

The Wedding Night

Song of Solomon 4-5:1

Context: Solomon and the Shulammitte have married in Song of Solomon 3, and now they proceed to the wedding night.

Main Point: Sex is a gift from God for pleasure within marriage.

As we see Solomon and the Shulammitte on their wedding night...

1. _____ **the purity of the couple (vs. 4:1-16)**
 - A. Despite all of the passionate language of the first three chapters, the purity of the couple is always highlighted. (See 1:7, 2:7, 3:5)
 - B. That the Shulammitte is described as a “locked garden” in vs. 14, implies that there was a complete saving of sex for the wedding night. A “garden” is regularly associated with a woman’s sexuality in ancient near eastern literature.
 - C. As a follower of Christ, you must pursue purity in love and marriage.

2. _____ **the pleasure of sex (vs. 4:1-16)**
 - A. That sex was given for pleasure is undeniable from this chapter. The two are fully intoxicated in each others love!
 - B. Sex is a gift from God for marriage that recaptures the paradise of the Garden of eden. Both are naked and unashamed and there is no sinfulness in the marriage bed.

3. _____ **God’s Blessing (vs. 5:1)**
 - A. **“Eat, friends! Drink, be intoxicated with love!”** “Given the intimate and private nature of sexual union, it seems difficult to understand anyone but God speaking these words (cf. Prov. 5:21). This is the divine affirmation of sexual love between husband and wife as holy and beautiful.” John MacArthur Study Bible.
 - B. For sex to be blessed by God, it must adhere to the blueprints God has given us within His inspired and inerrant word - for marriage, between a man and a woman.