

Sex: In Celebration of Sex

Song of Songs 8:4-14

*Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you:
Do not arouse or awaken love
until it so desires.*

Friends

⁵ *Who is this coming up from the wilderness
leaning on her beloved?*

She

*Under the apple tree I roused you;
there your mother conceived you,
there she who was in labor gave you birth.*

⁶ *Place me like a seal over your heart,
like a seal on your arm;
for love is as strong as death,
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.
It burns like blazing fire,
like a mighty flame.*

⁷ *Many waters cannot quench love;
rivers cannot sweep it away.
If one were to give
all the wealth of one's house for love,
it would be utterly scorned.*

Friends

⁸ *We have a little sister,
and her breasts are not yet grown.
What shall we do for our sister
on the day she is spoken for?*

⁹ *If she is a wall,
we will build towers of silver on her.
If she is a door,
we will enclose her with panels of cedar.*

She

¹⁰ *I am a wall,
and my breasts are like towers.
Thus I have become in his eyes
like one bringing contentment.*

¹¹ *Solomon had a vineyard in Baal Hamon;
he let out his vineyard to tenants.
Each was to bring for its fruit*

a thousand shekels of silver.
¹² *But my own vineyard is mine to give;
the thousand shekels are for you, Solomon,
and two hundred are for those who tend its fruit.*

He

¹³ *You who dwell in the gardens
with friends in attendance,
let me hear your voice!*

She

¹⁴ *Come away, my beloved,
and be like a gazelle
or like a young stag
on the spice-laden mountains.*

Children's Message

What is your soul?

Sometimes we also call it your spirit.

It is the part that makes you uniquely you in ways we don't even totally understand.

It is that part of you that God created that can connect with him.

Where is your soul?

It is usually contained within your body but we don't know how and where.

Your soul is not physical, but is it always with your body.

Your body & soul are meant to be together.

Kinda like a turtle and its shell.

Your body grows and so does your soul.

What you do with your body matters to God.

Basics of Money, Sex & Power

Love God - Right Relationship with God

Love Your Neighbor - Right Relationship with Others

Right Relatedness with Creation

Healthy Understanding of Self

Recap of Sexuality

God Made Sex

Sex is what you are physically & Gender is your self Image

Sin Distorts and Corrupts Sexuality

Willful Sin and Consequences of Sin

Mutuality between Men & Women

Sexual Brokenness

Sexism, Divorce, Homosexuality, Adultery (Premarital & Extramarital Sex), Abortion, etc.

Truth & Grace

Invitation to Righteousness, not Regulation.

Forgiveness requires confession, repentance & restoration.

Bioethics, Dating, Family

Issues of Discipleship

We follow God's ways, not secular or popular (even "Christian") culture.

Sexual Addiction

It's not about sex

Accountability & Community

Living in Community

Single, Couples, Married without or with Children, Children - Loving One another

Song of Songs

Questions/Forum

Prayer