

sermon notes

Oct 11, 2026 | Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **Song of Solomon**
“The Real Prince Charming” | **Song 3:6–5:1**

- 1) Solomon’s Pomp: The _____ (3:6–11)
- 2) The Shepherd’s Devotion: The _____ (4:1–5:1)
 - a) Devoted _____ (4:1–7)
 - b) Exclusive _____ (4:8–15)
 - c) Mutual _____ and _____ (4:16–5:1)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Song of Solomon 3:6–5:1. Contrast the two scenes in this passage. How is Solomon portrayed in 3:6–11? How are the shepherd and his shepherdess portrayed in 4:1–5:1? What might make marriage to Solomon attractive? What does his wealth promise, and what can it fail to provide? How does the shepherd’s devotion offer a different picture of love and security?

Address the descriptions of the woman’s body in 4:1–7. Which of these descriptions sound strange to you? Which make sense? How does 4:7 serve as the culmination of the man’s praise of his beloved?

Why does the man say, “I came to my garden” in 5:1? What does the garden represent? How does her invitation in 4:16 explain his possessive language? How does mutual belonging shape marital intimacy (see 1 Cor 7:3–5; see also Song 2:16; 6:3; 7:10; Gen 2:24; Eph 5:28–31)?

GET PERSONAL

Sexual temptation may look different today than it did in Israel 3,000 years ago. Where do you experience temptation concerning love, sex, and marriage? How does covenantal, monogamous, heterosexual marriage provide protection against sexual sin across cultures?

Interact with the following quote by C.S. Lewis: “The monstrosity of sexual intercourse outside of marriage is that those who indulge in it are trying to isolate one kind of union (the sexual) from all the other kinds of union which were intended to go along with it and make up the total union.” Agree or disagree with this quote? In what other ways is unity expressed in marriage?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Review subpoints a, b, and c in the sermon notes. If married, what might devoted delight, exclusive intimacy, and mutual giving look like in your life this week? Identify one specific way to express delight in your spouse. How might you give yourself generously to your spouse? If you are single, identify one way to practice sexual integrity and cultivate the faithfulness and generosity that covenant love requires.

ADVANCED QUESTION

The man first calls the woman his bride in this passage (4:8–12; 5:1). What might explain this change in language? What evidence suggests they were already married in chapters 1–3? What evidence might suggest otherwise?