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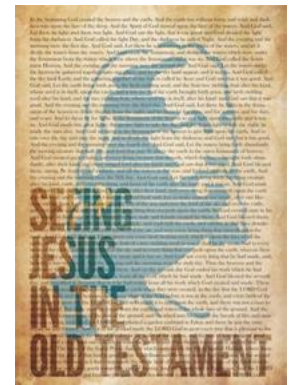
Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin!

Continue reading to learn what the *Song of Songs* teaches us about Christ and the church, to hear some exciting developments with the CBI YouTube channel, and more!

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other resources to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God. If your congregation would like to host a seminar, please reach out to us at Concordia.Bible@cuw.edu

"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238)



What Does She See in Him?

It may surprise you, but for many centuries, the Song of Songs was one of the most popular books of the Bible. Why? Because in Solomon's love for his bride, the "Shulamite" (6:13), which is expressed throughout the book in both words and actions, Christians across the ages have gotten a glimpse of the intense love that Christ has for his bride, the church, unlike anywhere else in the Scriptures.

What happened to the Song of Songs' popularity in more recent centuries is a story for another time. Instead, let's take a close look at just one of its passages to get a sense of what makes this book so awesome.

In eight total chapters, there are three times where Solomon describes his bride "from head to toe," as it were, making reference to such bodily features as her eyes, hair, teeth, lips, cheeks, neck, and breasts (see chapters 4, 6:4–10, and 7:1–9). Only one time in the book, however, does the Shulamite tell us what Solomon looks like—what *she* sees in *him*. Here's a fresh translation of that passage to bring out some of her interesting word choices:

"My beloved is dazzling and *tanned*, bannered among ten thousand. His head is *gold*, pure *gold*; his locks are *palm-ish*, black as the raven. His eyes are like doves beside channels of *water*, *rinsed* in milk, sitting upon fullness. His cheeks are as a bed of *spice*, towers of perfumes. His lips are *lilies*, dripping with *myrrh*. His hands are *cylinders* of *gold*, filled with beryl. His stomach is a plate of *ivory*, with *sapphires*. His legs are *pillars* of *alabaster*, *founded* upon *bases* of pure *gold*. His appearance is like Lebanon, chosen as the *cedars*. His mouth is most sweet, and all of him is desirable. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem" (5:10–16).

The more I examine this passage, the more I'm struck by how carefully each term was selected. Take a look especially at all the italicized words: gold, water, rinsed, myrrh, cylinders, pillars, and so on. Do any of these words sound familiar? Every italicized word is something you would find in God's *temple* and/or in the precursor to that temple, God's *tabernacle*.

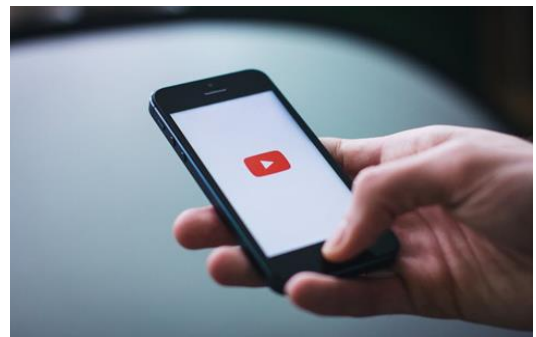
So, what does she see in him? That's right: she sees *a walking temple/tabernacle!* Now *that* sounds familiar, doesn't it? "And the Word became flesh and *tabernacled* among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Yes, in Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of that walking tabernacle, his body nothing less than a mobile temple (see John 2:21).

And that's good news for us! Christ is grounded (*bases*) among us in the Divine Service. He bridges (*pillars*, *cylinders*) heaven and earth. He comes to cleanse (*rinse*) us from our sins. He is baptized by fire (*tanned*) on the cross. By his poverty, we have become rich (*gold*). In him there is also a new garden of Eden (*palm-ish*, *lilies*), a house (*cedars*) in which we will dwell forevermore.

It's no wonder our Lord himself once said, "something greater than Solomon is here" (Mt. 12:42).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Psalm 122 Hosea 11-14	3 Psalm 123 Joel	4 Psalm 124 Amos 1-5	5 Psalm 125 Amos 6-9	6 Psalm 126 Obadiah, Jonah	7 Psalm 127 Micah 1-3	8 Psalm 128 Micah 4-7
9 Psalm 129 Nahum	10 Psalm 130 Habakkuk	11 Psalm 131 Zephaniah	12 Psalm 132 Haggai	13 Psalm 133 Zechariah 1-5	14 Psalm 134 Zechariah 6-10	15 Psalm 135 Zechariah 11-14
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- **Adding This Month:** Dr. Saleska's teaching on the book of Numbers

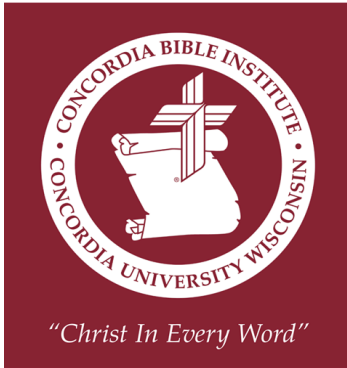


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Dr. German's study offered through Continuing Education Studies of CUW

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