

THE SONG OF SOLOMON, CHAPTER 1

1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

The Maiden Bride

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth:

- for thy love is better than wine.
- 3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth,
 - therefore do **the virgins** love thee. *(Compare to Matthew 25:1-13)*

4 Draw me,

we will run after thee:

the king hath brought me into his chambers:

we will be glad and rejoice in thee,
we will remember thy love more than wine:
the upright love thee.

5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem,

- as the tents of Kedar,
- as the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I am black,

- because **the sun** hath looked upon me:
 - my mother's children were angry with me;
 - they made me the keeper of the vineyards;

but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth,

- where thou feedest,
- where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon:
 - for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

The King

8 If thou know not,

O thou fairest among women,

go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock,
and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

9 I have compared thee, O my love,
to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, (Compare to Psalm 45)
thy neck with chains of gold.

11 We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

The Maiden Bride

12 While the king sitteth at his table,
my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

(Compare to Psalm 45)

13 A bundle of myrrh is my wellbeloved unto me;
he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.

The King

15 Behold, thou art fair,
my love;
behold, thou art fair;
thou hast doves' eyes.

The Maiden Bride

16 Behold, thou art fair,
my beloved, yea, pleasant:
also our bed is green.

17 The beams of our house are cedar, (Compare to 1 Kings 5:7-10)
and our rafters of fir.

Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.