

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA
PURSUING GOD, PT. 4
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I. Song of Solomon

- A. The Song of Solomon is the key book in the bible of holy love and passionate pursuit. It is probably the book of the Bible that has the most raw depiction of holy pursuit.
- B. At the same time its one of the most misunderstood and disregarded books in the bible.
- C. The reason it is misunderstood is because the language is so intimate it can almost be embarrassing. It uses terms like kiss, embrace, ravished, and lovesick, as well as intimate physical descriptions.
- D. I believe when the Bride of Christ gives herself to fully understanding this book her heart will come alive with passionate love and fiery pursuit of Jesus. At the end of the age the Bride of Christ will fully realize her identity as Jesus beloved Bride (Rev 22:17) and a great deal of that revelation will come from understanding Song of Solomon.
- E. The key to understanding the power of the book of Song of Solomon is understanding that it's written as an allegory. It's a figurative story that depicts the fiery love of God between himself and his people utilizing the aspects of human romance as a means of illustration. Once we understand that it's an allegory we can then understand some of the key terms in the book.
- F. The Song of Solomon is a critical book for all Christians to understand because it depicts the journey that every Christian goes through in their walk with God – the journey from immaturity to maturity in love.

II. Key Terms from Song of Solomon

- A. "Dark but lovely" speaks of being weak and broken and needy and still deeply desired by the Lord. God loves us even in our weakness. This is the beginning understanding of God's love.
- B. Being "Lovesick" is being spiritual hungry. It's the recognition that God's love is better than life. There is nothing else in life that can possibly satisfy the longing in your soul.
- C. "Ravished my heart" speaks of Jesus fiery love for us His people. His heart is burning with desire for you. Even though you're weak and immature in love, He is fiery in love with you.
- D. "Set your seal on my heart" speaks of the love of God being the key governor over the heart of the bride. The seal of love being upon the heart of the bride will cause the Bride of Christ to fully understand her identity as one who is deeply desire and loved by Jesus, her bridegroom.

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III. Seven Prayers of Pursuit from Song of Solomon

- A. **Song 1:2a** “Let Him kiss me with the kisses of mouth” – Encounter me with your word. Release the spirit of revelation to my heart. I want intimacy with you. I want to know you. I want to know your love. I need revelation of your word upon my heart.
- B. **Song 1:2b** “Your love is better than wine” – There is nothing in this world that can satisfy me besides you. Nothing that this world offers compares to you. Your love is what I need.
- C. **Song 1:4a** “Draw me away” – Allure my heart. Cause my heart to respond to your leadings. Take me places in the spirit with you; show me what you’re like. Take me away with you.
- D. **Song 1:4b** “We will run after you” – I want to pursue you God. I want to run after you. (Let us run together) I will run with you wherever you want me to go.
- E. **Song 2:5a** “Sustain me” – Let my heart be continually alive. Keep me strong and flowing with you.
- F. **Song 2:5b** “Refresh me” – Encounter me again with your love. Let me know you love me again. Speak to me again of your desires for me.
- G. **Song 2:5c** “I am lovesick” – There is nowhere else I can go, I am struck with longing for you. I’m hungry for you, Jesus. I must have you.