

Book 22: Song of Solomon **The Bible's Love Song**

- This is the third of three books in the Bible written by Solomon.
- He most likely wrote this book when he was a young man. It is a lengthy poem of romantic love.
- Solomon wrote over 1000 songs according to 1 Kings 4:32, but this was apparently the most popular.

- If we take it at face value, this is a beautiful love song, telling the story of a man and his bride.
- God is not mentioned anywhere in the book.
- This can make people uncomfortable, and for this reason the Song of Solomon tends to be avoided in some churches.

- Nonetheless, the Song has been considered a part of the Scriptures since very ancient times.
- It reminds us that God created marriage, romance and physical intimacy – so there is no reason to ignore this aspect of the book.
- The love relationship between a husband and wife is holy and God desires to bless it.

- What's more, the Bible compares God's relationship to the nation of Israel to the union between a man and his wife.
- Therefore, since long ago the rabbis have applied this book to God's love for His covenant people.

- And since the Bible also compares marriage to Christ's relationship to the church, we can also see in this book Christ's love for the church, His bride.
- We can see Christ's heart drawing us to Himself, preparing us as His bride.
- The Scriptures promise us that we will one day be united with Him for all eternity.

Lessons from the Song of Solomon:

- The relationship between a husband and wife should be a holy, love relationship.
- God's love for Israel is real and beautiful.
- Christ's love for the church is also deep and passionate.
- The Lord desires this relationship with each of us, full of love and holy passion.