

THE ROSE OF SHARON

I am the rose of Sharon, And the lily of the valleys.*

Song of Solomon 2:1

She stands out among the daughters like a flower in the thorns,¹
Like the lilies of the Scriptures that the grace of God adorns.²
She's endowed with such a beauty that the Son of God above³
Came and gave His life to shroud her in the banner of His love.⁴

She's a suitable companion for a King of such renown,⁵
For there are no spots or wrinkles in her linen wedding gown.⁶
'Cause the Lord Himself has cleansed her from the sinful things she's done.⁷
And she's clothed in all the glories that the saints of God have won,⁸

She's the lovely Rose of Sharon, she's the Church, the Savior's bride,⁹
And she has the place of honor at her dear Redeemer's side.¹⁰
She's a temple,¹¹ she's a city,¹² she's an army,¹³ she's a wife;¹⁴
She's the body of the Savior¹⁵ and the fullness of His life.¹⁶

*If the Song of Solomon indeed symbolizes the relationship between Christ and the Church, the Rose of Sharon is His lover among the daughters and He is her beloved among the sons. Song of Solomon 2:2&3

1. S of S. 2:1

2. Lk .12:27

3. Ps. 45:10-11 & Eph. 2:25

4. Gal. 2:20 & S of S. 2:4

5. Ps. 45:13-15

6. Eph. 5:27

7. Eph. 5:25-26

8. Rev. 19:7-8

9. Eph. 5:32

10. Ps. 45:9

11. I Cor. 3:9 & Eph. 2:21-22

12. Rev. 21:9-10

13. Rev. 19:14 & Mat 16:18

14. Rev. 21:9

15. I Cor. 12:27-28

16. Eph. 1:22-23

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