



Sermon Notes & Study Guide

Song of Solomon 1:1-7

Romantic Love Illustrates the Love of Jesus and You.

Song of Solomon 8:6a- "Love is as strong as death."

Introduction (1:1)

¹ The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

A. Romantic Love involves Strong Desire (1:2-4)

The female lover flashes from one sensuous image to another; thereby expressing a height of emotion and delight that ignores rules of parallelism and poetic structure. -Richard Hess

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.

Others

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

B. Romantic Love Involves Depth (1:5-6)

She

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!

1. She is not vain.

2. She is a team player

3. She doesn't allow her appearance to define her worth!

C. Romantic Love involves Pursuit (1:7)

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?

Ephesians 5:31-32

³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become **one flesh**.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to **Christ and the church**.

1. Loving Jesus involves Desire (1:2-4)

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Big Idea: Romantic Love Illustrates the Love of Jesus and You.

Study Guide

Read **Song of Solomon 1:1-7**

- What did God speak to you this weekend?
- We love love stories! What evidence do you see in the text that romantic love involves physical attraction. How were you introduced to the topic of physical love? Were you given a biblical viewpoint on sex, was it never discussed (shamed), or did culture teach you about it?
- What evidence do you see in the text that romantic love involves having good character? Why is it important to marry someone with good character?
- **Read Ephesians 5:31-32.** Why do you think God has linked physical union, “one flesh”, to our spiritual union with Him? Discuss.
- How has culture idolized sex and love? How can the church help bring healing to others by sharing that these are only symbols of a greater concept: Oneness with Christ? What does your pursuit of Christ look like?
- Have you “lost your first love” (**Rev. 2:4-5**)? Share ideas on how to rekindle our love for our spouse, and how to rekindle our love for Christ.