

Homework for Week 5

Read through Song of Songs 5:1-16 and answer the following questions.

1. What does the Beloved say to the Shulamith in verse 1? What does he say to his friends?

2. What is the Shulamith doing in verse 2?

3. Who does the Shulamith hear in verse 2? What does he say?

4. How does the Shulamith respond to the request in verse 3?

5. What does the Beloved do in verse 4?

6. What does the Shulamith do in verse 5?

7. What happens in verse 6?

8. Who found the Shulamith in verse 7? What did they do?

9. What does the Shulamith charge the daughters of Jerusalem in verse 8?

10. How do the daughters of Jerusalem respond to the Shulamith's charge in verse 9?

11. Fill in the blanks from verses 11-16 on the Shulamith's 10-fold description of the Beloved:

1. "His _____ is like the finest gold;"
2. "His _____ are wavy, And black as a raven."
3. "His _____ are like doves By the rivers of waters, Washed with milk, And fitly set."
4. "His _____ are like a bed of spices, Banks of scented herbs."
5. "His _____ are lilies, Dripping liquid myrrh."
6. "His _____ are rods of gold Set with beryl."
7. "His _____ is carved ivory Inlaid with sapphires."
8. "His _____ are pillars of marble Set on bases of fine gold."
9. "His _____ is like Lebanon, Excellent as the cedars."
10. "His _____ is most sweet, Yes, he is altogether lovely."

12. What is the Shulamith's last description of the Beloved (end of verse 16)?

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

WEEK FIVE: SONG OF SONGS 5

Chapter Theme: Beauty from the Ashes

*My beloved is white and ruddy,
Chief among ten thousand.*

-Song of Songs 5:10

People featured in the chapter:

- The Beloved
- The Shulamith
- Friends of the Bridegroom
- The daughters of Jerusalem
- The watchmen

Places mentioned in the chapter:

- The city (Jerusalem) (5:7)
- Lebanon (5:15)

(5:1) Chapter five begins with the concluding statements of the Bridegroom to both the Shulamith and to his friends at the end of the wedding night.

Revelation 19:5-9—Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

(5:2) The Shulamith is asleep, but her heart is awake
The Beloved knocks at her door to spend time with her
The Beloved's four-fold description of the Shulamith

Ephesians 5:14-17—Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

Ephesians 5:22-30— Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Revelation 3:20— Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

(5:3) The Shulamith's response to the Beloved

Galatians 5:13-14— For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

(5:4-5) The Beloved's gracious response to the Shulamith's response

Leaving the invitation open

Romans 8:1-3—*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

(5:6-8) The consequences of a lukewarm response

The church of Laodicea—the last church of the seven churches in the book of Revelation

Proverbs 16:18—Pride *goes* before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Revelation 3:14-22—And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,

'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

(5:8) Beauty from the ashes

Isaiah 61:3—To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Mark 2:17—When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

(5:9) The Daughters of Jerusalem point the Shulamith back to her Beloved with questions that draw her attention back to him

Philippians 4:8—Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Colossians 3:1-4—If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

(5:10-16) The Shulamith's ten-fold description of the Beloved

2 Corinthians 1:3-5—Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the

comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

Jeremiah 9:23-24—Thus says the LORD:

“Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might,
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;
But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in
the earth.
For in these I delight,” says the LORD.
