

## **One in a Million** **Song of Songs 1:15, 2:1-2**

Does your husband or wife feel like they are the most special person in the world to you? Both the man and the woman in the Song of Songs say and do things which make the other feel unique, valued and special.

***“How beautiful you are, my darling! Your eyes are doves.” -- 1:15***

In verse 15 he calls her *beautiful*. *Beautiful* can be translated *desirable*. The man compares her beauty to that of the eyes of a dove. Dove’s eyes are symbolic of purity and innocence. This speaks as much about the woman’s character as it does about her physical looks. Doves, eyes also speak of the softness and gentleness of this woman. Proverbs 6:25 speaks of the captivating power of a woman’s eyes. The woman’s beauty compared to a dove may refer to the quick motion of the dove’s feathers compared to the twinkle in a happy woman’s eyes.

Women need to remember the almost spell-like power they possess. A woman’s eyes can be quite seductive or extremely cold. A woman’s eyes can invite or repel. A woman can make her husband feel special with kind, soft, and caring looks. A single glance can say to the husband, “I believe in you and I’m here with you.” A woman can also make her husband feel special with an inviting look. Such a look may be used to break down a wall of conflict as the woman communicates that she is ready to work through an issue. (This, by no means, is only the woman’s responsibility.)

### **Song 2:1-2**

**I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.  
Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the maidens.**

***“I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valley”***

In 2:1 the woman likens herself to the tender flower that grows quietly in the rural land. *Rose* is not like our rose, but rather it is more of a common field flower. *Sharon* is a fertile plain that extended north of the city of Jaffa to Athlit. Thus the *rose of Sharon* refers to a flesh colored meadow flower. Some Bible commentators believe the *lily of the valley* is a beautiful red flower commonly found in Palestine. Others think it is the blue lotus or water lily. In either case, both flowers were rather common and grew by the thousands. Therefore, the woman is modest in her self-description—she is only one out of many wildflowers.

***“Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the young maidens.”***

Though the woman sees herself as a common wild flower, the man says she is a flower among the thorns—she is one in a million to him. Though she thinks she is common, he makes her feel special.

The couple in the Song of Songs see each other as special. The man has made his woman feel special by making her feel attractive, meeting her basic needs, and giving her gifts.

The woman has made her man feel special by treating him like a lover, and finding contentment in him.