

***Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths**

Part 215 – Beauty From The Bottom Up Through Make Haste (Song of Solomon 7:1-8:14)

1. Could it be said that Solomon perceived this woman to be beautiful from head to toe?

He loved her feet in shoes, thighs, navel, belly, breasts, neck, mouth, and head: *“(1) How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman. (2) Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about with lilies. (3) Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins. (4) Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus. (5) Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries. (6) How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights! (7) This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes. (8) I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples; (9) And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak” (Song of Solomon 7:1-9).*

- She, being royalty, had beauty and rich clothing (**Psalms 45:9-16**).
- The fact that he knew her navel, belly, and breasts tells us he has seen her in the nude and thinks of her in this manner. He focuses on her breasts, which is acceptable in the proper relationship (**Proverbs 5:18-19**).

2. Did this woman realize Solomon's desire towards her?

Yes: *“I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me” (Song of Solomon 7:10).*

- **Song of Solomon 2:16** and **Song of Solomon 6:3**.

3. Where did this woman want Solomon to go so that she could give her love to him?

Into the field, lodging in the villages, to arrive at the vineyards to essentially have sex: *“(11) Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; Let us lodge in the villages. (12) Let us get up early to the vineyards; Let us see whether the vine hath budded, And its blossom is open, And the pomegranates are in flower: There will I give thee my love” (Song of Solomon 7:11-12).*

- The getaway is what is desired (**Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 4:8**) and making love is the reward once they are there.

4. Did this woman take time to have the entrance of her romantic getaway prepared for Solomon?

Yes: *“The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved” (Song of Solomon 7:13).*

- A woman knows how to get to a man through visual aids and odors (**Proverbs 7:16-18**).
- When God rebuked Israel for spiritual adultery, He talked of how they figuratively did the things this woman is doing to excite Solomon (**Isaiah 57:7-9**).

5. Is there some indication that this woman's relationship with Solomon was not favorable to everyone else?

Yes, she wished he were like a brother to her so that she could kiss him in public without being despised: *"O that thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised"* (**Song of Solomon 8:1**).

- Solomon loved many strange women (**I Kings 11:1-2**). He knew he should not have such relationships (**Proverbs 7:4-5**).
- ***IF this woman is from a nation other than Israel...** This woman should be amongst the many despised for she is in a relationship that all of Israel knew was wrong (**Deuteronomy 7:3-4, Deuteronomy 17:14-17, and Joshua 23:12-13**).
- Later in history [after the days of Solomon], all of Israel will have to separate from their strange wives to be right with God (**Ezra 10:2-17**).
- Earlier in history [before the days of Solomon], a man taking a strange wife resulted in death (**Numbers 25:1-9**).

6. Did this woman have a certain comfort level in regard to her mother?

Comfortable enough to have a fling in her house and to follow her instructions in such: *"I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate"* (**Song of Solomon 8:2**).

- She leaned upon her mother for instruction and such is fitting (**Titus 2:3-5**).

7. When this woman did have Solomon to herself, did she want to avoid interruption?

Yep: *"(3) His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me. (4) I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please"* (**Song of Solomon 8:3-4**).

- **Song of Solomon 2:7** and **Song of Solomon 3:5**.

8. Did this woman want to share Solomon?

No: *"(5) Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee. (6) Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame"* (**Song of Solomon 8:5-6**).

- As we've discussed already, like it or not, she is sharing him (**I Kings 11:3**).
- Solomon was not alone in being a polygamist (**Genesis 4:19, Genesis 26:34, Genesis 29:30, Judges 8:30, I Samuel 1:1-2, II Samuel 3:2-5, II Samuel 5:13, II Chronicles 11:21, II Chronicles 24:3**, etc.).
- Some women wanted this for identity in desperate times (**Isaiah 4:1**).
- Jealousy is cruel (**Proverbs 6:34**).

9. Is love between a man and a woman something that is easy to quench?

No: *"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned"* (**Song of Solomon 8:7**).

- Love, real love, is enduring (**I Corinthians 13:7**) and such is why God choose love as the greatest ingredient in our relationship with Him (**I Corinthians 13:13**).

10. Does a woman's breasts ever have anything to do with her attractiveness to a man?

Obviously so: *"(8) We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? (9) If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar. (10) I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favour"* (**Song of Solomon 8:8-10**).

- Having breasts MIGHT refer to the age of one ready to be given in marriage. The door and wall could refer to whether or not she is willing or unwilling to give herself to a man.
- One thing is for sure, the woman of Solomon's desires had breasts that were very appealing to him (**Song of Solomon 4:5; 7:3; 7:7-8**).
- Finding favor of a king puts a woman in a special place (**Esther 2:17**).

11. Did Solomon have many vineyards?

Yes: *"(11) Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand pieces of silver. (12) My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred. (13) Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it"* (**Song of Solomon 8:11-13**).

12. How does the poetic, sexually charged, compilation of Song of Solomon conclude?

With a request for urgency: *"Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices"* (**Song of Solomon 8:14**).

- When you want something bad, urgency is important (**Proverbs 27:1** and **James 4:13-16**).