

Before you Marry

Song of Solomon 3

Context - Our couple has gone from courtship to engagement and now arrives at their wedding day.

Main Idea - Unless you have the gift of singleness, seek God's will for a mate and the time for marriage understanding that it is a picture of the Gospel.

Before you marry someone...

1. _____ someone you cannot live without (vs. 1-4)

- A. The Shulammite cannot stand being apart from Solomon, and she is dreaming about him and ready to have him.
- B. You must not seek someone you believe you could live with, but rather someone you cannot stand to live without.

2. _____ sex for marriage (vs. 5)

- A. For the second time in Song of Songs, the refrain is repeated "Do not awaken love before it pleases." This means to save sex for marriage.
- B. God's design for sex throughout scripture is that you stay sexually abstinate until marriage.

3. _____ the meaning of marriage (vs. 6-11)

- A. As Solomon arrives for the wedding with his wedding party and an ornate carriage.
- B. As the two marry, we are told in the New Testament that marriage is a picture of the Gospel. (Ephesians 5:32)