

The Song of Solomon: Relationship & Ministry

- This is a book about the love relationship of Solomon & his bride, and is prophetic of Christ and His Bride.
- It is a spiritual guide book about how to develop our relationship and ministry with the Lord.

Solomon is a Type of Christ, Who is the 'greater than Solomon,' Lk.11:31.

- 1) Solomon built the temple of God, 1 Kngs.6:14 * Christ also, Eph.2:20-22
- 2) Solomon was the Son of David, 2 Sam.12:24 * Christ also, Mt.1:1
- 3) Solomon was a King of peace, 1 Kngs.4:21, 24-25 * Christ also, Is.9:6-7

The Bride is a type of the Church- Jn.3:28-29, Eph.5:25-27, Rev.19:7-8

OUTLINE: Part 1 Falling In Love, 1:1-3:5 Part 2 The Wedding Day, 3:6-5:1 Part 3 Growing In Love, 5:2-8:14

3 Stages of Maturing Relationship:

1. S. of Sol.2:16 My beloved is mine & I am his (a selfish love)
This is the relationship a spiritual baby will have, 1 Jn.2:12. A baby thinks everyone exists to serve him!
2. S. of Sol.6:3 I am my beloved's & my beloved is mine (a maturing love)
This is the relationship a young man in Christ will have, 1 Jn.2:14.
3. S. of Sol.7:10 I am my beloved's & his desire is towards me (a sacrificial, giving love; no selfish motives)
This is the relationship a father & mother in Christ will have, 1 Jn.2:14 - a giving heart, 2 Cor.12:14-15

A Maturing Christian Will Have a Developing Testimony:

- S. of Sol.1:1:5 She started out calling herself "dark" but also lovely; like the black goat hair tents of Kedar but also like the beautiful white curtains of Solomon. She struggled with two natures (like in Gen.25:22-23), the old adamic nature and the new nature of Christ, Rom.7:19 & 8:13, Eph.4:22-24.
- S. of Sol.1:5 Tents of Kedar- the Ishmaelites, Gen.25:13, symbolic of the law & bondage, Gal.4:22-31.
- S. of Sol.1:15 She was told "You are fair" (her beloved spoke graciously to her)
- S. of Sol.4:7 More beautiful, she is called "all fair with no spot in her." Now ready for marriage, Eph.5:25-27.
- S. of Sol.6:4 Here she is called lovely, awesome as an army -mighty!
- S. of Sol.7:1 By now the bride is called beautiful, a prince's daughter -royalty!
- S. of Sol.8:10 The bride said, "I am a wall, I am fully mature" No more shame!

The Bride Was Prepared and Changed From Glory to Glory:

- 1) As she forgot her old 'black' adamic nature, Ps.45:10-11, Gal.2:20, Phil.3:3:13
- 2) As she saw the beauty of the king, 2 Cor.3:18
- 3) As he spoke his creative words into her, Eph.5:25-27.

A Maturing Christian Will Have Changing Experiences With The Ministry & With Other Ministers:

- S. of Sol.1:6 The mother's sons made her keep the vineyards- they made her a Christian worker or a Pastora (but it burned her, she was too busy to keep her own vineyard, her own devotional life & ministry).
- S. of Sol.1:7-8 At the shepherd's tents- she could find where Christ feeds His flock and makes it rest. She was not close to the Lord. The ministry helped her.
- S. of Sol.3:3-4 Just past the watchmen (the ministers) she met the Lord in a fresh way. She had to go beyond their spiritual experience, but they probably helped direct her the right way.
- S. of Sol.5:6-7 As she was seeking the Lord in a new way, the watchmen hit her and took away her veil (her reputation). Sometimes we will be misunderstood by ministers if we are going on with God.
- S. of Sol.7:11-12 The bride was ready to go and minister as a companion of Christ. The ministry no longer took her away from her beloved, but was where they shared their love.
- S. of Sol.8:11-12 She was able to abundantly help the keepers of the vineyard. Now she was no longer the keeper of someone else's vineyard, but owned her own vineyard that others worked for. As we go on in God, we will be able to help our brethren, as misunderstood Joseph later helped and led his brethren.

There Are Christians of Lesser Spiritual Levels Spoken of In the Song of Solomon:

- S. of Sol.8:8-9 The immature little sister was near the time for courtship, but she was unstable, like a door.

S. of Sol.5:8-6:1 The daughters of Jerusalem wanted to know the king, but did not have a close relationship.
- most people in the book, because they lived in Jerusalem (Gal.4:26), speak of different types of believers.