

# Song of Songs

## Context

Title: The Greatest Song or The Best Song → The Song of all Songs

Genre: Wisdom Literature, specifically ancient love poetry

Setting: A young woman (the primary speaker) and a young man (probably the shepherd) who are in love and betrothed to be married.

## Purpose

1. God's design for his glory and our good in the covenant of marriage

<b>Genesis 2</b>	<b>Genesis 3</b>	<b>Song of Songs</b>
Man & woman in perfect relationship with God & each other according to his good design	Man & woman's relationship with God & one another broken	Man & woman pursuing relationship with God & each other according to his good design
Man & woman in the Garden of Eden with God	Man & woman thrown out of the Garden	Man & woman in a garden
Man & woman glorifying God & enjoying one another	Man & woman at odds, inclined to act selfishly, not glorifying God	Man & woman glorifying God & enjoying one another

2. A picture of God's love for and covenant with His people

## Outline

The Courtship - Song of Songs 1:1 - 3:5

The Wedding - Song of Songs 3:6-5:1

The Marriage - Song of Songs 5:2-8:14

## The Message

The Biblical Covenant of marriage is intended to promote love that is rock solid, deeply intimate, one that endures hardship, resists temptation, and brings peace.

Song of Songs 8:6-10

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.	The commitment of marriage should be rock solid.
Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord. [or “the hottest possible flame”]	A biblical marriage should be deeply intimate.
Many waters cannot quench [or extinguish] love, neither can floods drown it.	This type of love endures hardship.
If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.	This type of love resists temptation.
I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers; then I was in his eyes as one who finds peace.	This type of love promotes satisfaction and peace.

## Takeaways

- Seek Purity

In marriage - commitment & intimacy to protect against trials and temptations  
In singleness - *“do not stir up or awaken love until it pleases” (2:7)*

- See God’s Great Love for His People