

## **Sunday, June 9, 2024, Scripture Readings: Song of Solomon 2 ESV**

**2:1** I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

**[He]**

<sup>2</sup>As a lily among brambles, so is my love among the young women.

**[She]**

<sup>3</sup>As an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

<sup>4</sup>He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

<sup>5</sup>Sustain me with raisins; refresh me with apples, for I am sick with love.

<sup>6</sup>His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me!

<sup>7</sup>I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.

**[The Bride Adores Her Beloved]**

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away,

<sup>11</sup>for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup>The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.

<sup>14</sup>O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the crannies of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

<sup>15</sup>Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom."

<sup>16</sup>My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies.

<sup>17</sup>Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on cleft mountains.

**John 15:9-17 ESV**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I

have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.