

Song of Solomon Chapter 7

I. Son. 7:1- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince's daughter

1. The church has been given the commission to preach the gospel to the world.

a. **Rom. 10:15**- How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace!

2. Feet in sandals signifies that one is ready to travel. We are to shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. [**Eph. 6:15**] Too many have taken off their sandals and are propping up their feet up to rest at home! Jesus has told us to go into all the world. Many are getting ready to take a nap or are napping instead!

3. The word "prince" here is lit. "*one of noble birth*". The church is born of divine royalty!

B. The curves of your thighs are like jewels- Oh my, things are starting to heat up!

1. The word "curves" in Hebrews means joints. The joints of the hips cause the legs to move. The walk of a young woman is beautiful to behold. So is the walk of a Christian who is walking in the Spirit. The movement of the church as one is beautiful to behold.

2. Joints in the New Testament refers to the five fold ministry gifts- Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher. [**Eph. 4:11**]- These nourish the body as joints do the body. [**Eph. 4:16**] These ministry offices are jewels to the body of Christ. They are seen as gifts. **Eph. 4:8** The church is able to function when the joints are operating properly.

3. If all the ministry gifts would hear from God and preach what He tells them and every heart is open to believe and obey, the church would walk in unison and in power. However, many ministers are neither listening nor seeking God about what to minister and many in the pews do not have a heart to believe or obey. It is a wonder God gets what He does get done in and through the church! It is a miracle!

C. the work of the hand's of a skillful workman

1. First we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus. He has prepared good works for us that we should walk in them. **Eph. 2:10**

2. Secondly, God's ministers are called workmen. They are to study to show themselves approved, rightly dividing the Word of God and ministering it to the body. This will empower the body to walk in the will of God. **2 Tim. 2:15**

II. Son. 7:2- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Your navel is a rounded goblet, it lacks no mixed wine

1. The navel is the center of the belly. The belly is a physical type of our spirit.

a. **Prov. 20:27**- The spirit of man searches out the inward parts of the belly

b. **John 7:38**- Out of his belly [spirit] will flow rivers of living water

2. Wine is a type of the Holy Spirit's presence and blessing

3. Our spirit does not lack in the presence of the Holy Spirit and His fullness. We need to draw upon this wine by faith.

B. your waist is a heap of wheat set about lilies

1. Please do not try this at home with your wife! This was a great thing to say to your love back then, but a terrible thing to say today! Stay away from the "your belly is a heap of wheat" thing! Don't go there guys!

2. Wheat in the Bible speaks of believers. **Matthew 13:30**- wheat are believers and tares are unbelievers.

3. The heap of wheat is the church which is full of believers.

4. Lilies are the promises of God. The church is set about and encompassed by the promises of God. There are promises of heaven which are over us. There are promises that are under us that keep our feet from slipping. There are promises ahead of us for our future, and promises that reveal our past has been taken care of by the blood of Jesus. We have promises that protect us from what is coming to us from the right and left hand. We are set about by lilies- the promises of God!

III. Son. 7:3- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Your breasts are as two fawns

1. The believer's breast contains two fawns. They are also twins. They are inseparably linked together. One is faith and the other is love. **[1 Thess. 5:8]** Faith works by love.

2. Fawns are delicate. We must take great care to protect our faith and love. It does not take much to disrupt them. Although they are delicate yet they are strong in protecting our heart. They are seen as a breastplate.

B. twins of a gazelle

1. The gazelle is Christ. A gazelle is the embodiment of grace. Jesus is the embodiment of grace. Faith and love both come from the Lord

Jesus. He is the author and finisher of our faith and being God He is love.

IV. Son. 7:4

A. **Your neck is as an ivory tower**

1. Your neck connects your body to the head. What connects us to our head, the Lord Jesus Christ, is faith. The neck then represents faith.

2. Ivory is white. White speaks of what is pure and holy. Our faith is most holy unto God. **Jude 20** We are made holy by faith in Christ. Ivory is from the elephant's tusks. The tusks are for protection from enemies. Here in this passage the ivory is in a form of a tower. A tower is for protection against enemies. Our faith is for our protection from our enemies. **Ephesians 6:16**- Faith is a shield against the enemy!

B. **your eyes are like the fishpools of Hesbon**

1. One more thing that is not good to say to your love in modern times. You might get into trouble telling your wife that her eyes remind you of your favorite fishing holes!

