

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

The Bride's Burning Desire



Class 1

“I am Sick Through Love”

Program

Class	Title	Shows...
1	"I am Sick Through Love"	Our Reality
2	"I am a Rose of Sharon, a Lily of the Valleys"	The Qualities of the Bride
3	"The Voice Of My Beloved! Lo! Here He Cometh!"	The Excitement
4	A Vision of the Coming Marriage of the Lamb and a World Transformed	The Vision
5	"With Me from Lebanon Shalt Thou Enter"	The Oneness, the Beautiful Communion Between the Groom and Bride
Exhort	Psalms 45: A Song of Love	The Regal Splendor of the Groom and Bride

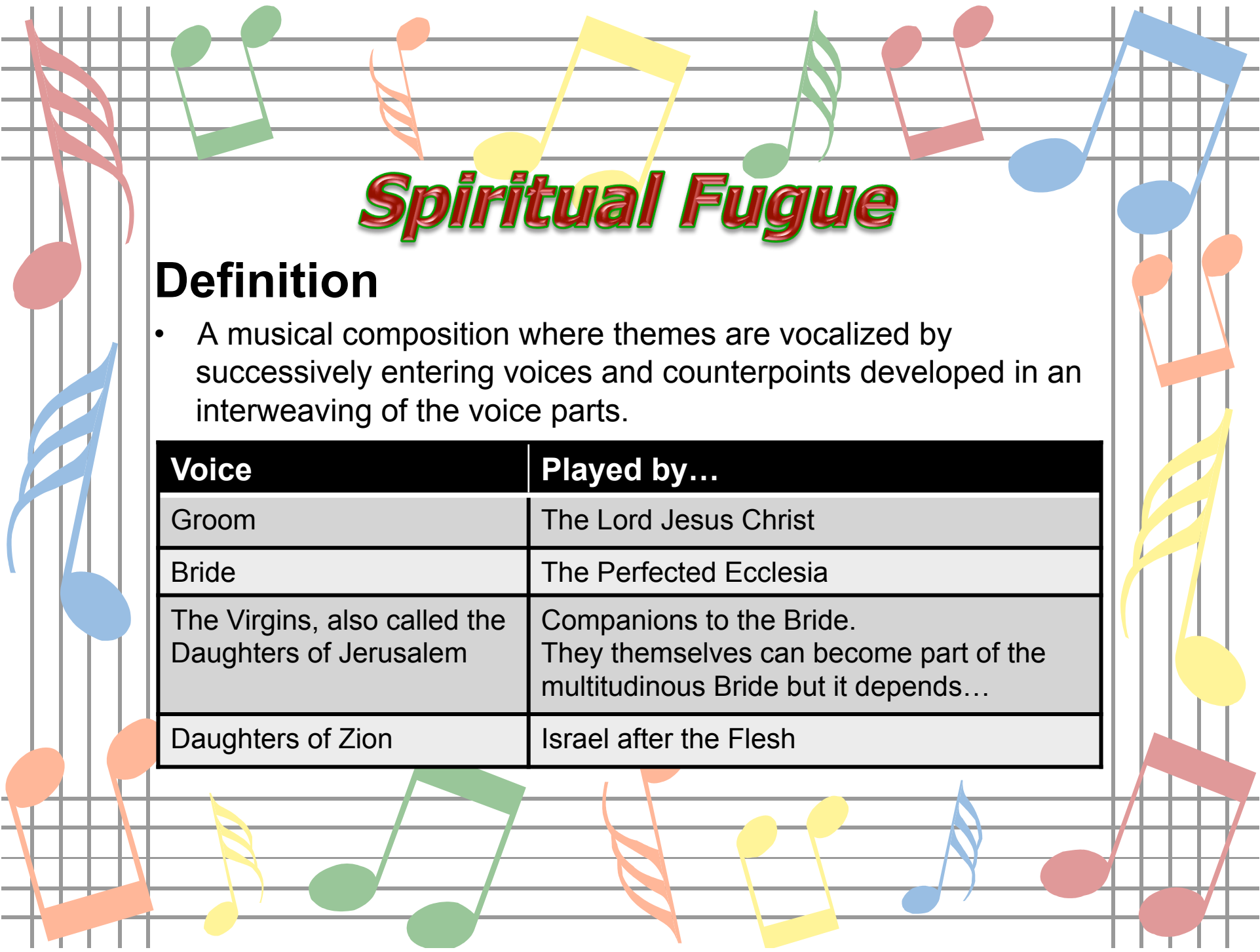
What is a Burning Desire?





