



Song of Solomon

Background

- Song of Solomon is the last of five "wisdom" books. These books are the heart of the Old Testament.
- Solomon wrote it (1:1). He wrote 1,005 songs (1 Kings 4:32) and considered this to be his greatest.
- Some interpret this book *allegorically*. Some interpret it *typologically*. The best approach is to take it *literally* as a collection of love poems.

Roadmap

1. The Courtship (1:1-3:5)

Lesson: Physical attraction and the desire for a companion are human and holy.

Lesson: When looking for a life's mate, character is key.

Lesson: Accountability is an essential component of purity.

2. The Wedding (3:6-5:1)

Lesson: Marital intimacy is a beautiful gift from God.

Lesson: Attention, acceptance, and communication open the door of intimacy.

3. The Marriage (5:2-8:14)

Lesson: Intimacy withers when conflict is unresolved.

Lesson: A healthy marriage requires time, effort, and creativity.

Lesson: Reaffirm commitment.

Landmark

Song of Solomon is a celebration of marital love. Harkening back to Genesis 2-3, a man and woman enjoy the intimacy of being fully known and loved.

Must See

- The love and commitment of marriage is a picture of Christ and His love and commitment for His people (Eph. 5:25).

Takeaway

1. The deepest level of love requires commitment.
2. Spirituality is no excuse for a stagnant marriage.
3. Marriage is a garden that won't grow forever. Enjoy it while you can.