

The
"The

Song of Solomon
Song of Songs"

Lesson 4: 2:8 - 3:11

Love's Boundary


7 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.



The Coming of the Shepherd

2:8 The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills.

2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall; He is looking through the windows, Gazing through the lattice.



Description of the Arrival

- ◆ First hears the VOICE
- ◆ Describes his vigor
- ◆ He overcomes obstacles
- ◆ He does not force love
- ◆ He shows himself

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag,
Behold, he is standing behind our wall,
he is looking through the windows,
he is peering through the lattice. Song of Songs 2:9

The Call of the Shepherd

- 10 My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away.
- 11 For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over *and* gone.
- 12 The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove Is heard in our land.
- 13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines *with* the tender grapes Give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!
- 14 "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret *places* of the cliff, Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice *is* sweet, And your face *is* lovely."

The Call to Come Away

- ◆ Voluntary (10)
 - If thou will

- ◆ Logical (11-13)
 - The storms have ended
 - There is new life
 - There is beauty
 - It will be bliss

- ◆ Emotional (14)
 - What will your answer be?
 - Please let me hear your voice



A Hindered Love

15 Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that
spoil the vines, For our vines *have* tender
grapes.

16 My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his. He
feeds *his flock* among the lilies.

17 Until the day breaks And the shadows
flee away, Turn, my beloved, And be like a
gazelle Or a young stag Upon the
mountains of Bether.



A Hindered Love

- ◆ Her Problem
- ◆ Her Passion
 - Her Passionate Loyalty
 - Her Passionate Longing

A Troubled Night

- 1 By night on my bed I sought the one I love; I sought him, but I did not find him.
- 2 "I will rise now," *I said*, "And go about the city; In the streets and in the squares I will seek the one I love." I sought him, but I did not find him.
- 3 The watchmen who go about the city found me; *I said*, "Have you seen the one I love?"



A Hungry Love

- ◆ Her Frantic Search
- ◆ Her foolish supposition
- ◆ Her false situation

A Troubled Night

- 4 Scarcely had I passed by them, When I found the one I love. I held him and would not let him go, Until I had brought him to the house of my mother, And into the chamber of her who conceived me.
- 5 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.

A Hallowed Love

- ◆ Heart Delight
 - She saw him
 - She seized him
 - She showed him
- ◆ Heart Danger
 - Its source
 - Its substance



An Hour of Talk

- ◆ Chapter 3: 6-11
 - The world and its pomp (6)
 - The world and its power (7-8)
 - The world and its prosperity (9-10)
 - The world and its popularity (11)

The World and its Pomp

3:6 Who *is* this coming out of the wilderness Like pillars of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all the merchant's fragrant powders?



The World and its Pomp

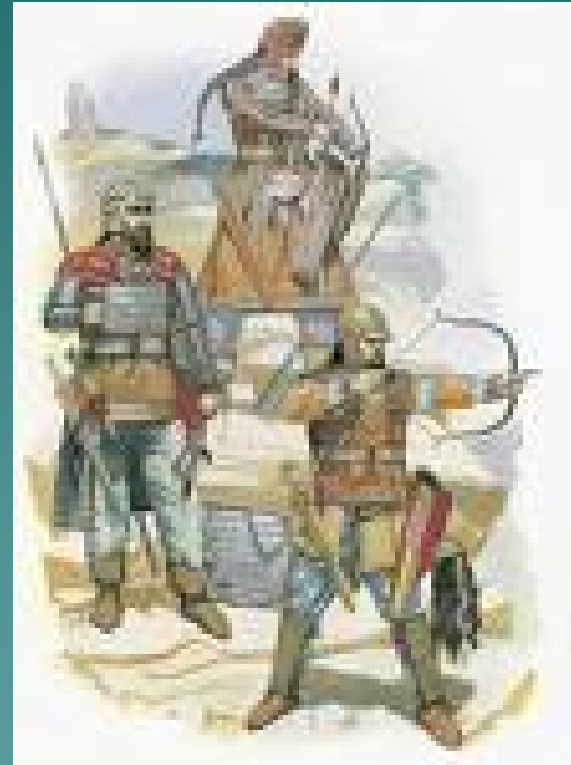
- ◆ The Sophisticated
- ◆ The Spectacular
- ◆ The Sensational
- ◆ The Seductive

The World and its Power

- 7 Behold, it *is* Solomon's couch, *With* sixty valiant men around it, Of the valiant of Israel.
- 8 They all hold swords, *Being* expert in war. Every man *has* his sword on his thigh Because of fear in the night.

The World and its Power

- ◆ Solomon's Style
- ◆ Solomon's Strength
 - The warriors
 - The weapons



The World and its Prosperity

9 Of the wood of Lebanon Solomon the King Made himself a palanquin:

10 He made its pillars *of* silver, Its support *of* gold, Its seat *of* purple, Its interior paved *with* love By the daughters of Jerusalem.

The World and its Prosperity

- ◆ Excellence
- ◆ Extravagance
- ◆ Experience



The World and its Popularity

11 Go forth, O daughters of Zion,
And see King Solomon with the crown
With which his mother crowned him
On the day of his wedding, The day
of the gladness of his heart.



The World and its Popularity

- ◆ Its Shallow Crowd
- ◆ Its Shallow Crown
 - The day of Solomon's marriage
 - The day of Solomon's merriment

The Hour of Togetherness

- ◆ Next Week: Chapter 4