

## SONG OF SOLOMON

Tonight we're going to get an overview of the Song of Solomon or the Song of Songs (S.O.S. 1:1)

Solomon is the human author and some believe that the Shulamite is Abishag

As the "song of songs" it is identified as one of the greatest songs of all times

It is part of the "wisdom literature" which should remind us that there are two paths

The path of wisdom that leads to blessing and life everlasting

God has a will in regards to your sexuality (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8)

Song of Solomon reveals the beauty and pleasure that God intended

The path of folly that leads to hardship, condemnation, and death

Perversion (Romans 1:26-27, 32)

Immorality (Proverbs 5:1-6)

Asceticism (1 Corinthians 7:1-6)

**NOTE:** God does gift and call some to celibacy in order that they might devote themselves more fully to serving Him (1 Corinthians 7:6, 25-28)

It is very helpful to develop a biblical worldview of sexuality

Creation – it is good. God created the man and the woman with physiological differences which were intended to be used and enjoyed for God's glory and mankind's good.

Fall – sexuality was not the result of the fall (Genesis 3:9-11)

The impact of the fall on human sexuality can be traced through the book of Genesis

Redemption – how do we redeem our sexuality and use it for God's glory and our good?

Overview of the Book

Chapters 1-3 addresses the time of betrothal / leaving

Chapter 4-5:1 is about the wedding night / cleaving

Chapters 6-8 walk us through the seasons of their marriage / weaving

### 1. The Song of Solomon is about love and intimacy between a man and woman

A) How many have walked the path of folly in this area of their life?

> The fruit of the folly is never as sweet and satisfying as it promised to be

If you have walked the path of folly in this area of your life God can forgive and restore

## 2. Unique details about the Book

A) All communication, no narration

B) Poetry and metaphor are used throughout the book

> You don't exegete this song like you would the writings of Paul

> Very important – God models a way to talk about marital intimacy

Some of what He says is so explicit as to make us blush if we were to say it in public

Too often we talk about this topic in biological terms

Too often we cross the line of what is appropriate – indecency

## 3. Significant lessons concerning the three stages of our journey on the road of marital intimacy

A) Do not arouse your love before the time is right (S.O.S. 2:7; 3:5; 8:4)

> Falling in love with a member of the opposite sex was intended to move us toward physical expression.

For physically mature “children” to intentionally enter into what will be a long term loving relationship and not face sexual temptation is naïve.

If you are ready to get married then you are ready to arouse love

> Therefore, parents should seek to preserve and protect your children's purity (S.O.S. 8:8-9)

B) God made us male and female with the ability and responsibility to procreate (Genesis 1:27-28)

> Yet this ability to procreate is more than physical act

It is an expression of love meant to celebrate the one flesh covenant

It is about sensual pleasures (S.O.S. 4)

It bears God's stamp of approval (S.O.S. 5:1b)

C) The greatest relationship and possession that we can have and know, apart from our relationship with God, is to have a lover (S.O.S. 8:6-7)

> There will be seasons of springtime in our marriage, as well as winters (S.O.S. 7:11-13)

But don't give up hope nor quit investing for the next portion of your journey could be the best yet if you choose to walk the path of wisdom, not folly.