

# Proverbs 5:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

## Analysis

The wife should be as a loving deer and pleasant doe; be ravished always with her love. The Hebrew 'ahabiyim' (loves/beloved) and 'cheshek' (desire/delight) describe affectionate attraction. 'Ravished' ('shagah') means intoxicated or captivated. Marital sexuality should be mutually satisfying and enduringly delightful. The deer/doe imagery suggests grace, beauty, gentleness. This verse celebrates married sexual joy as God's design.

## Historical Context

Song of Solomon extensively develops this theme - marital sexuality as good gift to be enjoyed, not merely tolerated for procreation. Unlike Greek dualism that despised the physical or Gnostic asceticism that denied bodily pleasure, biblical faith affirms sexuality within marriage as divine gift. Hebrews 13:4 declares: 'Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled.'

## Related Passages

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse challenge both prudish and promiscuous views of sexuality?
2. What does it mean to be 'ravished always' with your spouse - how is enduring delight cultivated?
3. How can you ensure your marriage reflects God's design for mutual sexual satisfaction?

## Interlinear Text

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H365	H158	H3280	H2580	H1717		H7301
בְּכָל	בְּאֶפְבָּבָתָה	עַתָּה	תְּשַׁגַּה	תְּשַׁגַּה	תְּמִידָה	
H3605	thee at all times	H6256	H160	H7686	always	H8548

## Additional Cross-References

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**Song of Solomon 2:9:** My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

**Song of Solomon 8:14:** Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.

**Song of Solomon 4:5:** Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

**Song of Solomon 7:3:** Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins.

**Proverbs 5:15** (Parallel theme): Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

**Song of Solomon 2:17:** Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.

