

Song of Solomon 7

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“How Beautiful!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. This is the most passionate exchange that takes place in this book.
 - 1.1.1. Here the bible is able to describe sexual love so erotically & yet sensitively.
 - 1.1.2. **Hollywood** didn't invent sex...**God** did!
 - 1.1.3. **God** is “Pro-sex” – “He created them male & female”.

2. **SOLOMON'S EXPRESSION OF HER BEAUTY! (1-9)**

- 2.1. 1st we'll look at Solomon's **View of her**(1-5) & then his **Desire for her** (6-9a).
 - 2.1.1. He's not afraid to again tell his wife how beautiful she is!
 - 2.1.2. Some guys have the idea, “**hey, I told her I loved her on my wedding night...**”*I still **thunk** it!*”
 - 2.1.3. Here Solomon repeats his **love & attraction** for her, even now, later in the marriage.
 - 2.1.3.1. How long has it been since you've told your spouse **how beautiful** they were? – We're you specific?
 - 2.1.3.2. The similes may be different (**ok they ought to be**) but let this be a **reminder** for husbands & wives to express their love to each other...often!
 - 2.1.3.3. Come up with some similes that are more contemporary or meaningful(**be careful**) be poetic – use plants – use animals(**be careful**)(kitten or puppy, leave out ape or worm!)
 - 2.1.3.3.1. I started mine maybe you could help me with it – “Babe, your foxy in flip flops!” ☺
- 2.2. **His View of her!** (1-5)
- 2.3. Note: he is obviously “head over heels” over her, yet he describes her heel to head!

- 2.4. (1) **Beautiful Feet!**
- 2.4.1. **Physically speaking** - Feet seem to be either **pretty nice**, or **pretty ugly!**
- 2.4.1.1. Her feet were beautiful!
- 2.4.2. **Spiritually speaking** – What are beautiful feet in scripture?
- 2.4.2.1. It speaks of our **walk/relationship** with God!
- 2.4.2.2. **Story** – Dr. Rick Evans, Starbucks, Mical's Achilles problem, diagnosed over the phone (*achilles tendonitis, planer faceitus*)...that man knows feet!
- 2.4.2.3. **God knows Feet!** – Your spiritual Feet! & He expects 3 things of your Feet!
- 2.4.3. **[1] Feet that are Clean!**
- 2.4.3.1. **Jn.13:8** “Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my **feet!**” Jesus answered him, “**If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.**”
- 2.4.3.2. We need → Forgiven Feet!
- 2.4.4. **[2] Feet that are Shod!**
- 2.4.4.1. **Eph.6:15** “and having **shod your feet** with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”
- 1.1.1. In the ancient world soldiers moved by foot, thus called “foot soldiers”.
- 1.1.1.1. **Stonewall Jackson** was known for his incredible ability in **moving troops** quickly & strategically.
- 1.1.1.2. So if the protection was inadequate, they couldn't carry out their mission.
- 1.1.1.3. **Story** - In the 1950,51 Korean conflict frostbitten feet became a problem for some of the foot soldiers. - Areas were damp, so when the temp. lowered, shoes froze, next the feet froze. The worse enemy became their shoes, not their enemy guns.
- 1.1.2. Paul says to “**cover our feet w/the gospel of peace!**”
- 1.1.2.1. This comes from **Is.52:7** “How **beautiful** upon the mountains **Are the feet** of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, “Your **God reigns!**”. The image is drawn from their **only ability** to communicate during battle...**Runners!** (no telecommunications system!).
- 1.1.2.2. In some cases if the messenger brought bad news he was punished by death!
- 1.1.2.3. It became a science where the lookout could determine whether the messenger was bring good/bad news!
- 1.1.2.4. If it was **good news** his feet would be flying! Kicking up dust! Happy Feet! (an enthusiasm in his gait)
- 1.1.2.5. Hence the phrase “**how beautiful are the feet of him who brings good news!**” (Gospel=good news)
- 1.1.3. **The gospel protects our feet. It covers our feet & makes us mobile in the battle against evil!**

