



Biblical Manhood

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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A Man's Single-minded Devotion

In **Song of Solomon 6:11-13**, the couple is restored after a time of adversity. Their relationship is stronger than ever. It shows us what happens when love is restored.

Notice in this section that four times, he calls her to "return." Solomon has been gone for a time and when he comes back, he invites her to come to him. This is for her peace and for her encouragement. He wants her to know that the love has been restored – that her relationship with him is sound and secure.

In **Song of Solomon 7:1-7**, Solomon once again expresses his affection and desire for his beloved, Abishag. This is the third description of her body. He has previously done this in **4:1-8** and **6:4-10**. Now, in these verses, he surveys the major parts of her body. It is a comprehensive and intimate description.

It is the most intimate inventory in the book.

Her Feet And Thighs (7:1)

Solomon begins with her feet. It appears that he sees Abishag dancing. As she dances, he notices her feet. He is drawn to the beauty of her sandaled feet. He then mentions her thighs. His eyes focus on her smooth, carefully crafted thighs. Her thighs look as though a master craftsman had made them, "the work of a master hand."

The Center of Her Body (7:2)

Solomon moves the focus of his attention upward toward the center of her body. The word "navel" refers to the section from the navel to the vulva. He declares that it "never lacks mixed wine." He found great delight and pleasure from this part of her body. He then states that her "belly is a heap of wheat." This refers to

her womb. She is not only able to provide pleasure but to give life. The wheat refers to her fruitfulness in bearing children.

Her Breasts (7:3)

Solomon compares her breasts to “two fawns, twins of a gazelle.” The fawn is a youthful deer. He emphasizes that they are sleek and tender as two young fawns that are coming into maturity. Solomon loves and desires Abishag’s body.

Her Neck, Eyes, and Nose (7:4)

Solomon continues to move upward in his inventory of Abishag’s body. He now focuses on her neck, “Your neck is like an ivory tower.” He admires her neck because it is long, smooth, and strong. Her neck is as precious as ivory is. He declares that her eyes are like the “pools of Heshbon.” Her moist eyes are likened to pools of water – large, deep, tranquil, clear, and still. He even takes notice of her nose, saying that it is like “a tower of Lebanon.” A tower was used for defense and protection. Solomon is saying that her nose has a grandness and dignity about it like a tower.

Her Head and Hair (7:5)

Solomon next compares her head to Mount Carmel. This mountain was high and known for its fruitfulness. It dominated the northwest of Israel near the Mediterranean Sea with its grandeur. He then says that her hair is long, silky, smooth, and full of color. Her beautiful

hair ensnares him, “a king is held captive in the tresses.” Her stunning beauty cannot be resisted.

His Summary (7:6)

Solomon sums up this description of Abishag, “How beautiful and pleasant are you, O loved one, with all your delights!” (7:6). Her beauty captivates him. He revels in the beauty of his wife. He loves her with all his strength. The second part of the verse deals with the benefits of the relationship, “O loved one, with all your delights!” Solomon and Abishag experience great delight in their relationship – both physical and emotional delight. She is his love and he finds great delight in her.

How do we apply this text to today? The following are some applications of this text:

The Marriage Relationship

- **We see the single-minded devotion of a husband for his wife.** These verses highlight a man’s passionate focus on his wife. This is God’s intention for marriage. He longs for a man to be captivated by his wife, “A lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. Why should you be intoxicated my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress” (**Proverbs 5:19-20**). This is God’s calling for a husband – to be

enthralled with his wife. Labor to cultivate this in your relationship. This is God's will – pray that God will create this in you. Ask for protection from a wandering eye and for making comparisons between your wife and other women.

- **We see the glory and beauty of sex inside of marriage.** God created sex. It is the good gift of God. Unfortunately, sinful man has taken this gift and perverted, abused, and misused this gift. Sex outside of marriage is sinful, destructive, and has a variety of consequences. Yet, in marriage, it is a great blessing and offers abundant pleasure for the husband and wife. These verses are highly suggestive; yet, they show the beauty and glory of sex in marriage.

