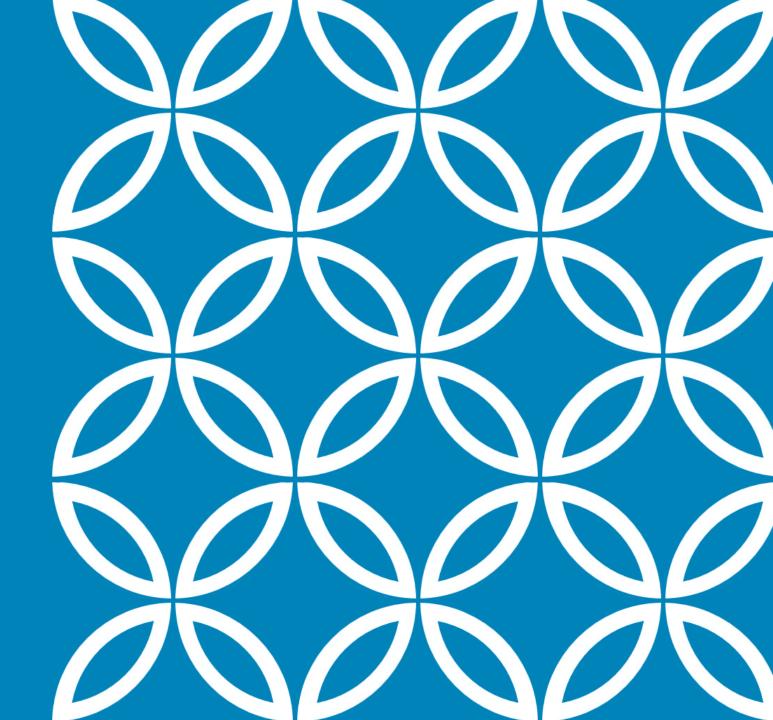
MARRIAGE AND THE BIBLE

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INTRODUCTION

- The Bible uses marriage as a "circular metaphor" for Christ's relationship to the Church.
- The Bible presents marriage as inherently good, but not ultimate.



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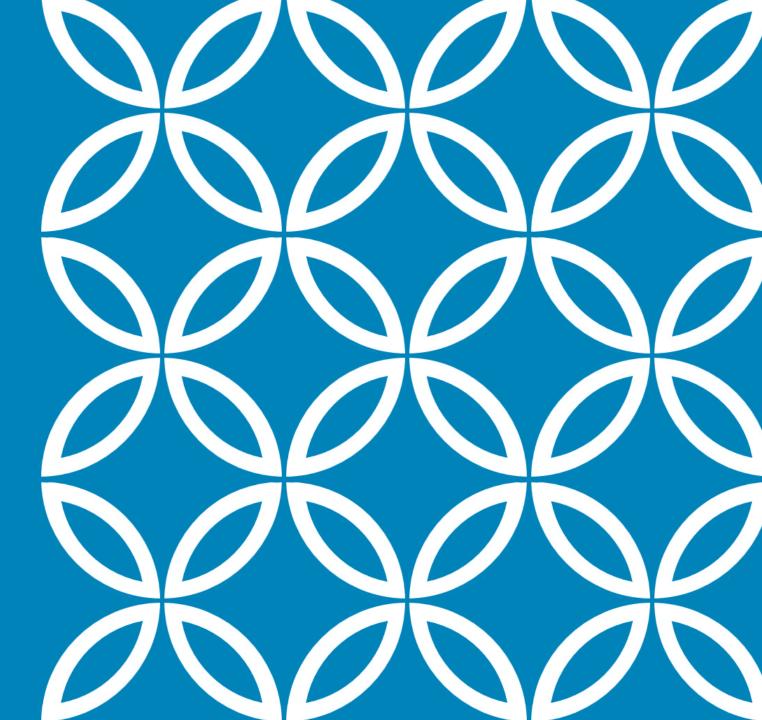
• The Bible explains and normalizes the struggle of marriage.

• The Bible provides a clear, wise, and beautiful vision for the roles of wives and husbands.



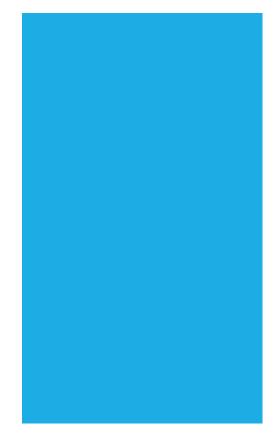
MARRIAGE AND SEX

Song of Songs 8:1-14



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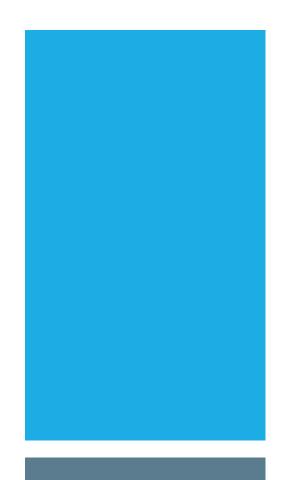
- The Bible's view of sex is not merely ethical; it is also relational and physical.
- The Bible presents sex as a good and pleasurable gift to be enjoyed within marriage.





VIEWS OF THE BOOK

- Historical View: It is a picture of Solomon's relationship to one of his wives.
- Allegorical View: It is a picture of God's relationship to His people.



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 Relational View: It is a picture of a relationship between a husband and wife.

IN THE RIGHT CONTEXT

The right context for sex is marriage.

"I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases...under the apple tree I awakened you."

Song of Songs 8:4-5 (cf. 2:7; 3:5)



FOR THE RIGHT GOAL

The right goal for sex is oneness.

"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death."

Song of Songs 8:6





IN THE RIGHT MANNER

The right manner for sex is self-giving.

"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine."

Song of Songs 6:3 (cf. 2:16; 7:10)



CONCLUSION

- 10/14: Marriage and Singleness
 (1 Cor. 7:25-40)
- 10/21: Martin Family Send-Off
- 10/28: Marriage and the Excellent Husband (Eph. 5:22-33)

