

## SONG OF SOLOMON: ROMANCE AT ITS BEST

**A. Author:** Solomon (young in age)

**B. Title:** Song of Songs & Song of Solomon

**C. Theme:** God demonstrates His grace through the joy of romantic love between a husband and wife.

### **D. Three Interpretations of Song of Solomon**

#### **1. The Allegorical View**

- The Book represents the love between God and His people (Jews in the OT and Christians in the NT)

#### **2. The Dramatic View**

- The book is a drama telling the story of the love of Solomon for the Shulammite girl.

#### **3. The Literal View**

- The book is actual love poetry between a man and his wife written in metaphors and eastern imagery.

### **E. Outline:**

#### **1. The Courtship (1:2-3:5)**

- a. Longing for Her Lover (1:2-4)
- b. Surprise that Solomon Picked Her (1:5-7)
- c. Solomon's Tease (1:8-10)
- d. The Shulammite's Tease (1:12-14)
- e. Lovers' Comparisons (1:15-2:7)
  - 2:7- Do not stir up love...until it pleases.
- f. A Date on a Beautiful Spring Day (2:8-14)
- g. A Word of Warning (2:15)
- h. The Night Before the Wedding (3:1-5)

#### **2. The Wedding Day & Night (3:6-5:2)**

- a. The Wedding (3:6-11)
- b. The Wedding Night (4:1-5:2)

#### **3. The Honeymoon Ends (5:3-7:9)**

- a. She Is Awakened Alone and Reluctant (5:2-8)
- b. Ten-fold Praise for Her Husband (5:10-16)
- c. The Wife Goes to the Husband in the Garden (6:1-8:2)
- d. Another Warning (8:3-4)
- e. Love's Devotion (8:5-7)
- f. The Brothers' Skepticism (8:8-14)

### **F. Real Life Lessons from Song of Solomon**

1. God has given romantic love as a gift to those who are married.
2. The only appropriate expression of sexuality is in a marriage relationship.
3. Love's devotion is stronger than any other emotion.
4. Praising our spouse is important in the health of the relationship.
5. Love is a mutual submission between a husband and wife.

### **G. Three Views of Sexuality**

1. Sex is dirty and has no place among Christians.
2. We live in a new day and sex is open and free.
3. Sex is a beautiful expression of love in a marriage relationship.
  - Obviously the view of the Bible (& Song of Solomon) is the third viewpoint.