

# ***Reclaiming Marriage for the Glory of God***

## ***A Study of the Song of Solomon***

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*The Adventure of Attraction*  
*Song of Solomon: 1:1 – 2:7*

- I. Notice the Initial Attraction.**
  - A. There is Physical Attraction.**
  - B. There is Character Attraction.**
  
- II. Notice the Increasing Admiration.**
  - A. There is Praise.**
  - B. There is Propriety.**
  - C. There is Protection.**
  
- III. Notice the Inevitable Arousal.**
  - A. Passion is Natural.**
  - B. Restraint is Necessary.**

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### *The Chastity of Courtship*

*Song of Solomon: 2:8 – 3:5*

#### **I. Notice the Transparency in Courtship.**

A. There should be Excitement & Expectancy.

B. There should be Patience & Persistency.

C. There should be Character & Communication.

#### **I. Notice the Tenderness in Courtship.**

A. There is Love & Longing.

B. There is Love & Life.

#### **II. Notice the Trust in Courtship.**

#### **III. Notice the Temptations in Courtship.**

A. Passion is Natural.

B. Restraint is Necessary.

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## ***The Magnificence of Marriage***

***Song of Solomon: 3:6-11***

### **I. We need a Biblical Perspective on Marriage.**

**A. God revealed His Purpose. (Gen. 2:18)**

**B. God revealed His Plan. (Gen. 2:24)**

**1. We are to Leave.**

**2. We are to Cleave.**

**3. We are to Become One .**

### **II. We need a Biblical Picture of Marriage.**

**A. Notice the Splendor. (SS 3:6, 9-10)**

**B. Notice the Safety. (SS 3:7)**

**C. Notice the Security. (SS 3:8)**

**D. Notice the Satisfaction. (SS 3:11)**

### **III. We have a Biblical Pattern for Marriage.**

**(Eph. 5:22-33)**

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## ***The Importance of Intimacy***

***Song of Solomon: 4:1 – 5:1***

### **I. Intimacy Commences with Delightful Anticipation. (1-7)**

**A. Women Delight in Verbal Admiration.**

**B. Men Delight in Visual Stimulation.**

### **II. Intimacy Consists of an Enthusiastic Invitation. (8)**

### **III. Intimacy Continues with Sensual Captivation. (9-15)**

**A. His Pleasure in her is expressed.**

**B. Her Purity for him is celebrated.**

### **IV. Intimacy Culminates with Sexual Consummation. (16)**

### **V. Intimacy Concludes with Divine Affirmation. (5:1)**

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## *The Certainty of Conflict*

*Song of Solomon: 5:2 – 6:13*

### **I. Acknowledge that Conflict is Certain.**

A. Lack of Sensitivity can cause conflict. (5:2)

B. Lots of Selfishness can cause conflict. (5:3)

### **II. Acknowledge that Reconciliation is Required.**

#### **A. Control Your Attitude.**

1. Respond with Gentleness. (5:4)

2. Respond with Love. (5:5)

B. Concede Your Vengeance. (5:6-7)

C. Confess Your Sinfulness. (Psalm 139:23-24)

D. Concentrate on the Good. (5:8-16)

E. Communicate with your spouse. (6:1-3)

1. Listen First. (James 1:19)

2. Speak the truth in love. (Eph. 4:15)

3. Speak with the right purpose: **God's Glory & other's good.** (Eph. 4:26-32)

#### **F. Cherish your Spouse**

1. Be ready to forgive. (6:4-10)

2. Be ready to forget. (6:11-13)

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## *The Renewal of Romance*

*Song of Solomon 7:1 - 8:4*

### **I. The Man should be Romantic.**

#### **A. His Visual leads to Verbal.**

1. His praise is very Specific.
2. His Praise is very Sensuous.

#### **B. His Delight leads to Desire.**

### **II. The Woman should be Responsive.**

#### **A. Her Satisfaction leads to Selflessness.**

1. There is Mutual Giving.
2. There is Mutual Gratification.

#### **B. Her Security leads to Spontaneity.**

1. There is Passion.
2. There is Creativity.
3. There is Affection.
4. There is Sensitivity.

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## *The Covenant of Commitment*

*Song of Solomon 8:5-14*

### **I. Let's have a Godly Perspective of Marriage.**

**A. Marital Love is Providential. (5)**

**B. Marital Love is Possessive. (6)**

**C. Marital Love is Permanent. (6)**

**D. Marital Love is Persevering. (7)**

**E. Marital Love is Priceless. (7)**

### **II. Let's have a Guarded Purity before Marriage. (8-12)**

### **III. Let's have a Growing Passion in Marriage. (13-14)**