

SONG OF SONGS

a series on:

SEX • ROMANCE • MARRIAGE • LOVE



Parental Advisory Explicit Scriptures
Why Does Marriage Matter?
Song of Songs 3:6–5:1

Who doesn't love a good love song? Every generation has a song that defined their dating and romantic life. Chances are every couple has a love song, a song that defined that couple's relationship. Love songs are a beautiful reminder of the power of love. But some love songs can go beyond love to sex. Those kinds of love songs defined generations and couples too! Would you believe me if I told you the Bible has a love song that celebrates sex?! Unlike every other book in the Bible, Song of Songs is a love song that celebrates sex, romance, marriage, and love.

Marriage is the ultimate goal and full realization of love.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Song of Songs 3:6–5:1

6 What is that coming up from the wilderness
like columns of smoke,
perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
with all the fragrant powders of a merchant?

7 Behold, it is the litter of Solomon!
Around it are sixty mighty men,
some of the mighty men of Israel,

8 all of them wearing swords
and expert in war,
each with his sword at his thigh,
against terror by night.

9 King Solomon made himself a carriage
from the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made its posts of silver,
its back of gold, its seat of purple;
its interior was inlaid with love
by the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go out, O daughters of Zion,
and look upon King Solomon,
with the crown with which his mother crowned him
on the day of his wedding,
on the day of the gladness of his heart.

He

4:1 Behold, you are beautiful, my love,
behold, you are beautiful!
Your eyes are doves
behind your veil.
Your hair is like a flock of goats
leaping down the slopes of Gilead.

2 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes
that have come up from the washing,
all of which bear twins,
and not one among them has lost its young.

3 Your lips are like a scarlet thread,
and your mouth is lovely.
Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate
behind your veil.

4 Your neck is like the tower of David,
built in rows of stone;
on it hang a thousand shields,
all of them shields of warriors.

5 Your two breasts are like two fawns,
twins of a gazelle,
that graze among the lilies.

6 Until the day breathes
and the shadows flee,
I will go away to the mountain of myrrh
and the hill of frankincense.

7 You are altogether beautiful, my love;
there is no flaw in you.

8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride;
come with me from Lebanon.
Depart from the peak of Amana,
from the peak of Senir and Hermon,
from the dens of lions,
from the mountains of leopards.

9 You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride;
you have captivated my heart with one glance of your eyes,
with one jewel of your necklace.

10 How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride!
How much better is your love than wine,
and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

11 Your lips drip nectar, my bride;
honey and milk are under your tongue;
the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

12 A garden locked is my sister, my bride,
a spring locked, a fountain sealed.

13 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates
with all choicest fruits,
henna with nard,

14 nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon,
with all trees of frankincense,
myrrh and aloes,
with all choice spices—

15 a garden fountain, a well of living water,
and flowing streams from Lebanon.

16 Awake, O north wind,
and come, O south wind!
Blow upon my garden,
let its spices flow.

She

Let my beloved come to his garden,
and eat its choicest fruits.

He

5 I came to my garden, my sister, my bride,
I gathered my myrrh with my spice,
I ate my honeycomb with my honey,
I drank my wine with my milk.

Others

Eat, friends, drink,
and be drunk with love!

- In our culture today marriage has fallen on hard times. Why do you think fewer people want to get married and fewer people are getting married?
- In Song of Songs 3:6–11 King Solomon is used as an example, but not the right example. Read 1 Kings 11:1–11. What were the consequences of Solomon not taking marriage seriously?
- In Song of Songs 4:1–7 the man praises his future wife. How does this passage highlight the importance of praise and encouragement in marriage?

- Why is it important to acknowledge there is a difference between “not married” and “married?” What is the danger of blurring these?
- In Song of Songs 4:12–15 the husband anticipates having sex with his wife. What is the role of anticipation in marriage?
- How does Song of Songs 4:16–5:1 describe sex? What does this teach us about sex?
- Song of Songs 4:16–5:1 is literally the middle of the Song. Why do you think this work places sex at the very middle of the Song?
- Song of Songs clearly teaches that one of the purposes of sex in marriage is mutual pleasure. However, there’s more to sex than just pleasure. Read Genesis 2:23–25. What do Song of Songs 4:16–5:1 and Genesis 2:23–25 together teach us is the importance of sex in marriage?
- Whether married or single, how should you rethink or reprioritize the importance of marriage?
- Whether married or single, how should you rethink or reprioritize the importance of sex in marriage?