- 2.4.5. **[3] Feet that are busy carrying the good news of salvation!**
 2.4.5.1. **Is.52:7** “How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him **who brings good news,**”
- 2.4.6. **So...are your spiritual feet beautiful?**
 2.4.6.1. **Defiled Feet & Disobedient Feet** will grieve His heart!
- 2.5. **(1b) Beautiful Thighs!**
 2.5.1. They truly were the work of a skillful workman...GOD!
 2.5.2. **Gen.2:22** “Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man **He made into a woman,** and He brought her to the man.”
 2.5.2.1. Pretty fine craftsmanship! 😊
- 2.6. **(2) “a heap of wheat”** – We as the Bride of Christ should see ourselves not as a tree planted into this earth permanently, but as **Wheat**. Wheat that was meant to be “cut down, carried away, & taken off to the king’s barns & granaries!”
- 2.7. **(3) Commentary?**...they’re like 2 fawns, twins of a gazelle.
- 2.8. **(4) Tower of Lebanon** – beautiful “white reflection”?
 2.8.1. **Lebanon = white.** - Looking toward Lebanon one sees limestone cliffs on the eastern slopes of Lebanon’s mountains. When the sun shines on them they look white in appearance, & so the name “Lebanon”.
 2.8.1.1. So, my commentary...white complexion...or just a honker of a nose!
- 2.9. **(5) Mount Carmel** – sits like a crown above the Haifa port on the Med. coast. (it’s beautiful)
 2.9.1. **Purple hair?** – like royal tapestry.
 2.9.2. **Tresses** – lock of hair or a ringlet.
- 2.10. **His Desire for her!** (6-9a)
- 2.11. **(6) He reminds her again.**
- 2.12. **(7) Palm Tree** – Tall & thin build!
 2.12.1. This is one tree that gets more fruit as it gets older.
 2.12.1.1. Maybe your getting up in years, your **usefulness & fruitfulness** need not diminish. – Gods designed it this way folks.
 2.12.1.2. You shouldn’t “get tired of each other”.
 2.12.1.3. **Q:** What are you doing to put the spark into your marriage?

- 2.13. (8b) Hopefully your norm isn't what Job said, "My breath is offensive to my wife," (Job 19:17).
- 2.14. (9a) Intimate kissing.

3. THE SHULAMITE'S BED & BREAKFAST! (10-13)

- 3.1. **Security Felt!** (9b,10)
- 3.1.1. Wine speaks of Joy throughout scripture!
- 3.2. (9b-,10) Grow in the security of His love!
- 3.2.1. Abigail to David (1 Sam.25:29) "the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, as from the pocket of a sling."
- 3.3. **Security's Response!** (11-13)
- 3.4. (11-13) **Mandrakes** – They still grow in the Holy Land. They were seen as an Aphrodisiac(love apples).
- 3.4.1. See overhead(picture I took in Shiloh)
- 3.5. I call vs.11-13 "**Bed & Breakfast!**"
- 3.5.1. Ok for the woman to **initiate** lovemaking. (she seems to be more comfortable with this later on in marriage.)
- 3.5.1.1. She suggests the getaway into the country..."there I will give my love!"
- 3.5.2. [1] Sexual intimacy is not only for **procreation** (making babies) but also for pleasure. (This has been challenged by some puritanical thinkers)
- 3.5.2.1. **Gen.18:12** "Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have **pleasure**, my lord being old also?"
- 3.5.2.2. And of course the whole book of the Song of Solomon! (I haven't read anything about children yet?)
- 3.5.3. [2] It is to **satisfy the drive** that has been placed within man. (1 Cor.7:4,5) "Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time,".

- 3.5.4. [3] It is **Sacramental** “the 2 becoming 1” – There is an incredible bonding that takes place, giving them a deep & unique power of unity. Which comes from each bearing one’s total self to the other to the deepest level of their personality.
- 3.5.4.1. It is not technique or kinky-ness...it is caring, loving, selflessness giving.
- 3.5.4.2. **Heb. 13:4** “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled;”
- 3.6. **Application:** Ask the lord to go with you to some special place where you can be alone with Him & give Him your love. (you initiate)
- 3.6.1. In **2:10** He invited her – But he (God) enjoys it when you invite Him!
- 3.6.1.1. **Ps.34:4** - “I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.”

4. **Communion:**

- 4.1. Vs.9 – “The Best wine!”
- 4.1.1. Which wine is the best wine? **Jn.2:10** "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."
- 4.1.1.1. **Mt.26:29** "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."
- 4.1.2. Call for the Lord to “come away with you” tonight! (it’s not necessarily a location to go to, it’s the position of the heart!)