

Embracing God's Design for Intimacy_01

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Song of Solomon 1:1-8

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1:1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

8 If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way

forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents. **KJV**

The book of Song of Solomon, often referred to as the Song of Songs, is a poetic celebration of love and desire. In Song of Solomon 1:1-8, we encounter a profound exploration of intimacy as designed by God, highlighting both emotional and physical dimensions of love.

Verse 1: The Song's Purpose

- The verse introduces the Song of Solomon as a beautiful and profound love song, setting the tone for an exploration of deep and passionate love.

Verses 2-4: The Beauty of Love

- The woman (often the Shulammitte) expresses her desire for her beloved with vivid imagery. Her longing for his affection is sincere and deep. She describes his love as more delightful than wine, symbolizing its richness and joy. This underscores the beauty and intensity of true, God-designed love.

Verses 5-6: Embracing Individual Beauty

- She describes herself as dark but beautiful, reflecting both her unique physical appearance and her self-acceptance. Her words suggest a deep confidence in her worth, despite external judgments. This reflects how God's design for intimacy encompasses acceptance and appreciation of each other's inherent beauty.

Verses 7-8: Seeking Connection

- The woman's desire to find her beloved and be close to him highlights the importance of connection and presence in relationships. She seeks to know where he tends his flock, metaphorically expressing a desire to be part of his world and share in his experiences.
- Intimacy as a Gift: True intimacy, as described in Song of Solomon, is a divine gift that encompasses both emotional

and physical dimensions. It is characterized by deep affection, mutual respect, and a profound connection.

- **Beauty and Worth:** Understanding and embracing each other's unique qualities is central to intimate relationships. Just as the woman celebrates her individuality, couples should recognize and cherish each other's distinct attributes as part of God's design.
- **Desire for Connection:** The longing to be close and connected with a loved one is a reflection of God's intention for relational depth. Seeking to be present and engaged in each other's lives strengthens bonds and fulfills the design for intimacy.

Song of Solomon 1:1-8 offers a vivid portrayal of intimate love as envisioned by God. It encourages us to embrace and celebrate the depth of our relationships, recognize the beauty in each other, and seek meaningful connection. By understanding and valuing these aspects, we align ourselves with God's design for love and intimacy.

I. The Beauty of Marital Love. Vv.1-4

II. Challenges in Marital Love. Vv.5-6

III. Fulfilling Marital Love. V.7-8

In Christ,
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