

The Passionate Romantic Side of The Bible

The Bible teaches us how to love romantically. It seems that most people don't know that. I didn't until about a decade ago, and even then I hardly believed it. Now, though, The Song of Solomon is among my favorites.

Song of Solomon 1 (NASB)

The Young Shulammite Bride and Jerusalem's Daughters

The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

² "May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!
For your love is better than wine.

³ "Your oils have a pleasing fragrance,
Your name is *like* purified oil;
Therefore the maidens love you.

⁴ "Draw me after you *and* let us run *together!*
The king has brought me into his chambers."

"We will rejoice in you and be glad;
We will extol your love more than wine.
Rightly do they love you."

⁵ "I am black but lovely,
O daughters of Jerusalem,
Like the tents of Kedar,
Like the curtains of Solomon.

⁶ "Do not stare at me because I am swarthy,
For the sun has burned me.
My mother's sons were angry with me;
They made me caretaker of the vineyards,
But I have not taken care of my own vineyard.

⁷ "Tell me, O you whom my soul loves,
Where do you pasture *your flock*,
Where do you make *it* lie down at noon?
For why should I be like one who *veils* herself
Beside the flocks of your companions?"

Solomon, the Lover, Speaks

⁸ "If you yourself do not know,
Most beautiful among women,
Go forth on the trail of the flock
And pasture your young goats
By the tents of the shepherds.

⁹ "To me, my darling, you are like
My mare among the chariots of Pharaoh.

¹⁰ "Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments,
Your neck with strings of beads."

¹¹ “We will make for you ornaments of gold
With beads of silver.”

¹² “While the king was at his table,
My perfume gave forth its fragrance.

¹³ “My beloved is to me a pouch of myrrh
Which lies all night between my breasts.

¹⁴ “My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms
In the vineyards of Engedi.”

¹⁵ “How beautiful you are, my darling,
How beautiful you are!
Your eyes are *like* doves.”

¹⁶ “How handsome you are, my beloved,
And so pleasant!

Indeed, our couch is luxuriant!

¹⁷ “The beams of our houses are cedars,
Our rafters, cypresses.

There are only eight (8) chapters in this amazing book, but it's well worth the reading, particularly for men who really don't know how to love a woman, as well as for women who have never been exposed to the loving romance of a godly man.

I hope you have an amazing day!!

- Jack