

1. What is the reason and need for cultivating a proper relationship to God's love?

- a. Only God's love can overrule our past scars and their present effect.
 - i. The Shulammitte had been abused by the circumstance of her home (or her perception of it) and the elements of her immediate culture.

- b. Only a right relationship with God can produce divine viewpoint toward our current situation.
 - i. The standard by which our love is to be measured is always that which has been shown to us by Christ Himself.

- c. The only way to experience the full value of God's love is to become a means through which it is expressed to another.
 - i. To not express God's love as a believer is to be in darkness and to lie against the truth.

- d. Solomon's love for the Shulammitte teaches us that circumstance does not have to decide self-image (Song 1:5).

- e. The lesson is that beauty consists of more than mere visual attraction (Song 1:6).

2. What is the benefit of courting the one to whom you are attracted?

- a. My soul loves (Song 1:7; 3:1, 2, 3, 4); my soul went out when he spoke (Song 5:6).

Upcoming Events

- For any of the **FREE** classes listed below, please fill out a registration card found in the Foyer information area and place it in "The Box" or give to an usher, or you can now register online @ www.lgministries.org under Class/Event Registration.
- ☀ **June 15th – July 26th ~ Rummage Sale Donations Drive** (fundraiser for Jim & Emily Ohlinger's move to Uganda) ~ call ahead & drop off your donations to Chuck or Emanuel in the church foyer (please don't just drop items off) ~ see flyer on the info. wall for the specific days/times and a list of acceptable items for donation. If you have any items to donate, please **text Chuck** @ (253) 320-8260 or **call Emanuel** @ (253) 283-1059. We also need volunteers to help with the Rummage Sale which will be on 8/3 from 9 am-3 pm ~ please see Emily Ohlinger if interested in helping.
 - ☀ **June 16th– July 7th ~ Old Testament Survey, Part 2** (Adult Education Class) @ **8:45-9:45 am** (Sundays for 4 weeks) in Classroom #1.
 - ☀ **June 22nd ~ Team Rally @ 6-7:30 pm** in the Chapel. Have you been thinking about getting involved in ministry, but you are not sure where to start? Perhaps you know what you would like to do, but not sure who to talk to about it? Join us for our ministry team rally. We will have a time of worship together, and we will have a question and answer time with the ministry teams. Meet the people involved and get the information you need!
 - ☀ **July 1st & 8th ~ Intensified Evangelism** (Adult Education Class) @ **6-7:30 pm** ~ a study of the purpose, motive, and biblical methodology of evangelism (Classroom #1).
 - ☀ **July 8th– 12th ~ Vacation Bible School (VBS) @ 9 am-12 noon.** Please call Becky Fortin @ 584-3778 or email her @ yep@lgministries.org to register your children & to get more information, or you may now register online under Class/Event Registration.
 - ☀ **July 14th & 21st ~ Intro. to Living Grace Church Class @ 12 noon-12:45 pm** ~ this class will explain our core values, mission, & ministry. If you are new or have never attended this class, please join us (upstairs classrooms).
 - ☀ **July 15th, 22nd, & 29th ~ Intensified Worship** (Adult Education Class) @ **6-7:30 pm** ~ a biblical and practical look at the spiritual content and purpose of worship (Classroom #1).
 - ☀ **July 20th– August 10th ~ CAP (Christian Athletic Program)** ~ Summer Season (kickball/flag football) begins from 10:30 am – 12 pm @ Concordia Lutheran School field (Tacoma) for boys/girls ages 5-14. Any questions, please call Michael Wheelock @ (253) 353-9311.
 - ☀ **July 26th– 28th ~ Bolder Generation Teens Retreat** ~ @ Twin Harbors State Park in Westport, WA. The cost is \$35, and everyone will be carpooling from the church ~ please meet at the church at 12 noon on 7/26. To register or for more information, please see or call Emanuel @ (253) 283-1059.

Lesser Known Characters of the Bible

The Shulammite

Part 3

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