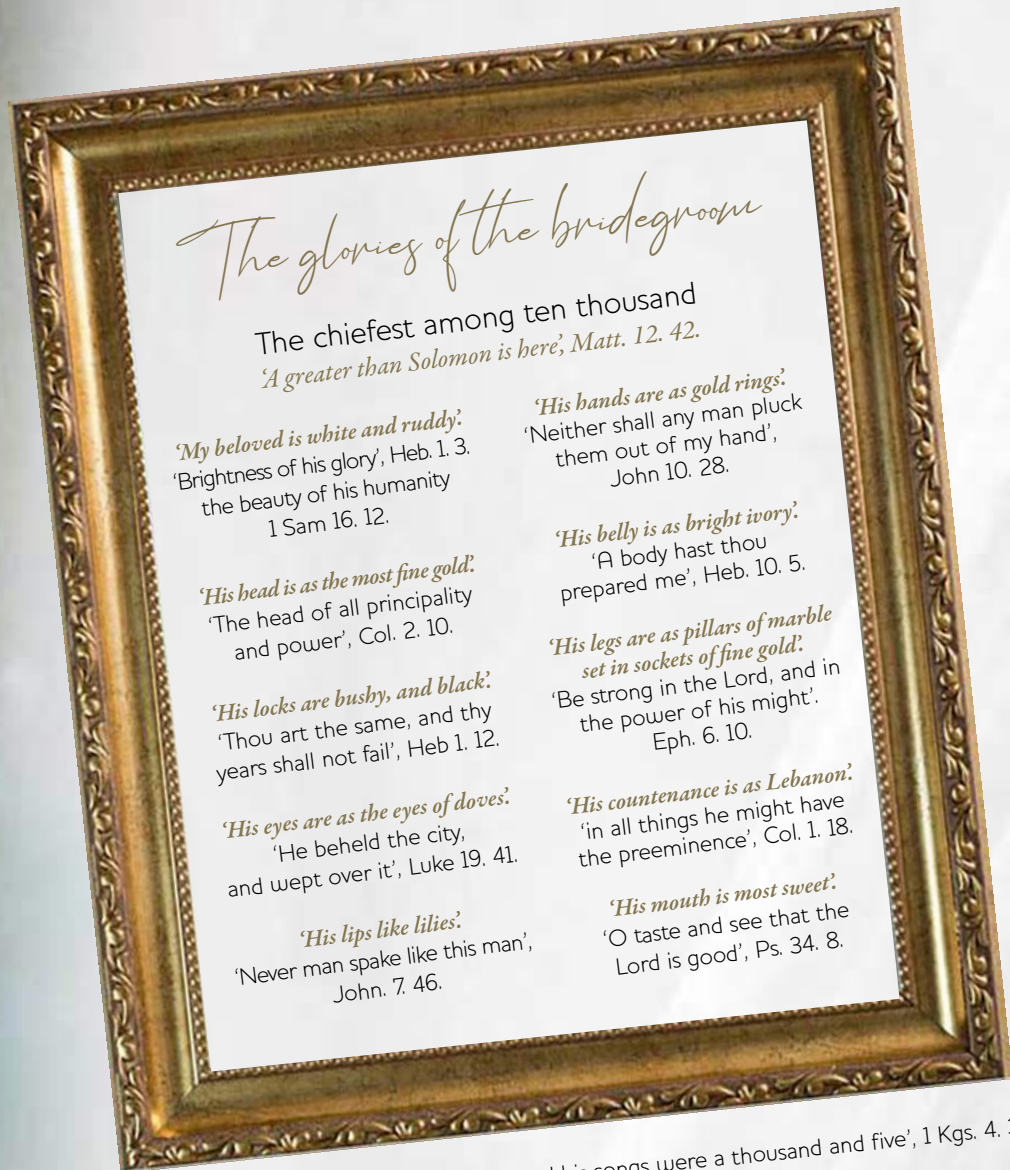


# His banner over me was love



'And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five', 1 Kgs. 4. 32

## My well beloved

Their courtship Ch 1-3 / Their wedding Ch 3-4 / Their eternal relationship Ch 5-8

- Ch 1. Love for her beloved**, 'Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest'.
- Ch 2. Led by her beloved**, 'He brought me to the banqueting house'.
- Ch 3. Longing for her beloved**, 'I will seek him whom my soul loveth'.
- Ch 4. Linked with her beloved in marriage**, 'Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse'.
- Ch 5. Listening for her beloved**, 'The chiefest among ten thousand'.
- Ch 6. Locating her beloved in the garden**, 'Whither is thy beloved gone?'
- Ch 7. Lodging with her beloved in the field**, 'Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field'.
- Ch 8. Looking for her beloved to come quickly**, 'Make haste, my beloved'.

## Her beloved is seen as

- The chief shepherd, 1. 7** - drawn to where he feeds.
- The shepherd king, 1. 12** - where he sits.
- A superior son, 2. 3** - how he compares.
- A faithful friend, 5. 16** - enjoying his company.
- A young deer, 8. 14** - looking for his quick return.

## The brides of scripture

- Eve** The first bride
- Rebekah** The fetched bride
- Rachel** The favoured bride
- Asenath** The fruitful bride
- Ruth** The foreign bride
- Shulamite** The fragrant bride
- The Church** The future bride

The bride eyes not her garments,  
But her dear Bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory  
But on my King of grace;  
Not at the crown He giveth,  
But on His pierced hand;  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Immanuel's land.

[ ANNE R. COUSIN, 1824-1906 ]

*'Love is strong as death', 8.6*

*'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord', Rom 8. 35-39*

'Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,  
That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish', Eph. 5. 25-27.  
'Give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white', Rev. 19. 7, 8.

*'All thy garments  
smell of myrror,  
and aloes,  
and cassia,  
out of the  
ivory  
palaces,  
wherby  
they have  
made  
thee glad'.*

Ps 45.8

**Solomon**  
(peace)

**Shulamite**  
(the peaceful)  
Shulamite is  
the feminine  
form of Solomon.