

Second Baptist Church of Doylestown
Bible Study Notes: Song of Solomon 2

"Memories of Courtship"

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SUMMARY

In this chapter, I. Christ speaks both concerning himself and concerning his church (v. 1, v. 2). II. The church speaks 1. Remembering the pleasure and satisfaction she has in communion with Christ (v. 3, v. 4). Entertaining herself with the present tokens of his favour and taking care that nothing happen to intercept them (v. 5-7). Triumphant in his approaches towards her (v. 8, v. 9). Repeating the gracious calls he had given her to go along with him a walking, invited by the pleasures of the returning spring (v. 10-13), out of her obscurity (v. 14), and the charge he had given to the servants to destroy that which would be hurtful to his vineyard (v. 15). Rejoicing in her interest in him (v. 16). Longing for his arrival (v. 17). Those whose hearts are filled with love to Christ, and hope of heaven, know best what these things mean.

Solomon publicly embracing the Shulammitte girl. All eyes had been on her as though she were not worthy of a king's love. Solomon puts his stamp of approval upon the Shulammitte, by this public display of affection, and thereby comforts her anxiety (see Song 2:7). An apparent lengthy winter has kept Solomon and the Shulammitte girl apart. Solomon has traveled to the mountainous country home of the Shulammitte to invite her to come to the royal city to be his.

I. The Shulammitte's appetite and fears are satisfied and Comforted (2:1-7):

SONG OF SONGS 2:1

The rose of Sharon and lily of the valley were flowers commonly found in Israel. Perhaps the girl was saying, "I'm not so special; I'm just an ordinary flower," to which Solomon replied, "Oh no, you are extraordinary—a lily among thorns." Solomon used the language of love. There is nothing more vital than encouraging and appreciating the person you love. Be sure to tell your spouse, "I love you" every day, and show that love by your actions.

SONG OF SONGS 2:7

Feelings of love can create emotions that overpower reason. Young people are too often in a hurry to develop an intimate relationship based on their strong feelings. But feelings aren't enough to support a lasting relationship. This verse encourages us not to force romance lest the feelings of love grow faster than the commitment needed to make love last. Patiently wait for feelings of love and commitment to develop together.

II. The Shulammite and Solomon meet after a long Winter Apart (2:8-17):

SONG OF SONGS 2:8-3:5

In this section Solomon's beloved reflects on her courtship with Solomon, remembering the first day they met and recalling one of her dreams about their being together.

SONG OF SONGS 2:12, 13

The lovers celebrated their joy in the creation and in their love. God created the world, the beauty of nature, and the gift of love and sex, and gave us senses to enjoy them. Never let problems, conflicts, or the ravages of time ruin your ability to enjoy God's gifts. Take time to enjoy the world God has created.

SONG OF SONGS 2:15

"The little foxes" are an example of the kinds of problems that can disturb or destroy a relationship. The lovers wanted anything that could potentially cause problems between them to be removed. It is often the "little foxes" that cause the biggest problems in marriage. These irritations must not be minimized or ignored but identified so that, together, the couple can deal with them.