

# Song of Solomon 4 Consummation

Jesus

- Not for Book for casual believer looking for fire insurance
- A Book only for the few who strive to know Jesus intimately

I do not wonder that some people cannot read Solomon's Song. We do not expect that they should. If I put a book of Algebra or a table of logarithms into the hand of a child who has just learned the multiplication table, I do not marvel that he should not understand it. The fact is...the Song is to the whole Bible what the holy of holies was to the temple. You may walk into the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospels and say, "Here I am in the outer court of the Temple;" you may go to the Psalms and the Epistles, and say, "Here I am in the court of the priests;" but the Canticles are the Holy of Holies; and he that has not learned to enter with the high priest into **that which is within the veil**, will never be able to read Solomon's Song. [Spurgeon]

- For those who **want to know Jesus**

Solomon sends motorcade from Jerusalem to Ephraim to bring his bride to her new home  
We are pilgrims on this earth. This is not our home. Jesus will be back for His bride

**Philippians 3:20 ... our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ**

- **Chapter 4:** Honeymoon/Consummation

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| 4. Bride surrenders all she is/all she has to Him | vv 15-16   |

**Marriage is a mystery that speaks of Christ and His Bride the Church**

## I. Beloved Praises His Bride

### The Beloved

**1 Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair!**

- Bride arrives in Jerusalem/Greeted by her Beloved...

**You are Beautiful my Love...Beautiful.  
Beauty of Holiness. Set apart to/for Him alone**

- Why does Jesus praise us? [M. Henry]
  1. To encourage us no matter what others say
  2. To teach us that we have **value** to Him
- **Beloved Praises 7 aspects of the Bride:** Number of perfection/completeness

**1b... You have dove's eyes behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats, Going down from Mount Gilead.**

- **Eyes of a Dove:** Picture of Peace: Shulamite means "the perfect" or "the peaceful"
- **Hair as Flock of Goats?** Goats walking down a mountain look like flowing hair

2 Your **teeth** are like a flock of shorn sheep Which have come up from the washing, Every one of which bears twins, And none is barren among them. 3 Your lips are like a strand of scarlet, And your **mouth** is lovely. Your **temples** behind your veil Are like a piece of pomegranate. 4 Your **neck** is like the tower of David, Built for an armory, On which hang a thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty men.

How sensitive it was of the king to eloquently praise his bride on their wedding night. Even the loveliest girl might feel insecure on this occasion. Yet as always he was sensitive to her and careful to make her secure in his love." [Glickman]

- **Teeth** ...like a flock of newly shorn sheep. White
- **Mouth** ...like a strand of Scarlet
- **Temples** ...like a piece of pomegranate: Outside not inside
- **Neck** ...like a Tower of David w/1000 shields. Her necklace

5 Your two **breasts** are like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle, Which feed among the lilies.

Beloved continues to praise the Bride on their wedding night

**Q.** Is God okay with this kind of language? **A. He wrote it.**

**Proverbs 5:18** Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth. 19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love. 20 For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

#### **Rejoice with the wife of your youth**

**God:** I blessed sex within marriage...Why should/would you go elsewhere?

**Hebrews 13:4** Marriage is honorable among all, and the **bed undefiled**; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

- **God invented/Designed sex...so He makes the rules**
- **Within Marriage of Man/Woman**
  1. Honored/Blessed/Designed by God
  2. No regret/no shame/no embarrassment
- Sex within marriage is **blessed by God**
- Sex outside marriage is **cursed by God**
  1. Fornication, Adultery, Homosexuality...cursed by God. Expect consequences
  2. We realize we are naked. Experience Regret/Embarrassment/Guilt/Degradation

Most of the world drags that baggage into marriage relationships/Wonder why it's not working

**SUMMARY Beloved Praises His Bride:** Do things God's way. Love not lust.

## II. Called from Fear to Faith

6 Until the day breaks And the shadows flee away, I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh And to the hill of frankincense. 7 You are all fair, my love, And there is no spot in you.

- **Honeymoon:** Love not lust. Selflessness not selfishness... and until the day breaks

**You are Beautiful my Love...You are Perfection in My Eyes**

**Ephesians 5:27** [Washed in the Word...] that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, **not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that she should be holy and without blemish**

- Jesus washes us... Cleans us... Shows us off to the Father

**Jude 1:24** [Jesus...] is able to keep [us] from stumbling, And to **present [us] faultless** Before the presence of [God's] glory with exceeding joy...

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| ▪ <b>Were saved</b>      | Regeneration   | Spiritual DNA changed    | Desire good |
| ▪ <b>Are being saved</b> | Sanctification | Becoming more like Jesus |             |
| ▪ <b>Will be saved</b>   | Glorification  | With Him forever         |             |

**Philippians 1:6** [I am...] confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will **complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ... [It is finished!]

