Song of Solomon (12-9-12)

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Song of Solomon Series

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TEXT: Song of Solomon 1:12 While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

- 13 A bundle of myrrh is my wellbeloved 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.

Psalms 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever...

8 All thy garments **smell of myrrh**...

Song of Solomon 3:6 Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, **perfumed with myrrh** and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

Song of Solomon 1:3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth...

Song of Solomon 5:5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with **sweet smelling myrrh**, upon the handles of the lock.

Song of Solomon 5:13...his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

John 19:39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

- 40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.
- 2 Chronicles 16:13 And As a slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.
- 14 And **they buried** him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

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Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

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2 Chronicles 20:2...they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.

(Tamar means palm).

Joel 1:12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree...

Song of Solomon 4:13 Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; **camphire**, with spikenard,

"Others have thought that a cluster of dates, the fruit of the palm-tree, is here intended, which is the opinion, of R. Aben Ezra and other Jewish writers..." (John Gill, 1805)

"...whether this **camphire**, this copher, denotes the vine of Cyprus, or **the fruit of the palm-tree**, in either, or in both, the soul-strengthening, soul-exhilirating, soul-healing virtues [are set forth]...Yes, thou dear Lord!...to thy people thou art indeed a cluster of all that is lovely, sweet, gracious, and endearing."

(Robert Hawker, 1829)

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

Song of Solomon 4:1 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast **doves' eyes** within thy locks...

"...her eyes are not wanton, and wandering, or lofty, but sober, and humble, and confined within their proper bounds, looking directly upon her husband..."

(Poole)

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.

Proverbs 7:16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

"Researchers from the University of Essex in England designed a study to investigate how color affects the mood...Each video had a color filter that rendered the image green, then black and white, then red...The researchers found that subjects reported more energy and better mood following the **green-hued** nature scenes than after black and white and red ones. What's more, the red-hued screens made participants feel angry...." (*Huffington Post*, Dec. 1, 2012)

"The color green has been known to encourage sleep, rest and relaxation, so use green in your bedroom and create an instant oasis."

(http://blog.homegain.com)

"Here are some ideas from color expert Erika Woelfel, director of color marketing for Behr Paints...Natural, restful, yet rejuvenating...greens ease stress...Most people find green a very pleasant, relaxing color, so it can be a good choice for the bedroom."

(North American Press Syndicate)

"...the color green attained the highest number of positive emotions (95.9%), including the feelings of relaxation, followed by happiness, comfort, peace, and hope..."
(AIC 2004 Color and Paints, 2004)

"As the bedroom is a place of rest, it should be decorated in cool, serene colors that will not hinder the occupants' desire for relaxation [such as]...shades and tones of green..." (*Popular Mechanics*, Feb. 1950)

Luke 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

- 40 **But Martha** was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.
- 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
- 42 But one thing is needful: and **Mary hath chosen that good part**, which shall not be taken away from her.

Malachi 1:10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 But ye have profaned it...

1 Corinthians 11:9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

"...for here lies the secret of all the good we can reasonably expect. If, for instance, you should begin to talk about the stars, when your husband asks for his slippers, or quote poetry when he wants his dinner, the boldest enthusiast would scarcely be wild enough to anticipate any very favourable result...And after all, what is it that man seeks in the companionship of woman - An influence like the gentle dew, and the cheering light...It is in fact a being to come home to, in the happiest sense of that expression...woman's influence lives as brightly in the picture of domestic joy, as when she placed the wreath of victory on the hero's brow [in earlier ages]...If his taste is for neatness and order...it would be absolute cruelty to allow such a man to find his house in confusion...it is of little use that you esteem and reverence your husband in the secret of your heart, if you do not by your manners...nothing tends more to animate and renew the feeling of affection in the mind of man, than the cheerfulness of his fireside companion...if she chooses to marry, she places herself under a moral obligation to make her husband's home as pleasant to him as she can..."

(Sarah Stickney Ellis, *The Wives of England*, 1843)

Psalms 57:7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Proverbs 23:26 My son, **give me thine heart**, and let thine eyes observe my ways. 28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey...

Deuteronomy 4:29...thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.