

THE LOVE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Song of Solomon 1:1 - 2:7

As a sample of the theme of several of its parts, study Part One of the Song of Solomon in detail. Note especially its significance for us today:

A. The Figurative Language of the Song:

1. In the Old Testament, who is often spoken of as a bride and groom? Isaiah 54:5-7, 62:5-6

2. In the New Testament, to whom is this figure of speech applied? Ephesians 5:27, Revelation 19:7-8

3. God's people of all ages have felt that this song was given a place in the Bible to show the fullness of the love between God and His people. It is an "allegory": The description of one thing under the image of another. With this fact in mind, study now the first Part of the Song:

B. The Bride's First Speech: Read Song of Solomon 1:2-7

1. What shows the great love of the Christian for Christ? Song of Solomon 1:2

2. What makes possible this great love? Song of Solomon 1:4a

3. Of what is the result when the Christian cries out for a closer relationship to Christ? Song of Solomon 1:4b

4. Of what is the Christian always aware as he comes into the presence of Christ? Song of Solomon 1:5a

5. When does the Christian want to be with Christ? Song of Solomon 1:7

C. The Groom's Answer: Read Song of Solomon 1:8-11

1. Does Christ tell the Christian where to find Him? Song of Solomon 1:7-8

2. By what names does Christ call the Christian? Song of Solomon 1:8a, 9a

3. Notice how Christ admires the Christian? Song of Solomon 1:9-11

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D. The Continued Conversation: Read Song of Solomon 1:12 - 2:2

1. By what name does the Christian call Christ? Song of Solomon 1:13a, 16a

2. What does Christ say of the Christian? Song of Solomon 1:15

3. What does the Christian reply of Christ? Song of Solomon 1:16

4. To what does the Christian compare himself? Song of Solomon 2:1 (Note: These are very lovely flowers.)

5. By contrast, to what does Christ compare the Christian? Song of Solomon 2:2

E. The Bride's Final Speech: Read Song of Solomon 2:3-7

1. To what does the Christian compare Christ? Song of Solomon 2:3a

2. How does the Christian feel, just to be near Christ? Song of Solomon 2:3b

3. Notice the tenderness of the love with which Christ rewards those who take time to “sit under His shadow”, and “eat of His fruit”. Song of Solomon 2:4, 6

4. How would you say that Christ and the Christian feel toward each other at the end of this part of the Song?

5. Parts Three and Five of the Song are very similar to Part One. Study these to appreciate more fully the complete satisfaction of Christ and the Christian with each other. Notice especially Christ's words in 4:7.

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Do I long to be constantly in the presence of my Lord, enjoying His love?

2. Am I greatly delighted with my Lord? Have I found my complete satisfaction in Him? See Psalm 107:9.
