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The Song of Songs shows that sex in marriage is not "dirty." The physical attractiveness of a man and woman for each other and the fulfillment of those longings in marriage are natural and honorable. But the book does more than extol physical attraction between the sexes. It also honors pleasing qualities in the lovers' personalities. Also moral purity before marriage is praised (e.g., Song 4:12). Premarital sex has no place in God's plans (2:7; 3:5). Faithfulness before and after marriage is expected and is honored (6:3; 7:10; 8:12). Such faithfulness in marital love beautifully pictures God's love for and commitment to His people.

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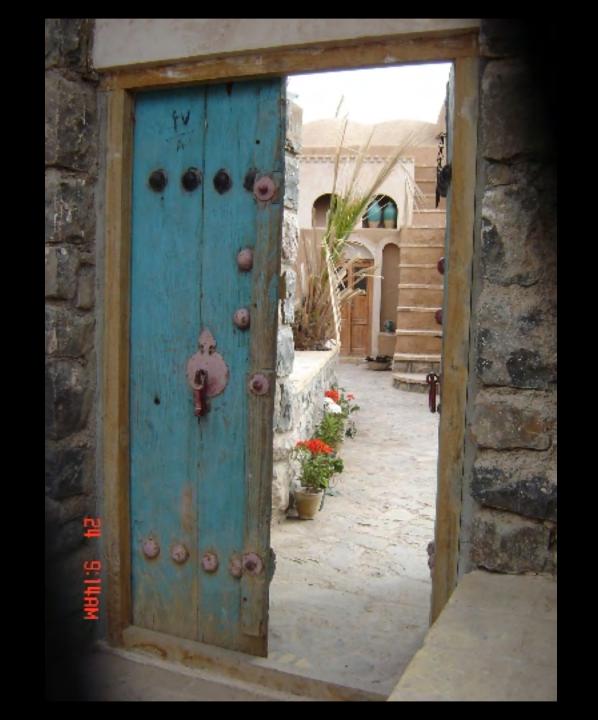
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"To protect and serve..."



Preparation

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Song of Solomon 1:2-4a

²Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is more delightful than wine.

³Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes; your name is like perfume poured out.

No wonder the maidens love you!

⁴Take me away with you—let us hurry!

Let the king bring me into his chambers.

Go get 'em, sista!

Song of Solomon 1:7-8

⁷Tell me, you whom I love, where you graze your flock and where you rest your sheep at midday.

Why should I be like a veiled woman beside the flocks of your friends?

⁸If you do not know, most beautiful of women, follow the tracks of the sheep and graze your young goats by the tents of the shepherds.

Song of Solomon 1:9-11

⁹I liken you, my darling, to a mare harnessed to one of the chariots of Pharaoh. ¹⁰Your cheeks are beautiful with earrings, your neck with strings of jewels.

¹¹We will make you earrings of gold, studded with silver.



Song of Solomon 1:12-14

¹²While the king was at his table, my perfume spread its fragrance.

13My lover is to me a sachet of myrrh resting between my breasts.
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Song of Solomon 1:5-6 Dark am I, yet lovely...

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⁶Do not stare at me because I am dark, because I am darkened by the sun. My mother's sons were angry with me and made me take care of the vineyards; my own vineyard I have neglected.

Song of Solomon 2:1-2

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Her Answer to His Proposal!

Song of Solomon 2:8-17

16My lover is mine and I am his; he browses among the lilies.

¹⁷Until the day breaks and the shadows flee, turn, my lover, and be like a gazelle or like a young stag on the rugged hills.

Her Desire to have P.D.A. with him!

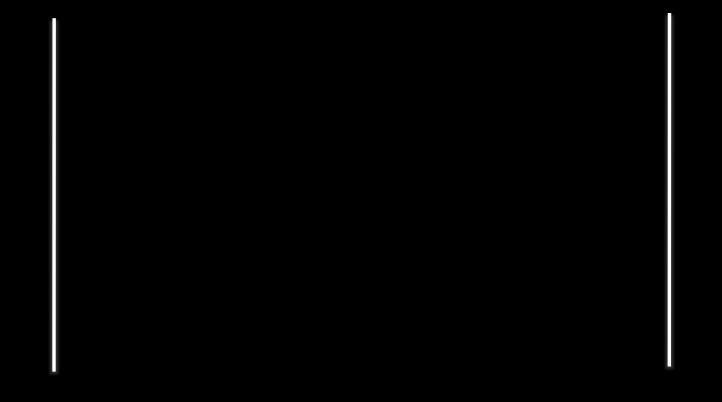
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¹If only you were to me like a brother, who was nursed at my mother's breasts!

Then, if I found you outside,

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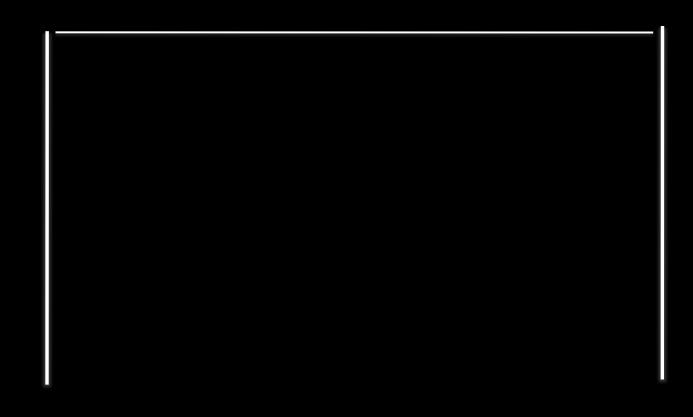
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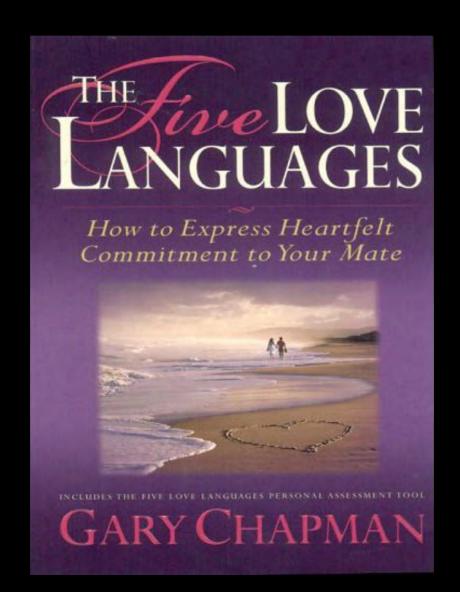
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"[Her] brothers watched her development and took proper precautions at proper times. Children often reflect the sexual attitudes of their parents. If the parents view sex within marriage positively, their children are less likely to have negative attitudes. If a mother views sex as simply a necessary evil, the daughter is apt to enter into marriage with the same attitude. If the father views sex as a means of male gratification without real regard for the pleasure and personhood of the wife, the son is apt to enter into marriage with the same concepts."

"The end product is a repetition of their parents' unhappiness in the marriage. Christian couples should develop a healthy and biblical attitude toward sexual union. Such an attitude will provide a good example for their children. By becoming examples of both virtue and proper attitudes towards sexual relations, the parents are laying the foundations for the success of their children's future marriage."

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