

SONG OF SONGS

a series on:

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Parental Advisory Explicit Scriptures
Why Enjoy Marriage?
Song of Songs 6:4–8:4

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.

The gift of God's creation is given to us to enjoy in marriage.

- 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 6:4–8:4

He

4 You are beautiful as Tirzah, my love,
lovely as Jerusalem,
awesome as an army with banners.

5 Turn away your eyes from me,
for they overwhelm me—
Your hair is like a flock of goats
leaping down the slopes of Gilead.

6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes
that have come up from the washing;
all of them bear twins;
not one among them has lost its young.

7 Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate
behind your veil.

8 There are sixty queens and eighty concubines,
and virgins without number.

9 My dove, my perfect one, is the only one,
the only one of her mother,
pure to her who bore her.
The young women saw her and called her blessed;
the queens and concubines also, and they praised her.

10 “Who is this who looks down like the dawn,
beautiful as the moon, bright as the sun,
awesome as an army with banners?”

She

11 I went down to the nut orchard
to look at the blossoms of the valley,
to see whether the vines had budded,
whether the pomegranates were in bloom.

12 Before I was aware, my desire set me
among the chariots of my kinsman, a prince.

Others

13 Return, return, O Shulammite,
return, return, that we may look upon you.

He

Why should you look upon the Shulammite,
as upon a dance before two armies?

7:1 How beautiful are your feet in sandals,
O noble daughter!
Your rounded thighs are like jewels,
the work of a master hand.

2 Your navel is a rounded bowl
that never lacks mixed wine.
Your belly is a heap of wheat,
encircled with lilies.

3 Your two breasts are like two fawns,
twins of a gazelle.

4 Your neck is like an ivory tower.
Your eyes are pools in Heshbon,
by the gate of Bath-rabbim.
Your nose is like a tower of Lebanon,
which looks toward Damascus.

5 Your head crowns you like Carmel,
and your flowing locks are like purple;
a king is held captive in the tresses.

6 How beautiful and pleasant you are,
O loved one, with all your delights!^[d]

7 Your stature is like a palm tree,
and your breasts are like its clusters.

8 I say I will climb the palm tree
and lay hold of its fruit.
Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine,
and the scent of your breath like apples,

9 and your mouth like the best wine.

She

It goes down smoothly for my beloved,
gliding over lips and teeth.

10 I am my beloved's,
and his desire is for me.

11 Come, my beloved,
let us go out into the fields
and lodge in the villages;

12 let us go out early to the vineyards
and see whether the vines have budded,
whether the grape blossoms have opened
and the pomegranates are in bloom.
There I will give you my love.

13 The mandrakes give forth fragrance,
and beside our doors are all choice fruits,
new as well as old,
which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.

8:1 Oh that you were like a brother to me
who nursed at my mother's breasts!
If I found you outside, I would kiss you,
and none would despise me.

2 I would lead you and bring you
into the house of my mother—
she who used to teach me.
I would give you spiced wine to drink,
the juice of my pomegranate.

3 His left hand is under my head,
and his right hand embraces me!

4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
that you not stir up or awaken love
until it pleases.

- Why do you think we enjoy gifts?

- In Song of Songs 6:4–10 and 7:1–9 we see another celebration of beauty. This the fourth time the man or woman has praised the other. How does he describe his wife?
- Why should we celebrate beauty? What does our celebration of beauty (or lack thereof) say about what we think about God?
- What can be the danger of celebrating beauty? How could we take it too far?
- In Song of Songs 8:1–3 as well as throughout the Song, intimacy is desired. Why do you think intimacy is desired? What does this say about God's intention for creation?
- Once again in Song of Songs we see the celebration of sex. Of course, we recognize that sex in our culture has often been celebrated too much. How have you seen this happen?
- So, how do we not idolize sex but celebrate it as a gift of God's creation?
- For those who are parents, what can this conversation about sex look like for our kids? How do we warn them of the dangers of idolatry but help them understand the beauty of God's creation?
- Song of Songs once again honors marriage in 8:4. How do the man and woman honor marriage?
- The beauty of the institution of marriage is that it is always a reflection of God's love for his people. Read Hosea 2:19–20. What does God teach us about marriage?
- How can we honor marriage as a gift of God's creation?
- How does the gift of God's creation make you feel and how can we practically enjoy it?