

## THE PROBLEMS OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

### Song of Solomon 2:8 - 3:5, 5:2 - 8:4

Just as problems often arise between newly married couples, so problems often arise between the Christian and his Lord. Study the following to discover the cause of these problems, and how they may be solved:

**A. The First Problem:** Read Song of Solomon 2:8 - 3:5

1. What is it that rouses the Christian from the rest enjoyed at the end of Part One of the Song? Song of Solomon 2:8a  
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2. What does Christ ask the Christian to do? Song of Solomon 2:10-14  
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3. What does Christ desire from the Christian? Song Of Solomon 2:14  
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4. What does Christ tell the Christian to do? Song of Solomon 2:15  
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5. What do you suppose the “little foxes that spoil the vines” represent?  
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6. Does it seem that the Christian in this story obeyed the command of Christ? Song of Solomon 2:16-17  
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7. What happened as a result? Song of Solomon 3:1  
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8. Was the Christian satisfied to remain this way? What did the Christian decide to do? Song of Solomon 3:2a  
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9. What was the first result? Song of Solomon 3:2b  
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10. Of whom did the Christian as help? Song of Solomon 3:3  
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11. Whom do you suppose these men represent?  
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12. What happened shortly after the Christian asked for help? Song of Solomon 3:4a  
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13. How did the Christian feel after this? Song of Solomon 3:4b  
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14. Notice that once more, the perfect rest and satisfaction in Christ is restored to the Christian. Song of Solomon 3:4-5  
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**B. The Second Problem:** Read Song of Solomon 5:2 - 8:4

1. What was the Christian doing at this point? Song of Solomon 5:2a  
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2. Where had Christ already been? Song of Solomon 5:2b  
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3. What did Christ ask the Christian to do? Song of Solomon 5:2b  
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4. What was the Christian's answer to this request? Song of Solomon 5:3  
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5. What finally moved the Christian to grant Christ's request? Song of Solomon 5:4  
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6. What had happened by the time the Christian obeyed? Song of Solomon 5:6a  
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7. How did the Christian feel after this? What did the Christian do? Song of Solomon 5:6b  
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8. Notice what happened to the Christian this time: Song of Solomon 5:7.  
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9. Notice the description of Christ which the Christian gave to those whose help was sought in locating Him once more: Song of Solomon 5:10-16  
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10. Notice the assurance that came to the Christian when Christ was found once more (Song of Solomon 6:1-3), and the sweetness of the fellowship which followed (Song of Solomon 6:4 - 8:4).  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Who is always at fault when a problem arises between my Lord and me?  
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2. What can I do to avoid problems which cause me to lose the consciousness of the presence of Christ? John 15:10, 14.  
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