

Anticipation | Song of Songs 1:1-2:7

Why Song of Songs?

1. Biblical view of sex, romance, and marriage;

- "...for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:13)

2. How sex is viewed today:

a. Sex is god;

- "...they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen." (Romans 1:25)

b. Sex is gross;

c. Sex is a gift

What Does God Say About Sex?

1. Pleasure;

2. Children;

- And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it..." (Genesis 1:28a)

3. Intimacy;

- Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:24-25)

4. Protection;

- To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. (1 Corinthians 7:8-9)

5. Faithfulness;

- *“For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does.*

Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.” (1 Corinthians 7:4-5)

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1. Love Confessed (1:1-1:4);
2. Standard of Beauty (1:5-7)
3. Words of Affirmation (1:8-17)
4. Words of Encouragement (2:1-6)
5. Words of Wisdom (2:7)

The Pursuit of Intimacy

1. Intimacy in marriage
2. Idolizing marriage
3. Communion with God