

Sunday, July 28, 2024 Scripture Readings - Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3 ESV

Others

⁹What is your beloved more than another beloved, O most beautiful among women?
What is your beloved more than another beloved, that you thus adjure us?

She [The Bride Praises Her Beloved]

- ¹⁰My beloved is radiant and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand.
¹¹His head is the finest gold; his locks are wavy, black as a raven.
¹²His eyes are like doves beside streams of water, bathed in milk,
sitting beside a full pool.
¹³His cheeks are like beds of spices, mounds of sweet-smelling herbs. His lips are lilies,
dripping liquid myrrh.
¹⁴His arms are rods of gold, set with jewels. His body is polished ivory,
bedecked with sapphires.
¹⁵His legs are alabaster columns, set on bases of gold. His appearance is like Lebanon,
choice as the cedars.
¹⁶His mouth is most sweet, and he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved and
this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Others

^{6:1}Where has your beloved gone, O most beautiful among women?
Where has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you?

She [Together in the Garden of Love]

- ²My beloved has gone down to his garden to the beds of spices, to graze in the gardens
and to gather lilies.
³I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he grazes among the lilies.

1 John 4:16-21 ESV

¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.