

SONG OF SONGS

a series on:

SEX • ROMANCE • MARRIAGE • LOVE



Parental Advisory Explicit Scriptures
What Is Your Love Reflecting?
Song of Songs 8:5–14

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.

Your love should reflect divine love because divine love is the source of marital 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 8:5–14

5 Who is that coming up from the wilderness,
 leaning on her beloved?
Under the apple tree I awakened you.
There your mother was in labor with you;
 there she who bore you was in labor.

6 Set me as a seal upon your heart,
 as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death,
 jealousy is fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
 the very flame of the Lord.

7 Many waters cannot quench love,
 neither can floods drown it.
If a man offered for love
 all the wealth of his house,
 he would be utterly despised.

Others

8 We have a little sister,
 and she has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister
 on the day when she is spoken for?

9 If she is a wall,
 we will build on her a battlement of silver,
but if she is a door,
 we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

She

10 I was a wall,
 and my breasts were like towers;
then I was in his eyes
 as one who finds peace.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon;
 he let out the vineyard to keepers;
 each one was to bring for its fruit a thousand pieces of silver.

12 My vineyard, my very own, is before me;
you, O Solomon, may have the thousand,
and the keepers of the fruit two hundred.

He

13 O you who dwell in the gardens,
with companions listening for your voice;
let me hear it.

She

14 Make haste, my beloved,
and be like a gazelle
or a young stag
on the mountains of spices.

- How does our culture understand love? When you think of love, what comes to mind?
- In what ways does your love reflect divine love? In what ways does it not reflect divine love?
- In Song of Songs 8:6 love is described as a pledge. What does it mean for love to be a pledge, and why is this significant for marriage?
- The Song also describes love as powerful—“strong as death” (Song of Songs 8:6). What makes it possible for love to be strong? Consider this question both theologically as well as practically.
- The name of God is mentioned only one time in Song of Songs—“Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord” (8:6). Why do you think the writer waited until now to mention God?
- The Song also describes love as persevering—“many waters cannot quench love” (8:7). How does it make you feel to know that love should be and can be persevering?
- The apostle Paul has a lot to say about love in 1 Corinthians 13:1–13. Read that passage and compare it with how Song of Songs describes love. How are they similar? How are they different? What does 1 Corinthians 13 teach you about love?
- How can we love the way Songs of Songs and 1 Corinthians 13 describe love? What does this require of us mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually?

- As we conclude our journey through Song of Songs, what has been your biggest takeaway?
- What is the significance of Song of Songs, a book that speaks a lot about sex, ending with an affirmation of love?