

# Song of Songs

## Journeying into Divine Love

Part 3 Song of Songs 1:2-3



### 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.
- **2 Corinthians 11:2-** For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you *as* a pure virgin.
- **John 11:35-** Jesus wept.
- **Luke 10:21-** At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, “I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.
- **Isaiah 62:4-5-** It will no longer be said to you, “Forsaken,” Nor to your land will it any longer be said, “Desolate”; But you will be called, “My delight is in her,” And your land, “Married”; For the Lord delights in you, And *to Him* your land will be married. For *as* a young man marries a virgin, *So* your sons will marry you; And *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, *So* your God will rejoice over you.
- **Song of Songs 1:2-** May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine.
- **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.”
- **Ephesians 3:18-19-** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.
- **Song of Songs 1:3-** Your oils have a pleasing fragrance, Your name is *like* purified oil; Therefore the maidens love you.
- **Matthew 11:27-** All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.
- **1 John 4:10-** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
- **John 17:3-** This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- **John 20:21-** So Jesus said to them again, “Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

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## Main Points

- Review
  - We have been called into a bridal relationship with the LORD Jesus.
  - The purpose of the divinely inspired Song of Songs is to help uncover how Jesus feels about us and journey into a holy romance with Him. It is critical to understand that God (Jesus) has feelings! He is not just aware of us, but is involved with us day-to-day at a heart level.
  - The three primary characters in the Song of Songs are:
    - King Solomon – prophetic shadow of the Bridegroom King, Jesus.
    - Shulamite Bride – prophetic shadow of the church, Jesus’ bride.
    - Daughters of Jerusalem – less mature believers.
- If Christianity is boring or, said differently, is a religious activity, you have not encountered Jesus at some level. An encounter (“chamber experience”) produces a longing for Jesus, because it becomes clear that His love is superior to all other potential life pursuits.
  - Jesus reveals Himself in varied ways (example: Paul on the road to Damascus)
- Once we have experienced Jesus, we will naturally express His beauty, value, and desirability.
- Just as a plant’s fragrance/essence is an expression of what is inside the plant, so the reference to Jesus’ oils speaks of the pleasing desirability of the heart/love of Jesus.
- Jesus’ name represents His attributes. We need Him to reveal His extraordinary beauty to us according to Matthew 11:27 and 1 John 4:10.
- The Shulamite expresses her life purpose in verse 4 after realizing that Jesus’ love is better than the best things in life. First, she asks to be drawn after the King. This speaks of the bride’s desire to be taken away from every inferior thing she holds on to besides the King and for every hindrance to their relationship to be removed. Second, she asks to run together with the King. Her desire is to share in the King’s work while on the earth.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Who are the three main characters in the Song of Songs, and what/who do they represent?
2. The Song of Songs was given to us by the Holy Spirit to help uncover how Jesus feels about us and journey into a divine romance with Him. Pray according to Ephesians 3:18-19 for “chamber experiences” in your own life so that you would experience God’s attributes (SS 1:3) and feelings (SS 1:2) in a greater way.
3. Discuss the first time you experienced Jesus and His love for you. If you never have, take time to ask Him to “bring you into His chambers” and manifest Himself and His love to you.
4. Rabbi Schneider makes the statement, “God is not just aware of us, but is involved in a personal relationship with us.” Share a time that you understood this reality and how God communicated His intimate involvement in your life (e.g., through the Bible, dream, vision, someone else).
5. How does the Shulamite bride express her life purpose in the Song of Songs?
6. What are the two facets of her purpose?
7. As Jesus’ bride, discuss what this purpose statement means to you and for you? After discussing, continue the prayer dialogue by expressing to Jesus, in your own words, your life purpose and for His empowering grace to fulfill it.