

SONG 4: THE DELIGHT OF DELAYED GRATIFICATION

Song 2:3-7

I. Her _____ for him: v3a
Apple tree

II. Her _____ in him: v3b-4
Under his shade (= protection; eg Lam 4:20)
His Banner over her: Love
So: The man is to be the Protector
He reflects Jesus in that role: "His Banner over me is Love"

III. Her _____ for him: v5-6
Weak from love
Longing for physical intimacy
So: Sexual longings are good during courtship
A love which overwhelms points us to Jesus. What capacity must be required to "endure" His love!

IV. Her _____ to remain *pure* for him
Do not awaken love until its time
(contra 4:16 after the wedding)
So: Sexual activity must be deferred for the treasure ahead
We in the time of longing for Jesus
The Church is to keep herself pure for Him (II Cor 11:2-3)