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Intimate Love Song of Solomon

Song of Solomon 1:1-10

The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!

For your love is better than wine;

3 your anointing oils are fragrant; your name is oil poured out; therefore virgins love you. 4

Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers.

**We will exult and rejoice in you; we will
extol your love more than wine; rightly do
they love you.**

5 I am very dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. 6 Do not gaze at me because I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept!

7 Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon; for why should I be like one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions?

8 If you do not know, O most beautiful among women, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.

**9 I compare you, my love, to a mare
among Pharaoh's chariots. 10 Your
cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your
neck with strings of jewels.**

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1) Intimate love in marriage is wonderful.

**“On my bed by night I sought him whom
my soul loves; I sought him but found him
not.”**

Song of Solomon 3:1

“Who is that coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved? Under the apple tree I awakened you.”

Song of Solomon 8:5

“Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.”

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

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- 1) Intimate love in marriage is wonderful.
- 2) Intimate love outside of marriage is harmful.

Belonging and Vulnerability

“My beloved is mine, and I am his.” 2:16

**“I am my beloved’s and my beloved is
mine” 6:3**

**“I am my beloved’s, and his desire is for
me” 7:10**

**“I adjure you, o daughters of Jerusalem,
that you not stir up or awaken love until it
pleases.”**

Song of Solomon 8:4

“But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:28

“There is tremendous relief in knowing his love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery can disillusion him about me.”

-JI Packer

