

sermon notes

Sept 27, 2026 | Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **Song of Solomon**
“Simple Life, Simple Love” | **Song 1:2–2:7**

- 1) The _____ of monogamous, heterosexual _____
in marriage (1:2–4)

- 2) The _____ of committed _____
in marriage (1:5–11)

- 3) The _____ of _____ in the context
of marriage (1:12–2:7)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Song of Solomon 1:2–2:7. Identify the song’s main speakers. Who is the female speaker? What is she like? What about the male speaker? What about the “daughters of Jerusalem” in verse 4? What are they like? What do they say?

How is this woman different from the princesses and concubines in Solomon’s harem? Why does the woman say that she is “dark, but lovely” in 1:5? How does her man perceive her? How does she perceive him?

What hints do we have in the text that this relationship is a monogamous, heterosexual marital relationship? What hints do we have that this couple is enjoying the delights of lovemaking in the context of marriage? How else might a tenth-century BC Israelite perceive this text?

GET PERSONAL

In what ways has the perspective on marriage changed in your lifetime? Are healthy, committed marriages the norm in society today or are they rare? How is God’s view of marriage different from the world’s? How has your understanding of marriage been challenged or reinforced by Scripture?

Consider the woman’s words in 2:7. Why does she challenge the daughters of Jerusalem to “not stir up or awaken love until it pleases”? What does she mean by that? How should a godly young woman today abide by this statement? How about a young man? How might a family, a church, or a group of friends help individuals in this effort?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

MARRIED MEN: How do you express your love and admiration for your wife? How might you communicate love, tenderness, and appreciation for her like what we see in this passage?

MARRIED WOMEN: How do you express your love and admiration for your husband? How might you communicate love, tenderness, and appreciation for him like what we see in this passage?

UNMARRIED MEN AND WOMEN: How might God use you to encourage your married friends to be faithful to their marriage vows and obedient to Scripture? How does the faithful example of Jesus, Paul, and other singles encourage you?

ADVANCED QUESTION

How should the fact that Solomon had many wives and concubines affect our reading of Song of Solomon? Compare Deuteronomy 17:17; Genesis 2:24; 1 Kings 11:1–8; and Song of Solomon 2:2–3. How might a book associated with Solomon celebrate a marital ideal that Solomon himself failed to uphold?