

## THE SONG OF SOLOMON

Written by Solomon probably early in his career as king before giving in to every temptation and lust of the flesh

- Probably the most unusual book in the bible
- It deals almost completely with the love story and sexual intimacy between a man (Solomon) and his woman (the Shulammitte woman) in the context of marriage
- some people today may even be uncomfortable having their kids read it
- It describes all aspects of a healthy marriage
  - Emotional, Spiritual and Physical
- just about every part of the body is described (not just by him)
  - eyes, hair, teeth, lips, temples, cheeks, neck, breasts, hips, navel, legs, abdomen, hands
- it explicitly describes a man and a woman enjoying each other's bodies
  - that may make some of us blush or uncomfortable but it shouldn't
  - the problem is that the world has become so saturated with sexuality, that we as Christians start thinking that sex is a bad thing
- A sexual relationship between husband and wife is a great gift from God
  - He not only approves of it, but created it for our pleasure
  - but only in the confines of marriage
- some would say that God is withholding something good from them

The bible says:

**Psa 84:11** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

- why would God restrict something so great to only those that are married?
- for the same reason that He didn't want Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit
  - because He knew it would bring them pain

- our definition of a good thing and God's definition are completely different
  - when I tell my kids not to ride their long boards on the street, they think I am withholding something good from them
  - in truth, I am keeping them from a great deal of pain
  - although it looks like fun, they can't see the cars coming over the hill

- it's the same way with sex
  - while we are thinking of how much fun it would be, we don't see the horrible consequences just over the hill
    - unplanned pregnancies, disease, emotional scars, sexual addiction, depression, future marital stress

- so when God withholds something from us, you can rest assured that it is for our own good

### **Jesus Type:**

- It's easy to see this book as just a story about physical attraction and intimacy
  - but it is more than that
  - this book is all about the deep, intimate, passionate love that a man has for his bride
  - and the love that she willingly returns to him

**Rev 19:7** "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

- we are the bride of Christ
  - Although not in a physical way, Jesus wants us to see the deep love He has for us
    - and we not only show love back to Him, but be completely consumed by Him