Your Relationship To Christ

- **We once again see the great love and desire that Christ has for His people.** You might think it hard to apply these words to Christ and His church. Yet, they highlight the love that Christ has for His bride, the church. Christ looks at his church with longing and love. He sees us as beautiful and pleasant. He takes great delight in us. He rejoices over our love, service, and sacrifices for Him. Our Savior and Lord has a passionate desire for us. The only right response to this is to cultivate a passion for Him. We are to plead that we will

long for Him – that we are to have a hunger and thirst for Him like no other person or possession in the world.

- **Christ's love transforms us.** Solomon refers to Abishag as a "noble daughter" (7:1). We know from chapter 1 that she was of ordinary citizenry (1:5-6). What made the difference? It was Solomon's love – her relationship to Solomon. The same is true in our relationship to Christ. We are sinful, lost, and headed for an eternal hell. Yet, through Christ, we become the noble sons and daughters of God. His love transforms us. He changes us. We must rest in that love. We must rejoice in that change. We must be grateful for His work in us.
- **The beauty of the human body points to God Himself.** The beauty of the human body points us to the beauty of God (Psalm 27:4). God is the Creator of all things, including the human body. If God can create a body that is beautiful, it says something about God. It tells us that He is beautiful. It reveals that He is glorious. It shows us the greatness of God and His worthiness to be worshiped. Let the beauty of the body point you to the beauty of God. Rather than indulging your lust, look through the beauty of the body to the beautiful God who created it!

World Prayer Plan

May

- 1-Hungary-The Lost
- 2-Iceland
- 3-India-The Church
- 4-India-Spiritual Warfare
- 5-India-Mission Efforts
- 6-India-Bible Translation \ Distribution
- 7-India-Massive Conversions
- States of India:
 - 8-Andhra Pradesh; Arunachal Pradesh
 - 9-Assam
 - 10-Bihar; Goa; Gujarat
 - 11-Haryana; Himachal Pradesh
 - 12-Jaamu; Kashmir; Karnatara
 - 13-Kerala; Madhya Pradesh
 - 14-Maharastra
 - 15-Manipur; Meghalaya
 - 16-Mizoram; Nagaland
 - 17-Orissa; Punjab
 - 18-Rajasthan; Sikkim
 - 19-Tamil Nadu; Tripura
 - 20-Uttar Pradesh
 - 21-West Bengal
 - 22-The Seven Union Territories
 - 23-Indonesia-The Church/Revival
 - 24-Indonesia-Government
 - 25-Indonesia-Lost/Mission Efforts
 - 26-Indonesia-Young People
 - 27-Iran-The Church
 - 28-Iran-The Lost
 - 29-Iraq-The Church
 - 30-Iraq-The Lost
 - 31-Ireland

June

- 1-Israel-Mission Efforts
- 2-Israel-Peace
- 3-Italy-The Church
- 4-Italy-The Lost
- 5-Italy-Spiritual Awakening

- 6-Jamaica
- 7-Japan-The Church
- 8-Japan-The Lost
- 9-Johnston Island
- 10-Jordan
- 11-Kazakhstan-The Church
- 12-Kazakhstan-Mission Efforts
- 13-Kenya
- 14-Kiribait
- 15-North Korea-The Church
- 16-North Korea- Open Doors For Gospel
- 17-North Korea-The Lost
- 18-South Korea-The Church
- 19-South Korea-Continued Revival
- 20-Kuwait
- 21-Kyrgystan-The Church
- 22-Kyrgystan-Mission Efforts
- 23-Laos
- 24-Latvia
- 25-Lebanon
- 26-Lesotho
- 27-Liberia
- 28-Libya
- 29-Liechtenstein
- 30-Lithuania

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