

# Song of Solomon



# Timing

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<sup>3</sup> Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste. 4 Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love. 5 Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love.

<sup>6</sup> His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me. 7 Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires. 8 Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look! There he stands behind our wall. gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice. 10 My beloved spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. 11 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. 12 Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup> The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

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show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. <sup>15</sup> Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.

#### She

<sup>16</sup> My beloved is mine and I am his; he browses among the lilies. <sup>17</sup> Until the day breaks and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or like a young stag on the rugged hills.

God wants to use Song of Solomon to purify His people while living in a perverted culture of sexuality

### 1) The Voice of Passion

(vs. 1-6)

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# Hungry Alone

Late

Tired

### A) Alone

"I delight to sit in his shade." (vs. 3b)

# Solomon's first warning is to limit the time they spend together

Since the Garden of Eden, human beings have lived with an ignorance for the omniscience and omnipresence of God

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

#### 1 John 1:5-7

## B) Hungry

"Let him lead me to the banquet half, and let his banner over me be love (vs. 4)

### Solomon's second warning is to limit the talk

### C) Tired

"Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love. <sup>6</sup> His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me." (VS. 5-6)

# Solomon's third warning is to limit

the touch

# 2) The Voice of Persuasion

(vs. 7-13)

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<sup>1</sup> There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... <sup>5</sup> A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.

#### Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 3:5

# This scripture causes us all to become more self-aware. Who is watching your example?

## be intimate. In other words, no sex before marriage

It is not permissible to date and

## 3) The Voice of Purity

(vs. 14-17)

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<sup>9</sup> How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. <sup>10</sup> I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

#### Psalm 119:9-11

<sup>4</sup> Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

#### **Revelation 2:4 (NKJV)**

### only as strong as your individual and united relationships with God

In the battle for purity, you are

<sup>15</sup> Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

#### John 10:10

# You must return to your first love so that you can be empowered to love your second love

# Because of our sinful nature, we prefer our timing instead of waiting for God's timing

# There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

#### Romans 8:1

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

#### Ephesians 5:8-17

12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

#### Ephesians 5:8-17

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

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