About the Song

- Is allegorical of Christ and his Bride
 - Expresses divine love in the figure and emblem of marriage
 - Shows the gracious condescension of God to our human weakness
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Spiritual Fugue

Definition

- A musical composition where themes are vocalized by successively entering voices and counterpoints developed in an interweaving of the voice parts.

Voice	Played by...
Groom	The Lord Jesus Christ
Bride	The Perfected Ecclesia
The Virgins, also called the Daughters of Jerusalem	Companions to the Bride. They themselves can become part of the multitudinous Bride but it depends...
Daughters of Zion	Israel after the Flesh

How the Theme is Vocalized

Song 1:2-8

Voice	Verse	Voice Part
Bride	2	Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth:
Virgins	2	for thy love is better than wine.
	3	Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.
Bride	4	Draw me,
Virgins	4	we will run after thee:
Bride	4	the king hath brought me into his chambers:
Virgins	4	we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

How the Theme is Vocalized

Song 1:2-8

Voice	Verse	Voice Part
Bride	5	I am black,
Virgins	5	but comely,
Bride	5	O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar,
Virgins	5	as the curtains of Solomon.
Bride	6	Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.
	7	Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?
Groom	8	If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

Framework

The Song is divided into 12 Songs, grouped into 2 sets of 6 Songs, with a single theme.

The Bride's Journey From Humility to Glory

Song	Verses	Title
1	1:2-8	The Ardent Love and Humility of the Bride
2	1:9-2:7	Love's Communion and Self-Sacrificing Devotion
3	2:8-17	Signs of His Coming and Gathering of His Saints
4	3:1-5	The Bride's Search for Her Beloved in the Night Seasons
5	3:6-4:7	The Splendor of the Bridal Procession
6	4:8-5:1	Entering the Inheritance

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The Passion and Virtues of the Bride and Groom

Song	Verses	Title
7	5:2-6:10	The Call and Espousal of the Bride
8	6:11-13	Anticipating His Coming
9	7:1-9	The Glowing Beauty of the Bride
10	7:10-8:4	The Bride's Deep Longing and Ardent Desire for the Groom
11	8:5-7	The Unquenchable Love of True Marriage
12	8:8-14	Love's Labor

Two Groups of 6, Why?



...that his Father has set, who is elect and precious (1 Pet. 2:6)

The Corner Stone...

- **Unites two masonry walls at an intersection.**
 - Gal. 3:27-28
- **Represents the starting place** in the construction of a building, usually carved with a date.
 - Heb. 12:2; 1 Cor. 3:11
- **Something that is essential, indispensable, or basic.**
 - John 14:6

Key to Interpreting the Song

Compare:

- “Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.” (Song 4:7)
- “...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)

“That is a great truth hitherto kept secret: I mean the truth concerning Christ and the Church.” (Eph. 5:32 WNT)

Merchandise

Prov. 3:14

“For the **merchandise** (H5504) of it is better than the **merchandise** (H5505) of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.”

- h5504. סַחַר saḥar; profit (from trade)
 - h5505. סַחָר sâḥar; an emporium; profit (from trade)
 - h5503. סַחָר sâḥar;
 - to go around, go about, travel about in, go about in trade
 - to go about to and fro (in business)
 - trader, trafficker
- } From 5503

“And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and **trade** (h5503) ye therein, and get you possessions therein” – Gen. 34:10

Securing Godly Wisdom

- “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” – Prov. 23:23
- “Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.” – Luke 18:22
- “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.” – Matt. 13:44
- “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.” – Matt. 13:45

Securing Godly Wisdom

- “Indeed, **I count everything as loss** because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. **For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish**, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him...
— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”
- Phil. 3:8-10 ESV
- “...but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:13-14)

