

## CHAPTER 1

**T**HE song of songs, which *is* Solomon's.

2. Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love *is* better than wine.

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name *is as* ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

5 I *am* black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I *am* black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine own vineyard have I not kept.

7. Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where

thou makest *thy flock* to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

8 ¶ If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

9 I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of *jewels*, thy neck with chains of *gold*.

11 We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

12 ¶ While the king *sitteth* at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

13 A bundle of myrrh *is* my well-beloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

14 My beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.

15 Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes.

16 Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green.

17 The beams of our house *are* cedar, *and* our rafters of fir.

## CHAPTER 2

**I**AM the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys.

2 As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters.

3. As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me *was* love.

5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick of love.

6 His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

8 ¶ The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe or a

young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto 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 the singing of *birds* is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14 ¶ O my dove, *that art* in the clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* comely.

15 Take 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 feedeth among the lilies.

17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.

### CHAPTER 3

**B**Y night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said*, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

4 *It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

6 ¶ Who *is* this that cometh out

of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

7. Behold his bed, which *is* Solomon's; threescore valiant men *are* about it, of the valiant of Israel.

8 They all hold swords, *being* expert in war: every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.

9 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved *with* love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Many Christians quibble over whether the Song of Solomon is a homogeneous poem, or just a collection of love lyrics to celebrate an Easter wedding. We believe it is a homogeneous poem and that its purposes are to honor marriage and the joys of wedded love, in a general sense; but primarily to show the Lord's love for Israel, particularly His godly remnant. The secondary reason for the writing was to show Christ's love for the Church.

This book has a literal meaning, an historical meaning, a doctrinal meaning, and a practical meaning. Some Bible scholars believe there are only two

characters in the Song of Solomon, while others believe there are three. Dr. Ironside said the shepherd (or the young man whom the young girl thought to be a shepherd) was Solomon in disguise. Others say Solomon actually did take the maiden away from the shepherd boy she loved, but he could not steal her affections because her love remained faithful to the young shepherd lad. Whether you accept the account of Dr. Ironside or other Bible scholars, it does not change the historical meaning of the book. From the earliest days, the Jews saw in this story a picture of the relationship between Jehovah God and Israel. Israel was wedded to the Lord at Mt. Sinai, when the

nation accepted the Law. But she was not faithful to her divine Husband, and played harlot with the idolatrous nations of the world. Eventually she turned her back on her Beloved. However, there will come a day when, like the maiden in the Song of Solomon, Israel will return home and be restored to her Beloved.

### **PROVERB FOR TODAY**

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established” (Proverbs 24:3).

### **TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING**

**ASSIGNMENT 26:** For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 5.

### **ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**1847**

**SALT LAKE CITY WAS FOUNDED.**

**1862**

**MARTIN VAN BUREN DIED.**

**1898**

**AMELIA EARHART WAS BORN.**

### **IMPORTANCE OF TIME.**

The thought came to me recently concerning the importance of time. Actually time is all we have. The money that we earn simply represents the time it took to make it. The Apostle Paul suggested that we redeem the time for the days are evil. What we do today can never be returned. We only pass this way once. Let us be careful today to live every moment of it.

Many years ago a preacher asked another preacher if he would be in the will of God ten years from now.

The other preacher answered, “Yes.”

He said, “Here is the way you can be. Stay in the will of God today.”

If you are in the will of God today, you will be in the will of God ten years from today because it will be today then. Spend this day carefully, remembering that we must answer for every moment.

### **ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1651**

**ANTHONY JOHNSON, A FREE BLACK WHO WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE FIRST TWENTY SETTLERS,** received a grant of 250 acres of land in Northampton County, Va., for importing five persons. Johnson established a settlement on the banks of the Pungoteague River.

**1866**

**CONGRESS PASSED RESOLUTION READMITTING THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.**

**1900**

**RACE RIOT, NEW ORLEANS.** Two white policemen killed.

**1919**

**RACE RIOT, WASHINGTON, D.C.** Triggered by raids on black residential areas by white soldiers. Six persons killed and more than one hundred wounded.

**1954**

**DEATH OF MARY CHURCH TERRELL** (90), educator and civil rights leader, Annapolis, Maryland.

**1967**

**RIOT, CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND.** National Guard mobilized.

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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**QUALIFICATION FOR ANSWERED PRAYER**

(Assignment 26)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

## **Delight**

( ) Psalm 37:4

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

## **Abide**

( ) John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

## **Receive**

( ) 1 John 3:22

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

## **Succeed**

( ) 1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.