Song of Solomon 7

“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 heals” over her, yet he describes her heal 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 on 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!)