8 Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, With me from Lebanon. Look from the top of Amana, From the top of Senir and Hermon, From the lions' dens, From the mountains of the leopards.

**Come with me from the lion's dens and from the mountain of leopards**

In asking her to come from such fearful places, he is really asking her to bring her thoughts completely to him and leave her fears behind and perhaps to leave the lingering thoughts of home behind as well... he wished her to leave her fear and anxiety about the new life of marriage and simply come to him... So, he calls her from her fears to his arms. [Glickman]

**Genesis 2:23** ... Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman [heb. *Ishshah*], Because she was taken out of Man heb. *Ish*." 24 Therefore a man shall **leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife**, and they shall become **one flesh**. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- Trust Me enough to follow Me as your Protector/Provider

**SUMMARY From Fear to Faith**

## III. Tender Words of Love

9 You have ravished my heart, My sister, my spouse; You have ravished my

heart With one look of your eyes, With one link of your necklace.

- **You My Bride have *Ravished My Heart*:**

1. Make heart beat faster/To make cakes? Fastest way man's heart his stomach?
2. NASB You have *stolen my heart*

Thou has unhearted me. New words are coined to express the inexpressibleness of Christ's surprising love to his church; and the strength of that love is set forth by that which is a weakness in men, the being so much in love with one object as to be heartless to every thing else. **[Henry]**

- **My Sister/My Spouse**

1. Your Boyfriend/Husband is also your **brother in Christ**
2. Your Girlfriend/Wife is also your **sister in Christ**

All of the commands to love one another apply to marriage relationship  
**Marriage partners have the same Father...**

**Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all **one in Christ Jesus.**

**1 Peter 3:1** Wives, likewise, **be submissive to your own husbands...** **7** Husbands... dwell with [your wife] with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being **heirs together of the grace of life**, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- **Heirs together of Salvation:** Marriage roles are temporary.
  1. **Husband will not be spiritual leader in Heaven**
  2. **Wife will not be the weaker vessel in Heaven**
  3. **Will not be Husband and Wife in Heaven**

**Yet both will continue to brother/sister having the same Father in Heaven!**

- Understanding the Brother/Sister/Father relationship will lead to love and respect
- One look of your eyes...**and you had Me hooked**

10 How fair is your love, My sister, my spouse! How much better than wine is your love, And the scent of your perfumes Than all spices! 11 Your lips, O my spouse, Drip as the honeycomb; Honey and milk are under your tongue; And the fragrance of your garments Is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

- **Love Better than Wine:** First by the Bride Ch. 1 v2 ...now here by the Beloved
- **Sexual Attraction:** Sight /Smell/Touch

**Full Intimate God Blessed Experience of Holy/Sanctified Love continues**

12 A **garden enclosed** Is my sister, my spouse, A **spring shut up, A fountain sealed.**

- **Garden Enclosed:** Lit. Locked or Barred till now. Chased. A Virgin.
- **Beloved Praises His wife's virginity on the Honeymoon**

The beloved therefore recognized the great value of the maiden's virginity, as she also recognized. Individuals and societies suffer greatly when virginity is no longer valued. It is important for parents, young men, young women, and the church as a whole to **value virginity** and never treat it as something to be embarrassed of. In addition, the concept of a restored or a "from-now-on" virginity should be *promoted and valued*. [Guzik]

**The whole world says no to Chastity...The whole world is falling apart.  
The whole world is Wrong. Marriages for the most part are a sham.**

**Myth: "The Bible says nothing against premarital sex."**

**Fact:** The high value placed on virginity, seen here and in other passages such as Deuteronomy 22:13-29 shows premarital sex is wrong. But it also clearly found in the passages that speak against the sexual sin known in the New Testament as *porneia*, and commonly translated "fornication" (1 Corinthians 6:13 and 6:18; Ephesians 5:3 and 5:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3. *Porneia* broadly refers to all types of sexual activity outside of marriage (including homosexuality); it encompasses practically all sexual behavior outside of that which is practiced between a husband and a wife in the bonds of their marriage.

**Myth: "He wants to have sex with me because he loves me."**

**Fact:** His love for you will be proved by his willingness to wait for marriage. The desire for sex does not prove love in a man. In one survey, 55% of men said "yes" to the following question: "If you could be certain that your wife or girlfriend would never know, would you have sex with any of her friends?" And to the question, "Have you ever had sex with a woman you have actively disliked?" 58% of men said "yes". You are foolish if you think a boy loves you – or even likes you – because he wants to have sex with you.

