



Solomon's Song

THE SONG OF SONGS

(1) FIRST THINGS FIRST: HOW DOES THIS SONG POINT US TO JESUS?

Interpreting the Book

Literal

Allegory

(2) THE SONG OF SONGS, WHICH IS SOLOMON'S (v. 1)

- **Genre:** Wisdom literature (in poetry form)
- **"Characters":** The Shulammite Woman, Solomon, Others, God?

A. Wisdom for God-Honouring Courtship (1:1-3:5)

Five questions *after* the primary question:

Primary: *Do they love _____ and stir your affections for Him?*

- 1) *Are they a man/woman of _____?* (1:3)
- 2) *Are they committed to _____?* (1:7; 2:7, 15)
- 3) *Are they _____ to you?* (1:8-17)
- 4) *Do they make you feel _____ & _____?* (2:3-6)
- 5) *Is there mutual _____ & _____?* (1:2-3:5)

B. Wisdom for a God-Honouring Marriage (3:6-8:14)

Seven take-aways for loving and cherishing your spouse:

- 1) *Make _____ the foundation.*
- 2) *Keep _____ & _____ in one another.*
- 3) *Embrace _____ in thought and action.*
- 4) *Speak words of _____ & _____ often.*
- 5) *Prioritize & enjoy the gift of _____ with your spouse.*
- 6) *Expect _____ but pursue _____ quickly.*
- 7) *Protect the relationship from "_____".*

C. God-Honouring Love: The overwhelming love of God

May your love for one another reflect God's enduring, pursuing, sacrificial, faithful, other-centered, generous, forgiving, protecting love.

REFLECTION + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Solomon wrote 1,005 songs (1 Kings 4:32). Why do you think Solomon calls this book the *Song of Songs*? What do you think he intends by that?
2. Why do you think God included this book in the Bible?
3. What does the Song of Songs teach us about the beauty and dignity of romantic love as designed by God?
4. How does this book challenge worldly views of sex and intimacy?
5. How can singles honour God with their romantic desires?
6. What role does communication, affirmation, and praise play in the relationship between Solomon and his bride?
7. How can couples guard their relationship from distractions or drift?
8. How might this book reflect the love between Christ and His bride, the Church? *Reflection: Does your love for your spouse/others reflect Christ's love for His Church?*

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