



Song of Solomon



Affirmation

¹ Where has your beloved gone,
most beautiful of women?
Which way did your beloved turn,
that we may look for him with you?

She

² My beloved has gone down to his garden,
to the beds of spices,

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to browse in the garden and to gather lilies.
3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine;
he browses among the lilies.

He

4 You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my darling,
as lovely as Jerusalem,
as majestic as troops with banners.

Song of Solomon 6:1-13

⁵ Turn your eyes from me;
they overwhelm me.

Your hair is like a flock of goats
descending from Gilead.

⁶ Your teeth are like a flock of sheep
coming up from the washing.
Each has its twin,
not one of them is missing.

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7 Your temples behind your veil
are like the halves of a pomegranate.
8 Sixty queens there may be,
and eighty concubines,
and virgins beyond number;
9 but my dove, my perfect one, is unique,
the only daughter of her mother,
the favorite of the one who bore her.

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The young women saw her and called
her blessed;
the queens and concubines praised her.

Friends

¹⁰ Who is this that appears like the dawn,
fair as the moon, bright as the sun,
majestic as the stars in procession?

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He

¹¹ I went down to the grove of nut trees
to look at the new growth in the valley
to see if the vines had budded
or the pomegranates were in bloom.

¹² Before I realized it,
my desire set me among the royal chariots of
my people.

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Friends

¹³ Come back, come back, O Shulammitte;
come back, come back, that we may gaze
on you!

He

Why would you gaze on the Shulammitte
as on the dance of Mahanaim?

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1) Words of Affirmation

2) Quality Time

3) Gifts of Appreciation

4) Acts of Service

5) Physical Touch

- The 5 Love Languages -
(Gary Chapman)

“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17

“Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Matthew 25:21

1) An Affirmation of Fidelity

(vs. 1-3)

¹ Where has your beloved gone, most beautiful of women? Which way did your beloved turn, that we may look for him with you? ² My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to browse in the garden and to gather lilies. ³ I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he browses among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 6:1-3

³ The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.

⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

5 Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

“Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You. Every heart longing for our King. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.”

- Even So Come -

(Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram and Jess Cates)

2) An Affirmation of Femininity

(vs. 4-7)

4 You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my darling,
as lovely as Jerusalem, as majestic as troops
with banners. 5 Turn your eyes from me; they
overwhelm me. Your hair is like a flock of
goats descending from Gilead.

Song of Solomon 6:4-7

⁶ Your teeth are like a flock of sheep coming up from the washing. Each has its twin, not one of them is missing. ⁷ Your temples behind your veil are like the halves of a pomegranate.

Song of Solomon 6:4-7

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them; male
and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was
very good.

Genesis 1:31

When you affirm the masculinity
or femininity of your spouse, not
only does he or she feel affirmed,
but God is glorified

No matter how long we are
married, we must discover new
traits that affirm our spouse

No matter what changes occur over time, there are some never-ending traits that we can always affirm in our spouse

3) An Affirmation of Favouritism

(vs. 8-9)

⁸ Sixty queens there may be, and eighty concubines, and virgins beyond number;
⁹ but my dove, my perfect one, is unique the only daughter of her mother, the favorite of the one who bore her.

Song of Solomon 6:8-9

Marriage is ultimately a decision of favouritism. Out of all the men or women in the world, your spouse chose you!

While there are examples of polygamy among the Israelites in the Old Testament, I believe that Song of Solomon 6:9 marks a cultural paradigm shift and makes an explicit statement in favour of monogamy

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-14

There are many marriages where fidelity exists, but favouritism has gone extinct. We can be in a marriage, belonging to each other, but longing for another.

¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 John 2:16

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

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