

7. What does he ask her to do according to verse 5a?

8. Why might he have said this?

A. He was overcome by both her outward and inward beauty and her willingness to be reconciled to him.

B. She was more lovely to him than ever because of her humility in returning to him.

C. He was so grateful to have her back to himself that it overwhelmed him.

D. All of the above.

9. What does he affirm to her in verses 8-9a?

10. What does he tell her the daughters call her? What do the queens and concubines do?

11. What does they say to the Shulamith in verse 10?

12. Where does the Shulamith go in verse 11 and why?

13. What happens to the Shulamith according to verse 12? (Don't worry if you don't understand what this means—we will look at Joseph again in our background reading to help us with this. Song of Songs 6:12 is the most difficult verse to translate from the Hebrew in the whole Song).

14. What do the Beloved's friends say to the Shulamith in verse 13a?

15. What question does the Shulamith ask the friends in verse 13b? (We will cover what "the dance of the two camps" means in our background reading on Jacob.)

Background Reading

Song of Songs 6 brings us back to the story of Joseph and also alludes to time in the life of Jacob, Joseph's father.

First, read Genesis 41:37-46 on Joseph and answer the following questions.

1. What did Pharaoh do for Joseph according to verses 42-43?

2. What position of authority did Pharaoh give Joseph according to verses 40-41 and 44?

3. What did Pharaoh call Joseph according to verse 45a?

Next, read Genesis 32-33 and answer the following questions about Jacob.

4. What did Jacob call the place when the angels of God met him according to Genesis 32:1-2?

5. How did Jacob feel when he heard Esau was coming to meet him in Genesis 32:7a? (If you are unfamiliar with why, look back at Genesis 27:35-38, 41).

6. What happens to Jacob according to Genesis 32:24?

7. What does this Man tell Jacob according to Genesis 32:28?

8. What did Esau do when he met Jacob according to Genesis 33:4?

9. How do you think the company of Jacob felt after this reaction?

A. Relieved that they were not going to be killed too.

B. Thankful that God preserved the family of Jacob/Israel.

C. Overwhelmed with joy for the brothers' reconciliation because all their futures depended on it as well.

D. All of the above.

Personal Reflection: What stood out to you the most during your homework this week?

WEEK SIX: SONG OF SONGS 6

Chapter Theme: Glorious Reconciliation

*Who is she who looks forth as the morning,
Fair as the moon,
Clear as the sun,
Awesome as an army with banners?*

-Song of Songs 6:10

People featured in the chapter:

- The Daughters of Jerusalem
- The Shulamith
- The Beloved
- The Friends of the Beloved

Places mentioned in the chapter:

- Tirzah (6:4)
- Jerusalem (6:4)
- Gilead (6:5)

(6:1) The Daughters of Jerusalem point the Shulamith back to the Beloved for a glorious reconciliation that blesses the entire kingdom.

Luke 22:31-32— And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren."

(6:2-3) The location of the Beloved

Exclusivity of marriage in the kingdom

Isaiah 22:23—I will fasten him *as* a peg in a secure place,
And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house.

Jeremiah 17:12— A glorious high throne from the beginning
is the place of our sanctuary.

Hebrews 13:4— Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but
fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

(6:4) The Beloved declares the Shulamith is as beautiful as the Land,
lovely as Jerusalem, and awesome as the Heavens above

Deuteronomy 6:3— Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that
it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of
your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’

Numbers 27:1-8—Then came the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hopher,
the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, from the families of
Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these *were* the names of his daughters: Mahlah,
Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. And they stood before Moses, before Eleazar
the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, *by* the doorway of the
tabernacle of meeting, saying: “Our father died in the wilderness; but he was not
in the company of those who gathered together against the LORD, in company
with Korah, but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name
of our father be removed from among his family because he had no son? Give us
a possession among our father’s brothers.”

So Moses brought their case before the LORD.

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: “The daughters of Zelophehad speak *what*
is right; you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their
father’s brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. And
you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘If a man dies and has no son,
then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.’”

Ephesians 1:11-12— In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being
predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to
the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise
of His glory.

(6:5-7) Seeing the Shulamith and proclaiming His love for her is unchanging

Song of Songs 4:1-3— Behold, you *are* fair, my love!

Behold, you *are* fair!

You *have* dove's eyes behind your veil.

Your hair *is* like a flock of goats,

Going down from Mount Gilead.

Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep*

Which have come up from the washing,

Every one of which bears twins,

And none *is* barren among them.

Your lips *are* like a strand of scarlet,

And your mouth is lovely.

Your temples behind your veil

Are like a piece of pomegranate.

Hebrews 13:8— Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Romans 8:38-39— For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(6:8-9) One woman for one man

1 Timothy 3:2— A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

1 Timothy 3:12— Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well.

Matthew 19:1-8—Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, *that* He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?"

And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For

this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?"

He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

Proverbs 31:28b-31—Her husband *also*, and he praises her:

"Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all."

Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing,
But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Psalms 139:13-14— For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.
I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And *that* my soul knows very well.

(6:10) Praise of the Shulamith by the queens and the concubines—in agreement with the Beloved

Moon, sun, army with banners (victorious army or stars in the heavens)

Joseph's second dream

Genesis 37:9— Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

John 12:26— If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.

(6:11-12) New beginnings, new status in Solomon's kingdom

Isaiah 43:18-19— "Do not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert."

Genesis 41:43— And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt.

(6:13) New name (the first time she is called "the Shulamith")

Female version of the name "Solomon", rooted in the word "peace"

Hebrew: *Shel-o-mo* "Solomon"
 Shoo-lam-meeth "Shulamith" (always with
 definite article "the")
 Shalom "peace"

Visions of the prophets

All the kingdom rejoices!

Isaiah 62:1-2— For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns.
The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,
And all kings your glory.
You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the LORD will name.

Genesis 32:1-2— So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

Genesis 32:26-28—And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks."
But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"
So He said to him, "What *is* your name?"
He said, "Jacob."
And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Habakkuk 2:2-3—Then the LORD answered me and said:

"Write the vision
And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.
For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come,
It will not tarry.

Revelation 10:7—but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Revelation 11:15—Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"