**Myth: "My boyfriend is a Christian/loves the Lord. I don't have to worry about that."**

**Fact:** Christian men face the same challenges as non-Christians when it comes to sexual desires and lusts. They have the ability to overcome those lusts by the power of the Holy Spirit, but it isn't easy and many who thought they were strong enough have fallen to these sins.

**Myth: "We are going to get married, so it doesn't matter."**

**Fact:** It does matter. First, you are setting a value on your own sexuality; there is a sense in which a woman then gives her future husband the right to treat her as an object. Second, you are setting a pattern; you are agreeing that in some circumstances, sex outside of marriage is acceptable, and this is something you don't want in your mind or in the mind of your marriage partner; especially because one of the most important aspects of a long lasting, fulfilling sexual relationship is trust. Third, you are only taking away from the blessing God intends for your sexual relationship when married.

**Myth: "We can be married before God."**

**Fact:** If you were on a desert island without any intuitions of government or society, this might be an argument. But marriage in both the Biblical and cultural sense is being joined together in a public ceremony that is recognized as legal and legitimate by the law and the culture. **You aren't on a desert island.** [Guzik]

- **Garden Enclosed:** Blessing of Virginity on Marriage Night and forever...

In seeing the goodness and honor and blessing of virginity – of a woman's sexuality being protected and not trampled upon until it is ready to be properly yielded in marriage – it is almost impossible for those women who have not properly guarded their virginity (or worse yet had it stolen from them) to feel that they can never enjoy this blessing or anything like

it. It is true that once entered, this garden can no longer be un-entered. But to extend the garden metaphor, a garden that has been trodden upon and is in disarray can be restored again to health and beauty through wisdom, self-control, effort, and most importantly through the work of the Master Gardener (the one who created the woman's sexuality). It cannot be un-entered if it already has been, but it can be restored to goodness. **[Guzik]**

**Q.** Who is God to tell me when? **A.** He is your loving Creator not to mention Lord of All  
**Priceless Virtue of Virginity:** Don't settle for anything other than God's will/God's best  
**Song 2:7** I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.

### **The wait is difficult but will be worth it a million times over**

- Beloved continues speaking to His Bride...

13 Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates With pleasant fruits, Fragrant henna with spikenard, 14 Spikenard and saffron, Calamus and cinnamon, With all trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, With all the chief spices— 15 A fountain of gardens, **A well of living waters**, And streams from Lebanon.

- He enjoys her with all senses God has given...
  1. **Taste, Sight, Touch:** Pleasant Fruit
  2. **Smell:** Spikenard, Saffron, Calamus, Cinnamon, etc.

### **Intimacy/Beauty of a Holy God approved Sexual Relationship**

- A Fountain of Gardens with a Well of Living Water
- **Living Water from the Bride...**

### **That which proceeds from us to others after intimacy w/Jesus**

**John 7:37b** "... If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart **will flow rivers of living water.**" 39 But this He spoke concerning the **Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive

- **Living Water:** Holy Spirit-filled life spilling over into others' lives

Working definition of **walking in the spirit** means not thinking about you at all Spirit taking you over to the point of only thinking about pleasing Jesus by loving others

### **SUMMARY Tender Words of Love**

## **IV. Surrender**

### **The Shulamite**

16 Awake, O north wind, And come, O south! Blow upon my garden, That its spices may flow out. Let my beloved **come to his garden** And eat its pleasant fruits.

- Marriage Consummated
- **Notice:** The **brides garden** now becomes **his garden. They are now one.**

**Matthew 19:5...** the two shall become one flesh? 6 "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh.

She calls it His garden; for those that are espoused to Christ call nothing their own, but what they have devoted to Him and desire to be used for Him. [Henry]

- **Honeymoon Recipe. So far, He has...**
  1. Praised the Bride for her Beauty
  2. Called the Bride from Fear to Faith
  3. Spoken to the Bride w/tender words of Love. She is now ready to surrender
- She saw Him give all that He is/all that He has to her **first** ...

She is now free to give all that she is to Him. Without fear/reservation  
**That is what Jesus did for us...Gave Himself first**

**1 John 4:19** We love Him because **He first loved us.** [No greater love than laying down life]

**Galatians 1:3 [Jesus...] gave Himself** for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Galatians 2:20b** I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and **gave Himself for me.**

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and **gave Himself** for her...

- **True Love is about giving...**

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He **gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- **Ch. 4 Solomon brings his bride home...as will Jesus...**

**Titus 2:13** [We look/wait...] for the **blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, 14 who **gave Himself for us...**

- We wait for the consummation of our relationship when He comes for us
  1. Oneness with Him
  2. Scent/Fragrance of Him
  3. Living Water from Him
  4. Pleasant Fruit offered by Him for Eternity

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**SUMMARY Surrender** No fear. No reservation. We love Him because He first loved us.