



# The Song of Songs...

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. 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... **Song of Songs 8:6-7**

# Overview of Song of Songs...

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|                | The Courtship                                                                                                                                         | The wedding                      | The maturing marriage      |                                   |                                             |
|                | Chapter 1-3                                                                                                                                           | Chapter 3-5                      | Chapter 5-8                |                                   |                                             |
| Emphasis       | Bride muses about her beloved                                                                                                                         | Groom speaks softly to his bride | Wife longs for her husband | Husband intimately speaks of wife | Both declare a permanent seal on their love |
| Speaker        | The bride (darling)                                                                                                                                   | The groom (beloved)              | Wife (darling)             | Husband (beloved)                 | Both                                        |
| Theme          | The joy and intimacy of love within the committed marriage relationship                                                                               |                                  |                            |                                   |                                             |
| Key verse      | 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. 8:7 |                                  |                            |                                   |                                             |
| Christ in Song | Revealed in the bridegroom seen as Christ and his love for the Church, the Bride.                                                                     |                                  |                            |                                   |                                             |

# Building your marriage through the Song of Songs...

The Song of Songs is not a book just to be seen and understood for pointing to the Messiah and His love for the Church, but must more importantly be seen beyond the text and its divine inference to a mirror of our own lives.

How we view love, how we view marriage, how we view Godly sexuality... All that we are and do must glorify God and our understanding and actions on love and sexuality is no different... Selah.

# Purity, the anointing & the little foxes...

In the Songs of Songs we see the heart of true love, a constant pursuit. A seeking and finding that is constantly growing. Highlighting God's love and desire for us, it also mirrors our disposition towards our first love, Jesus and the sacred covenant of marriage.

Our understanding and actions of love must bear the hallmarks of Holiness inspired by our Father who is Holy, the expression of our walk in the Spirit because the Holy Spirit is in us and an the appreciation for every action and word echoing the principle of greatness in seemingly small things.

# Small group discussions...

Note: as much as you can support your submissions with scripture.

1. Based on the study on the Song of Songs what are some of the biblical views of marriage?
2. From the sermons, share your thoughts on the best practices before marriage and why they are important? (Song of Songs 8:4)
3. Knowing that God's original plan for marriage is without divorce, what did we learn to preserve our marriages?
4. From the sermons, little foxes are dangerous. How can we deal with the little foxes in our lives and in our marriages to ensure that we flourish as individuals and in our marriages? (Song of Songs 2:15)