

Make Haste, My Beloved Song of Songs 8:5-14

#1: Companionship (8:5)

⁵Who is that coming up from the wilderness,
leaning on her beloved?

Under the apple tree I awakened you.
There your mother was in labor with you;
there she who bore you was in labor.

#2: Love (8:6-7)

⁶Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death,
jealousy is fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
the very flame of the Lord.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If a man offered for love
all the wealth of his house,
he would be utterly despised.

#3: Purity (8:8-9)

⁸We have a little sister,
and she has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister
on the day when she is spoken for?

⁹ If she is a wall,
we will build on her a battlement of silver,
but if she is a door,
we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

#4: Marriage (8:10-12)

¹⁰I was a wall,
and my breasts were like towers;
then I was in his eyes
as one who finds peace.

- ¹¹ Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon;
he let out the vineyard to keepers;
each one was to bring for its fruit a thousand pieces of silver.
- ¹² My vineyard, my very own, is before me;
you, O Solomon, may have the thousand,
and the keepers of the fruit two hundred.

#5: Longing (8:13-14)

- ¹³ O you who dwell in the gardens,
with companions listening for your voice;
let me hear it.
- ¹⁴ Make haste, my beloved,
and be like a gazelle
or a young stag
on the mountains of spices.

Ryken: Jesus Christ is worthy of our every desire, because his love is everything we see in the Song of Songs, and more. Whether we are married or single, male or female, this is the love that we have always wanted and needed. Lean on Jesus—the way a bride leans on her beloved husband, or the way John leaned against his loving Lord Jesus at the Last Supper (John 13:23–25)—and he will support you through every trouble. Your Savior has set you as a seal upon his heart; his love will never leave you or forsake you. If you know Jesus by faith, then he has also placed his seal on you: the seal of the Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of eternal life (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13–14). You are his, and he is yours—forever.

The love of Jesus is as strong as death—no, stronger! He loved you all the way to death on the cross, but his love did not die in the grave. His death was the defeat of death, and therefore on the third day he rose again with the power of eternal love. His triumphant love for you can never be extinguished by any doubt, drowned by any sorrow, or quenched by any enemy, which means that the song of his love for you will never, ever end.