

LESSONS FROM THE LILIES

Today's flowers are the first of our biblical flowers to be studied that do not have practical uses. Our previous flowers have contributed to cloth, rope, fodder, fuel, oils, paper, baskets, boats, chemicals, dyes, inks, seasonings, medicines, etc. Therefore, let's look at them allegorically, as it seems they are often used in Scripture. The word "like" can alert you to something used symbolically.

Read the "Lilies and Roses – flowers of rejoicing" page. Circle every time you find the word "like". Underline all references to flowers. Color flair all joy and rejoicing words.

As beautiful as flowers are, they do wilt and fade. The following are three lessons that we can learn from fading flowers:

Psalm 103:15-18 "As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and his righteousness with their children's children..."

What is the lesson here? _____

Isaiah 40:6-8 "...All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them...but the word of our God stands forever."

And the lesson here? _____

James 1:10-11 "But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business."

The lesson? _____

These are lessons about what is important. How does this apply to you?