



What the Bible says about Love, Marriage, and Sex by Dr. David Jeremiah and “Visionary Love Dream Sex” by Pastor Steven



Basic points of what we have discussed so far:



- Per Dr. David Jeremiah: **“Sex should not be an embarrassment to Godliness rather a reflection of it.”** “The Bible does not shy away from any topic that is common to human experience and neither should we. . . .”
- Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field:
Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.
- Jonathan Acuff: “We associate all the fun and excitement and coolness of life with the world and leave God all the boring discipline-flavored moments. He’s like eating broccoli . We know it is good for us, but it’s still broccoli. But, that cannot be right. God is wild. He’s consistently saying, “Let’s go find cliffs to jump off of, “ and, I know exactly what you need, because guess what, I put that need there. “”
- Let myrrh drip from your lips and leave myrrh on your door handle.
- Going Nuclear: Does $C \gggggg \gg A + B$? When $C \gggggg$ the sum of the parts, it comes highly valued and worth defending. Love is not a 1 for 1 exchange - through Gods grace, the “C” becomes vastly bigger than the sum of the parts.



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Small Group Discussion



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Share an example where you observed an emotionally involved couple that was **not** a Christ centered relationship and **not** reflecting both love and respect for each other.

Did you confront this couple?

How did things work out?



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Small Group Discussion - alternate:



During a visit to your brother's house in NY, you hear your 16 year old niece talking to her best friend about getting together to watch the upcoming reality show called “All My Babies Mamas” that profiles rapper Shawty Lo + his 10 former girl friends + their 11 children.

While your niece is out of the house, you also see the following on her non-password protected cell phone: “. . . Got to see my man soon, it has been about five weeks since I got lit and laid.”

Tomorrow you have made plans for lunch with your niece.

What would you tell her?



All My Babies Mamas” Staring Shawty Lo



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Text messaging prize



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Recite the best of your ability:

Colossians 2: 6 and 7 from today's lesson



Text messaging prize



Colossians 2: 6 and 7: Spiritual Fullness in Christ

- So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.



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Show Video (5 min to min 45)

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Closing thoughts from Dr. David Jeremiah:



“Now we know the truth of what God thinks about sex. How could anything so joyful, so essential, so life giving and not have his approval? After all, “Every good gift and every perfect give is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is not variation or show of turning (James 1:17). I don’t know of a more perfect gift than this one.

I also confess that it’s gratifying to write this chapter knowing that so many Christians have grown up in churches where sex is the ultimate dirty word. . . . We realize those springs aren’t to flow and those gardens aren’t to be opened outside of marriage. **But, to never mention its wonderful essential nature is like never acknowledging the beauty of a sunset (*only the air pollution it reveals*), the power of the assembled body of Christ (*only the hypocrisy that sometimes lurks there*), or the appeal of a newborn child (*only that it will cry and soil its diapers*). “**



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Songs of Solomon Chapter 4

He

4 How beautiful you are, my darling!

Oh, how beautiful!

Your eyes behind your veil are doves.

Your hair is like a flock of goats
descending from the hills of Gilead.

2 Your teeth are like a flock of sheep just shorn,
coming up from the washing.

Each has its twin;
not one of them is alone.

3 Your lips are like a scarlet ribbon;
your mouth is lovely.

Your temples behind your veil
are like the halves of a pomegranate.

4 Your neck is like the tower of David,
built with courses of stone[a];
on it hang a thousand shields,
all of them shields of warriors.

5 Your breasts are like two fawns,
like twin fawns of a gazelle
that browse among the lilies.





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Songs of Solomon Chapter 4



8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride,
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Descend from the crest of Amana,
 from the top of Senir, the summit of Hermon,
from the lions' dens
 and the mountain haunts of leopards.

9 You have stolen my heart, my sister, my bride;
 you have stolen my heart
with one glance of your eyes,
 with one jewel of your necklace.

10 How delightful is your love, my sister, my bride!
 How much more pleasing is your love than wine,
and the fragrance of your perfume
 more than any spice!



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Songs of Solomon Chapter 4

Your lips drop sweetness as the honeycomb, my bride;
milk and honey are under your tongue.

The fragrance of your garments
is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

¹² You are a garden locked up, my sister, my bride;
you are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain.

¹³ Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates
with choice fruits,
with henna and nard,

¹⁴ nard and saffron,
calamus and cinnamon,
with every kind of incense tree,
with myrrh and aloes
and all the finest spices.

¹⁵ You are [b](#) a garden fountain,
a well of flowing water
streaming down from Lebanon.





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Songs of Solomon Chapter 4 and Chapter 5



She

16 Awake, north wind,
and come, south wind!

Blow on my garden,
that its fragrance may spread everywhere.

Let my beloved come into his garden
and taste its choice fruits.

He

5 I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride;
I have gathered my myrrh with my spice.

I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey;
I have drunk my wine and my milk.

Friends

Eat, friends, and drink;
drink your fill of love.



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Pastor Steven’s sermon notes: “An Awkward and Honest Sermon on Sex”



- Other things discussed on the Songs of Solomon: Attraction, engagement, and conflict.
- You should expect awkward moments during your honeymoon
- The goal of this lesson is to discuss all of the beauty and frustration associated with sex within marriage – as explained in the Songs of Solomon.
- It is of value to brake things down in Gods way.
- It all begins on honeymoon night.
- The world is presenting your women in unrealistic version of beauty. The Man’s job is to build her up from head to toe.
- Chapter 4: You are the most beautiful thing my eyes have ever seen.
- Complement your wife – it is not that hard.
- Men: Keep her head up/Women: Keep your head up.
- Now this one! This one is so special! Comments like this trigger a posture change. Fathers: Lift your daughter’s head up. Fathers: Be the first person to tell your daughter that she is beautiful.
- Don’t overthink the fawn analogy. There is tenderness and patience in what Solomon is saying.
- “There is no flaw in you” – recall the adder for the distressed look. Even what others think to be a flaw in you – the flaws the only I know about further bonds our relationship. All things that I define to be beautiful are defined by you. Not that air brushed model, my wife is a definition of beautiful. You are now the definition of beauty. Vs. 7: There is no flaw in you.
- Solomon has lifted her to a new standard of beauty



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- No one talks about the lions of leopards - but we should
- Recall the analogy of Mike Tyson’s punch out.
- The honeymoon can be awkward and confusing. It is not like it is on the movie screen.
- Come down from the mountains of intimidation and I will protect you from lions and leopards.
- Sexual temptation does not end with marriage and no preachers are talking about this.
- In the process of telling you about marriage and sex before marriage, we “leg sweep” the audience.
- Sexual intimacy does not come without effort, work, and communication.
- Open up to your women in loving partnership.
- Communicate to your women the lions and leopards – so that you can stand the test of time.
- If I can get anything to do, it would be to talk.
- Do not emotional intimately connect until the time is right.
- The springs of grace of God: No matter where you are in your sexuality or what you have become, there is cleansing stream of grace that flows from the throne of God. The blood of Christ can cleanse you of every sin.
- There is no condemnation that are in Christ Jesus.
- Today can be a new day where the living waters of God can flood the contamination of your life.
- God can purge you and God can refresh you, and God can forgive you.
- God give you a born again purity.
- Guard you fountain and lean on His Grace of purity