“She is more precious than rubies...” – v. 15

Precious - h3368. יָקָר

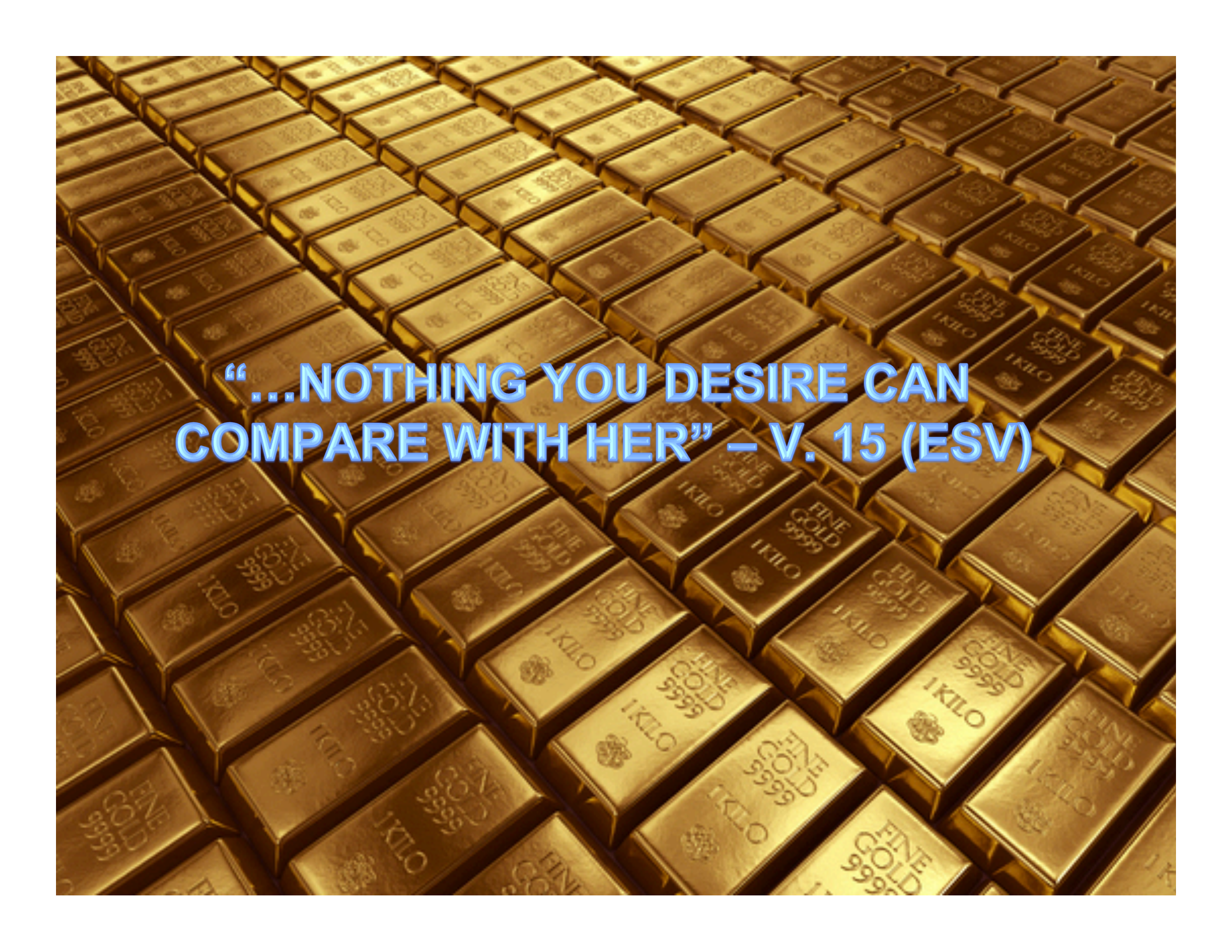
yâqâr; valuable, prized, weighty, precious, rare, splendid

- **1 Kings 10:2** - “And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train... and very much gold, and **precious** stones...”
- **2 Sam. 12:30** - “crown... with precious stones”
- **1 Kings 5:17** - “brought... costly stones... to lay the foundation of the house.”



