

SONG OF SOLOMON

Lesson 2

Song of Solomon Chapters 2-8

With this lesson, we complete our look at the Song of Solomon and our examination of how it parallels the maturing of love between two people. In our last lesson, we considered the initial excitement of meeting someone new, and the effect that it has on our behavior and how we move from the initial period of excitement to one of desiring to know about the person that we've fallen in love with.

We also saw how that experience parallels a new believer's life. As we grow in our walk, we go from one of a faith based on pure emotion and excitement to one of curiosity and a desire to know more about our savior, as well as an understanding to understand God's plan for us. Once we accept Christ and turn our lives over to him, we begin to grow in our relationship with Him, sharing our most personal and intimate thoughts, seeking time alone just with Him, looking for ways to please Him, and always looking forward to that day when we will be with Him forever.

Furthermore, we discover that our conversation changes as we progress from dating to courting. This is the period of time when you realize that you are really in love with someone, and that that love will eventually lead to marriage. Our conversations move from satisfying our curiosity of each other to one of planning and looking ahead. We work through each person's roles in the relationship, discovering each person's plans for the future, and how those plans will change as two people became one.

This is also how we are with Christ when we are new believers. We are trying to find our way, trying to learn God's plan for us, trying to determine what role that Christ has for us, and wondering what will happen to us as we put our complete trust in Him. We experience joy as we learn more and more about Him and His great love for us.

As we read and reflect on the remaining chapters of the Song of Solomon, we see the relationship after the marriage celebration. What does love look like one year, five years, twenty years, or fifty years from now? What will change, and what will remain constant?

Finally, consider this in light of the wedding supper of the Lamb in Revelation. Do you see a change in the relationship? Can you sense a new excitement following the wedding of Christ and His Church? Do you think that there are many parallels between being the wife of Christ and being in love, as described in the love poem in Song of Solomon?

My prayer this week is that we will love our spouses and Christ as the lovers loved each other in Song of Solomon. "Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave, Its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love nor can the floods drown it." Solomon 8:6-7a [KJV]

Paul tells us without love we have nothing. May Christ rekindle that love in you this week.

Thanks for studying with us.

In Christ,

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