just loved. She is clean, innocent, and pure before Jesus. Before she confessed that she was dark. When we understand this we are different. Heart is open to this. This is who we are.

V3: Apple tree. Gives sweet fruit; refreshes. Keeps giving the fruit. Other trees commonly have to be cut before they are useful. He is pre-eminent over anything that can be named.

Sits in the shade – refreshed because of what He did. She sits in the shade of the Tree (the Cross) and doesn't do anything. She hasn't done anything. God enjoys us. We enjoy sitting in His Presence. Spiritual maturity comes when we understand this.

Fruit is Redemption. We are fed by it. Like the Table. Redemption is sweet; should not be made bitter by strict religion and judgmental people.

V4: Sat under the apple tree but now goes to a more special place. Banquet house/wine house – celebration. Communion table. Marriage Supper of the Lamb in Revelation. **He** brings her there. Now access to the Father.

Like a shepherd carries and leads the sheep.

Banner over her is Love. It is all done in Love. Love always reigning over. Tender, free, intimate, comfortable. Not a banner of laws, rules, judgment, fear, uncertainty. Christ is Author and Captain of Salvation. That is what His name means. Banner was set up over a possession. Gospel is an ensign Isaiah 11:12.

Bride talking to daughters of Jerusalem:

V 5: Bride is lovesick. Overcome and overpowered. Refresh, give me more. Raisins and apples are fruits - Redemption. We are not fed with harshness - sweet fruit. Leads to spiritual maturity. Holy Spirit ministry.

He awakens a hunger in us. Can only be satisfied with Him. He loved us first; then we love Him.

V 6 : Left hand – behind her. Can't see it. Activity of God that we can't see. Many things go on that we don't know. Supports us, comforts like a pillow. Right hand can be seen, felt, discerned. We experience it.

V 7 : Asks the more carnal believers not to disturb her. Wants to stay in His Presence and enjoy it. Gazelles and hinds (does) – gentle and easily distracted. She knows that she can be easily distracted. Doesn't want this to change or end.

V 8 : New season starts now. Now further relationship after the lovesick time. New revelation now. He was resting up to now. Now He is a Sovereign King. She sees Him in a different way.

Rejoices at His approach. Recognizes His voice. Not distracted by voice of a stranger. John 10: 4-5. He comes. Over every obstacle; every opposition; including the Law and curse of the Law. To overcome the powers of Darkness. At the right time; due time.

V 9 : He comes fast. These are fast animals. Over obstacles. Does not delay. Appointed **times**. Lord and Ruler of the nations. Jesus stands when Stephen died; when He stands powerful things happen.

House that He built for her. He *looks* in then *gazes* . Looks for her reaction to the change. Then tries to woo her out.

Also OT prophetic types of Jesus.

Church is also in the house. He wants to come *in* and He wants us to go *out*.

V 10 : He gazes in love and speaks with love. She is so dear to him that He wants her to reign and rule with Him. Wants her to come out and move with Him. *He* now sounds lovesick. Calls her His love; fair one. Wants her to come out of her comfort and security to commission her for the Work.

She wants to sit and have the fruit and comfort. Sheltered.

7 verbs used by Jesus to move her to partnership:

They include Jesus coming, leaping, skipping, standing, looking, gazing and speaking. He is active; she is a partner.

V 11: He tells her it is time for the harvest. Winter is past; rain is gone. Reminder of His Faithfulness during dark, fruitless winter. If He was faithful in the past, He will be faithful in the future.

V 12-13 : Signs of the times. Signs of harvest. Early signs are the flowers. She has to act quickly. Vines bring forth grapes. Turtledove sings at harvest time. People sing while harvesting. Green figs mature into ripe figs.

Smell of the grapes indicates harvest time.

Flowers and fruit.

He speaks lovingly and with encouragement to her. Not harsh or judgmental. She is still beautiful to Him.