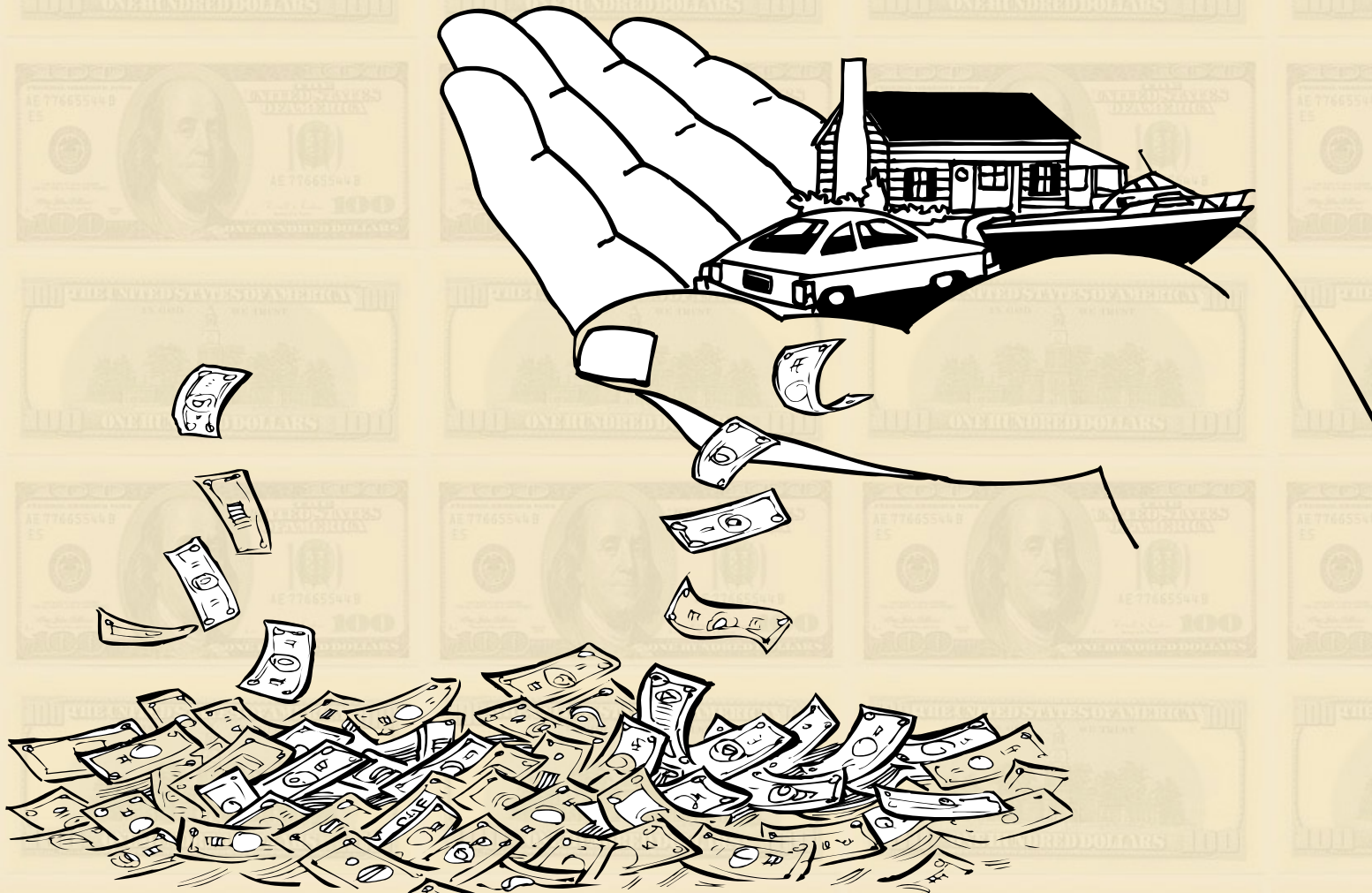
Rubies - h6443; a precious stone

- perhaps corals, rubies, jewels
- Gesenius – “...red coral”



**“...NOTHING YOU DESIRE CAN
COMPARE WITH HER” – V. 15 (ESV)**

Where Do We Place Value?



Glory Beyond All Comparison



- “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is **preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison...**” – 2 Cor. 4:16-17 ESV
- “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are **not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**” - Rom. 8:18
- “...I should preach among the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches** of Christ;” Eph. 3:8