2. The gate of Hesbon had two pools of clear water nearby. These two pools of water are likened to two eyes. We see through the eyes of faith.

3. Hesbon means *understanding*. God desires to open up the eyes of our understanding that we might see spiritual realities. **Eph. 1:18**

C. **by the gate of Bathrabbim**

1. The gate to the city of Hesbon was the gate of Bathrabbim.

2. Bathrabbim means daughter of the great. The church is the daughter of the Great God and King. The church is the gate unto the kingdom of God. You must enter into the church before you can enter into heaven.

3. God wants to open up the eyes of our understanding to comprehend and see Him.

D. **your nose is as the tower of Lebanon**

1. This makes the top ten things not to say to your wife as well!

2. Lebanon is a type of heaven. It means *exceeding white*.

3. The nose is our sense of smell. We can smell the aroma of Christ and righteousness.

a. **2 Cor. 2:16** We can also smell the rancid aroma of death which our enemies put forth. If we will but follow the proper aroma we will be safe and be protected as in a tower.

E. that faces towards Damascus

1. Damascus was the perpetual enemy of Israel. Our spiritual senses must always be on guard as a tower against our enemy Satan and His cohorts.
2. We must be on guard against envy and selfish strife. This produces confusion and every evil [lit. Gr. foul] work. Envy and strife are foul. They smell!

V. Son. 7:5- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Your head upon [or, over] you is as Carmel

1. Carmel means a *lush park or paradise*.
2. Our head over us is Christ. He is our paradise. What will make heaven what it is will be Christ being in the center of it. Christ is our paradise.

B. the hair of your head is like purple

1. Her hair is **LIKE** purple, it was **NOT** purple. Teenagers, you cannot take this verse for coloring your hair weird colors!
2. Hair in the Bible speaks of submission to authority. The color purple in the Bible speaks of royalty or rulership.
3. When we submit to Christ our head then we will reign in life! The chief way we submit to God and unto Christ is through our faith which issue forth in words and actions.

C. the King is held [close] by your tresses

1. When we submit and trust Christ in our lives then our King Jesus is held close to us. His presence and anointing will saturate us.
2. When we fail to trust Him and walk in the flesh we push Him and His anointing away from us.

VI. Son. 7:6- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. How fair and pleasant you are, O love, with your delights

1. Again, your Shepherd King view of us is that we are fair and pleasant to Him. Do you believe this? Close your eyes and picture Jesus walking up to you. What look does He have on His face? This will tell you what you believe about yourself in your heart. Does He have a frown on His face? Does He look angry? Disappointed? or, is He smiling at you? If you are saved, then the latter is the truth according to scripture!
2. Our faith and prayers delight Christ!

VII. Son. 7:7-The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. This stature of your is as the palm tree

1. The righteous is seen as the palm tree. **Ps. 92:12**

2. A palm tree is different from all other trees. Regular trees get their nutrients through their bark. However, a palm tree gets its life resources from its inner core. If you ring any other tree by cutting a circle around the tree through the bark, you will kill the tree. However, you can ring a palm tree and it will still thrive! It will even thrive in the desert! An unbeliever is sustained by their bark [flesh]. A Christian can be sustained by Christ in their spirit. A Christian can take a ringing and keep on singing. A Christian can have joy and peace in any situation because of Christ within them!

B. your breasts are like its clusters

1. There are different types of palm trees. The one described here is the date palm tree. The clusters spiritually are the fruit of our faith and love. They are located in our bosom.

VIII. Son. 7:8- The Shepherd King concerning the young woman

A. I said, I will climb the palm tree and take hold of its branches.

1. Oh my, things are really getting heated up now!

2. The palm tree is high and the fruit is at the top. Only a skilled, strong, and determined man would be able to enjoy its fruits.

3. I tell single women that they should keep their fruit at the top of their tree. Only a man of character, determination, and commitment will be able to climb to the top to enjoy it. This means he will treat you right, take his time, and make the commitment of marriage before the sex act is experienced. Many women hang their fruit down low for any man to reach it. They are afraid that if they make a man wait and to make a commitment before sex that they will lose him. If he will wait, then you don't want him and you won't keep him!

4. Jesus is patient with us in order to experience the fruit from our tree which is faith and love. He is willing to make the climb!

