

Song of Songs *Journeying into Divine Love*

Part 4 Song of Songs 1:1-3



Scriptures

- **Ephesians 5:31-32** – For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.
- **Song of Songs 1:1-3** - The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's. May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine. Your oils have a pleasing fragrance, Your name is like purified oil; Therefore the maidens love you.
- **Song of Songs 1:4** - Draw me after you and let us run together! The king has brought me into his chambers. We will rejoice in you and be glad; we will extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you.
- **John 6:44** - No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.
- **1 Corinthians 3:9** - For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
- **Matthew 5:14** - You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- **John 14:12** - Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.
- **John 20:21** - So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
- **John 14:21, 23** – "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him." Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."
- **1 Corinthians 2:9** - but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him."
- **Revelation 19:7-9** - Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."
- **John 3:29** - He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.

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Main Points

- Review
 - God receives pleasure from us. He tells us in Ephesians 5 that the relationship between and husband and wife speak of Jesus' relationship with the church.
 - There is a dynamic, two-way interaction between Jesus and His bride, the church. The church responds to Him and He responds to us. This is what the Song of Songs reveals to us; an intimate back-and-forth between the King and the bride.
 - Song of Songs 1:1-3 takes the reader through the bride's initial
 - "Draw me after you" is the first part of her life purpose. In this statement we hear the bride asking for the King's help to overcome everything that would keep her from oneness with Him in relationship. Jesus tells us in John 6:44 that we need the Father's help to come to Him and uses the same word – "draw."
 - The bride expresses the second part of her life purpose when she says, "...and let us run together." This speaks of her desire to partner with the King's plan and purposes in life, specifically the ministry he has for us. Paul expresses the same idea in 1 Corinthians when he states that "we are co-laborers with Christ" during our life on earth.
 - There is a balance in our relationship with Jesus. On the one hand we are pursuing intimacy and fellowship with Him through prayer, worship, Christian fellowship, and on the other hand we are a participant in advancing Jesus' kingdom on earth.
 - Sharing in the assignment of Jesus involves being a witness.
- The chamber mentioned at the end of verse 4 is a bridal chamber and speaks of an intimate encounter. For the believer, this describes experiencing the reality of Jesus' love.
- The Holy Spirit has been given to us to reveal Jesus; He will reveal God's love, beauty, mysteries, and many other things.
- The Shulamite bride uses the same language as heavenly multitude in Revelation 19, "let us rejoice and be glad, for the marriage supper of the Lamb has come." This demonstrates the bridal paradigm of the Song of Songs and how it connects to us as Jesus' bride. Everything culminates for us in a marriage to Jesus!
- John the Baptist referred to himself as "the friend of the bridegroom."
- The Shulamite has a two-fold revelation when she meets the King, "I am black, but lovely." Prophetically, this means as we draw close to Jesus, light comes into our lives and we see our sinfulness, but we are lovely to God. The second part of this verse should be emphasized. God loves us as we're still maturing in faith and obedience.

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Discussion Questions

1. Describe what happens to the Shulamite in verses 1-3? What does she experience? How does she respond?
2. Why does the Shulamite ask the King to draw her after Him? How does this relate to Jesus' statement in John 6:44?
3. How has Jesus drawn you? What has he helped you to overcome, resist or give up? How has this process impacted your relationship/closeness with Him?
4. What does the bride's request "let us run together" mean? How does this part of her life purpose differ from being drawn after the King in the first part of verse 4?
5. Rabbi Schneider made the point that sharing in the assignment of Jesus involves being a witness (remember the story about the waitress). When was the last time you told someone about Jesus or something He has done for you? Who could you share with? Note, an easy and pointed way to begin the conversation is to use the question, "What do you think of Jesus?"
6. Take time to discuss balancing the two parts of the bride's life purpose in your own life and take a few minutes to continue the prayer dialogue.
7. What chamber does the bride reference in verse 4?
8. Have you had a "chamber experience"? Continue the prayer dialogue on this point, asking Jesus for reveal Himself to you in encounters and experiences that will deepen your intimacy with Him and help you run after Him.
9. How does the bridal paradigm help us view life, our relationship with God and future events?
10. Discuss what verse 5 means. Finish the discussion with a prayer dialogue based on verse 5.