
Metaphor for God's _____ in His children

Revelation 21:2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Song of Songs 2:8 Listen! My lover! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills.

⁹ My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice.

¹⁰ My lover spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, and come with me.

¹¹ See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.

¹² Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

Pg 1: Celebration; delighting; commitment; Pg 2: Giving; relationally; sexually; Pg 3: relationship; humility; Pg 4: delight.

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Embracing Sexual Intimacy

Building a Marriage--part 8

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God's Design for Marital Sex

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A _____ of oneness.

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- Giving _____ as a gift:

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The Song of Solomon

The sexual relationship is...

Driven by the deepening of the _____.

Song of Solomon 4:1 How beautiful you are, my darling! Oh, how beautiful! Your eyes behind your veil are doves. Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Mount Gilead.

² *Your teeth are like a flock of sheep just shorn, coming up from the washing. Each has its twin; not one of them is alone.*

³ *Your lips are like a scarlet ribbon; your mouth is lovely. Your temples behind your veil are like the halves of a pomegranate.*

⁴ *Your neck is like the tower of David, built with elegance; on it hang a thousand shields, all of them shields of warriors.*

⁵ *Your two breasts are like two fawns, like twin fawns of a gazelle that browse among the lilies.*

⁶ *Until the day breaks and the shadows flee, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of incense.*

⁷ *All beautiful you are, my darling; there is no flaw in you.*

Driven by other-centeredness and _____.

Song of Songs 5:10 My lover is radiant and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand.

¹¹ *His head is purest gold; his hair is wavy and black as a raven.*

¹² *His eyes are like doves by the water streams, washed in milk, mounted like jewels.*

¹³ *His cheeks are like beds of spice yielding perfume. His lips are like lilies dripping with myrrh.*

¹⁴ *His arms are rods of gold set with chrysolite. His body is like polished ivory decorated with sapphires.*

¹⁵ *His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of pure gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, choice as its cedars.*

¹⁶ *His mouth is sweetness itself; he is altogether lovely. This is my lover, this my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.*