B. Now let your breasts be the clusters of the vine

1. The fruit of our breast is faith and love. These come from the vine of Christ.

2. Christ wants us to believe Him and love Him. This is the sweetest fruit to Him!

C. The fragrance of your mouth is like apples

1. This was before mints and mouth wash!

2. The apple tree in the Song of Solomon speaks of grace. The fragrance that should come from our mouth is the grace of God and worship.

IX. Son. 7:9- The young woman to the Shepherd King and His response back

A. Your mouth is like the best wine

1. Jesus said the best wine in human affairs is always served first. However, Jesus saves the best wine to the last.
2. If we will wait until marriage for sex, then we will experience the very best wine God has to offer us!
3. Spiritually speaking, salvation, the new birth, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the best wine.
4. The Word of God which comes from His mouth is the best wine. It will invigorate and comfort us.

B. it flows to my beloved in righteousness- lit. Heb.

1. The wine from the Shepherd King's mouth flows out from Him to us. It reveals righteousness and produces righteousness when we drink it in.

C. causing the lips of the one who is asleep to speak

1. Being asleep in the Bible often speaks of living in the flesh and acting like dead unbeliever's, although there is life present in the believer. When we take in God's Word it will wake us up and cause us to start speaking in faith again! Faith comes hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The outflow of our faith is the confession of faith.

X. Son. 7:10- The young woman to the Shepherd King

A. I am my beloved's, and His desire is toward me.

1. Earlier in the book, she said, "My beloved is mine, and I am his". Then she said, "I am my beloved's, and He is mine", now she says, "I am my beloved's and I am His desire." This is the progression the Lord desires of us. It moves from us being the prominent one to the Lord being the prominent One. Now at last she has the revelation that she belongs to the Lord and the reason for her existence is to satisfy His desire for communion and intimacy.
2. So often in prayer we come to God for Him to satisfy our desires. We must learn to come to satisfy His! God wants to spend time with us because he desires us. Have you satisfied God's desire today?

XI. Son. 7:11- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Come, my beloved, let us go out into the field

1. The Lord wants to take us from our intimate time alone with him and take Him to the world. The fields are white unto harvest and it's fruits are ready to blossom! When we go out into the world Christ comes with us!

B. let us visit the villages

1. The Lord went to all the villages around Him spreading the good news of the gospel. He wants us to do the same and He will come with us and reveal Himself by and through us!

XII. Son. 7:12- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. Let us get up early to the vineyards, let us see if the vine as budded, whether the grape blossoms has opened, and the pomegranates are in bloom

1. Before the church is ready to go out into all the world and be productive we first must be ready. We must be abiding in Christ and bearing fruit. The world is tired of hearing the gospel but not seeing in fruit from those preaching it! The Lord is wanting to see us His branches bearing spiritual fruit before He can use us significantly in the world.

2. The vineyards are the local churches. The grape blossoms and pomegranates are believers.

B. There I will give you my love

1. The Lord is waiting for His body to start showing love towards each other. Jesus said that the world would know we are His disciples by our love for one another. **John 13:35**

2. **There** I will give you my love- "There" is in the local churches. We cannot properly love each other as believers unless we congregate regularly together. Many as we see the Lord approaching are in the habit of skipping church. The Word of God warned us about this. **Heb. 10:25**

XIII. Son. 7:13- The Shepherd King to the young woman

A. The mandrakes give off their fragrance

1. Mandrakes were known for their effect upon fertility. **Gen. 30:14-16**

2. Mandrakes are a type of worship in the local assembly. This is the deepest intimacy we share with the Lord. It gives forth a sweet fragrance to the Lord.

B. at our gates is pleasant fruits

1. When we enter into the doors of the church we can partake of pleasant fruits of the Word and Spirit.

C. all manner of old and new

1. Each local church should be teaching Christ from both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus said that those ministers who are properly instructed will be able to bring out both old and new treasures for God's people to partake in! **Matt. 13:52**

D. which have been laid up for you, my beloved

1. The Lord has laid up His promises in both the Old and New Testaments for you to partake in. He has stored up all wisdom and knowledge in Christ for us! Col. 2:3

2. We have the promises of hope and a crown of righteousness laid up for us in heaven. **Col 1:5, 2 Tim. 4:8**