

Song of Solomon 1:1-4
“Attraction”

~ READ TEXT ~

AS YOU SETTLE IN...

- Turn to the book of (Song of Solomon 1:1-4).

~ LET'S PRAY ~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled today's message: **“Attraction”**

~ INTRO ~

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“Song of Songs”...

- OR “Song of Solomon!”

➤ This is the most controversial Book in the whole Bible!

HERE'S WHY...

BECAUSE...

- There's **three primary ways... scholars interpret this book:**
 - 1) Jewish tradition teaches this book as an **Allegorical** picture...
 - Of God's love for Israel. (Allegory = hidden meanings).
 - 2) Other scholars view it **Figuratively** & attempt to make...
 - Solomon a type of Christ & the Beloved a type of the church. (Figurative = Leaving the literal use of words).
 - 3) A **Literal** interpretation. An unfolding love between Solomon
 - And a Shulamite woman. (This is the method I'll use).

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TAUGHT...

*“If the plain sense makes sense,
seek no other sense,
lest you come up with non-sense.”*

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THIS BOOK...

- Is nearly 3,000 years old...
 - And the details are taken...
 - During Solomon’s early life as King.

TURN TO (1 Kings 11:1-4)

- Solomon’s heart fell into three downfalls over time.
 - 1) He disobeyed God’s word.
 - 2) His heart was turned (hardened).
 - 3) & He was no longer loyal to God.

NOW... BEFORE WE CRITICISE SOLOMON...

- Let’s make sure we’re NOT doing the same thing.
 - Don’t raise your hands...
 - But how many are in romantic relationships with unbelievers...
 - How many are in business ownership with unbelievers.

***If you’re already married to an unbeliever – stay put!**
- But if you’re NOT... let me caution you to get out.

THE BIBLE SAYS...

(2 Cor. 6:14) Not to mix your life with unbelievers.

(1 Cor. 7:39) Says Christians are to ONLY marry in the Lord.

(Nehemiah 13:25-27) Show the problems of marriage outside of the faith!

SO... *Song of Solomon*...

- Is very instructive & it gives us practical insights into 7-topics...
 - As it extols human love in marriage:

LISTEN... IF YOU’RE ALREADY **MARRIED**...

- This book will help you stay that way.
 - If you’re **SINGLE** it will help you find the right mate.
 - If you’re **DIVORCED** it will help you get back up...

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- And move forward to love again!

HERE'S **THE SEVEN TOPICS:**

- 1) Attraction
- 2) Dating
- 3) Engagement
- 4) Marriage
- 5) Sex on Honeymoon night & even later in life
- 6) Conflict & fighting
- 7) Love until death

~ STUDY ~

IT'S SAID THAT (vv.2-4)...

- Is the woman looking back after being married.

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WAS HER EXPRESSIONS...

- Of talking out loud to herself.
 - It was a sentimental & an emotional reflection.

IT WAS AN...

- *O' Fabio... how I love you* – type of moment!
 - Which brings us to...

TOPIC #1 – ATTRACTION:

THE PHYSICAL AFFECTION OF HIS KISS...

- It did something to her...
 - And she experienced exhilaration & overwhelming joy!
 - She got that little tickle on the inside...
 - She was star-struck!

PHYSICAL AFFECTION...

- Is so powerful.
 - It can lead us into lowering our defenses...
 - And making bad-decisions in a moment of passion!

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THAT’S WHY UNDERSTANDING...

- What healthy **ATTRACTION** looks like...
 - Will keep you out of BAD relationships...
 - And make room for HEALTHY ones!

NOTICE (v.3)

- Remember she’s looking back after marriage at this point.

SHE ONLY SURRENDERED TO HIM...

- After the demonstration & confirmation of his reputation.
 - The smell test (Ex. 15:25)
 - “*Because of the fragrance...*”
 - Meaning = “*Your name...*”

HIS CHARACTER & REPUTATION...

- Was one of honor, values, & morals!

ATTRACTION MUST GO BEYOND GOOD LOOKS!

THE BIBLE SAYS IN (Heb. 13:8)...

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

(Proverbs 31:30)

- “*Charm is deceitful*” = Disappointment / falsehood

POINT BEING...

- The **first test** of relationship is **consistent character!**

(SOS 2:7) Solomon says...

“... Do not stir up love nor awaken love until it pleases.”

THIS GUY LED THE WAY...

- Thru temptations of sexual pressure.

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WHEN RESTRAINT...

- Is exercised in a romantic relationship...
 - It causes desires to mature in a healthy way.

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SHE WAS REQUESTING...

- To go deeper “*May the King bring me into his chambers*”

AND ALL THOUGH...

- The sexual pressure of his kiss started her engine...
 - He exercised restraint to the tune of his reputation...
 - Which was Godly character!

~ IN CLOSING ~

THE QUALITIES YOU WANT TO SEE DEMONSTRATED...

- Before pursuing any level of attraction

MAN’S CHARACTER

- ✓ Is he a born-again- believer in Christ?
- ✓ Is he committed to God with his time & finances?
(If he can’t put God first you won’t be either)
- ✓ Will he obey God in tough situations? (morality, love, protect, & provide)
- ✓ Is he gentle & kind (OR) lazy, rude, & self-centered?
- ✓ How does he treat his mom? (helpful & gentle OR does mom do it all)

WOMAN’S CHARACTER

- ✓ Is she a born-again- believer in Christ?
- ✓ Is she committed to God with her time & finances?
(If she can’t put God first you won’t be either)
- ✓ Does she have a servant heart? (kind, compassionate, helpful)
- ✓ Does she backbite, nag, & gossip?
- ✓ How is her relationship with her dad? (Respectful & honoring)

The aim of this study **practically**...

- Is to seek God’s restoration spiritually, emotionally, & relationally!

~ LET’S PRAY ~