



# Biblical Manhood

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny  
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## The Believer's Confession

In our study of the Song of Solomon, we have now come to the last two verses of **Song of Solomon 2**. These verses declare, "My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies. Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on cleft mountains" (**Song of Solomon 2:16-17**).

**Song of Solomon 2:16** has been referred to as the happiest verse in the Bible. The phrase "My beloved is mine, and I am his" shows the passion that Abishag has for Solomon. She has a unique relationship to him unlike any other in her life. She longs for Solomon.

It also reveals the confidence and the security that she has in his love. She uses the language of ownership. She belongs to him; he belongs to her. Abishag is confident in his love. They have a voluntary relationship of love and concern for each other.

What is ironic is that Solomon is away from Abishag at this time, "he grazes among the lilies," shepherding the flocks (**2:16b**). In spite of the

distance, she still feels confident and secure in his love. She now longs for him to return, "Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on cleft mountains" (**2:17**). The distance has only increased her love and her desire for Solomon. She anticipates his return and their wedding. When that time comes, she expects her beloved Solomon will cross the mountains that now separate them and that there will be a joyful reunion.

What do these verses teach us about the marriage relationship? How can we apply this text to our relationship to Christ?

### Application To Marriage

This text has powerful application to the marriage relationship. *First, it teaches men and women to find delight in marriage.* These verses portray a relationship of great delight. When Abishag declares, "My beloved is mine, and I am his," you can hear the joy in

her voice. You can hear her delight by this confession.

This is what God has ordained marriage to be. It is to be a joy. It is to be a delight. Granted, there are tough times. There are difficult days. Yet, God has given this unique relationship to provide men and women with joy and delight. His plan for marriage is this kind of joy and delight. The marriage relationship is unlike any other – unique, exclusive, and designed for joy and delight.

*Second, a godly man labors to secure his wife in his love.* In this text, Abishag is secure in Solomon's love. Even though there is distance between them, she is secure and even increases in love. This provides a model for Christian men. Labor to make your wife secure in your love. Ask God to help you live and act toward her in a way that will cause her to be confident in your love. Plead that no matter what – distance, adversity, sickness, and marital problems – your wife will rest secure and confident in your love and the relationship.

*Finally, this text calls couples to rest in the mutual love of the marriage relationship.* This is the most unique relationship in this world. It is an exclusive, loving relationship. Enjoy this blessing from God. Rejoice in and rest in the blessing of having a spouse, sharing in love and confidence in the

relationship. Pray that God will enable you to develop your relationship. Ask Him to lead you into the relationship where there is growing joy in this mutual love.

## **Application To Our Relationship To Christ**

This text also teaches us about our relationship to Jesus Christ. *First, Song of Solomon 2:16 is the confession of every true believer.* The moment that you trust in Jesus Christ, in that moment, you are joined to Christ. You belong to Jesus and He belongs to you. When you turn to Christ, you enter into a loving relationship with Him. Every heart that turns to Jesus Christ in true faith takes Jesus Christ to be the chief object of his love. At the same time, Jesus Christ pours out His mercy, grace, and love on those who believe in Him. In that moment of faith, Jesus is yours and you belong to Jesus.

*Second, this confession is true no matter what.* No matter what happens, when you trust in Christ, you are joined to Him and you belong to Him. When He feels far away, you still belong to Him. When you have times of sorrow, you belong to Him. When you go through adversity, you belong to Him. When you suffer, you belong to Him. When you have loss in your life, you belong to Him and He belongs to you.

Nothing can separate you from the love of Jesus Christ. For those that trust Christ, you are joined to Christ in all the ups and downs of life.

*Third, delight in Him and in your relationship to Him.* In this text, Abishag is separated from Solomon. Yet, she reflects on him and delights in the relationship. She is confident and assured in His love. She rests in the fact that she belongs to Solomon and that Solomon belongs to her.

The glorious truth is that now one greater than Solomon has come! As great as Solomon was, Jesus Christ is even greater and more glorious. He is the true and powerful Son of God. And, you have a relationship to Him. You have the most unique relationship in the world with Jesus Christ. You are secure in His power and mercy. You have the confidence and assurance of His love. This is something to delight in and rejoice over! Rest in the truth that you belong to Him and He belongs to you.

*Finally, this text calls us to eagerly anticipate the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.* Abishag was eagerly anticipating the coming of Solomon. She was longing for Him to come and to be joined in marriage with Him. She even cries out for him to come, “turn, my beloved.”

The one who is greater than Solomon is coming! Jesus is returning one day. He is coming back for His

bride. In that day, we will be joined to Christ and will enter into heavenly glory. All the sorrows and miseries of this life will be put behind. We will be blessed with eternal joy and blessing. How we should long for this day! How we should look for the coming of the one greater than Solomon, the Lord Jesus Christ! Our prayer should be, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Can you say without hesitation today, “Jesus is mine, and I belong to Him?” The only way to say this with confidence and assurance is to give yourself completely to Christ. You must turn away from yourself and your sin to trust only in Jesus Christ to save you. If you have never done that, I plead with you to do it now.

Perhaps you have confessed Christ but your love for Christ has grown cold. You don’t have the relationship with Jesus that you once had. Today, even now, give yourself again completely to Christ. Repent of the coldness of your relationship and ask Christ to kindle the flames of this relationship once again.

## World Prayer Plan

### July

- 1-Luxembourg
- 2-Macao
- 3-Macedonia
- 4-Madagascar

5-Malawi  
 6-Malaysia-The Church  
 7-Malaysia-The Lost  
 8-Malaysia-Open Doors  
 9-Maldives  
 10-Mali  
 11-Malta  
 12-Marshall Islands  
 13-Martinique  
 14-Mauritania  
 15-Mauritius  
 16-Mexico-The Church  
 17-Mexico-The Lost  
 18-Micronesia  
 19-Midway Islands  
 20-Moldova  
 21-Monaco  
 22-Mongolia  
 23-Montserrat  
 24-Morocco-The Church  
 25-Morocco-The Lost  
 26-Morocco-Persecuted Believers  
 27-Mozambique-The Church  
 28-Mozambique-The Lost  
 29-Myanmar (Burma)-The Church  
 30-Myanmar (Burma)-The Lost  
 31-Namibia

## August

1-Nauru  
 2-Nepal-The Church  
 3-Nepal-The Lost  
 4-Nepal-Mission Efforts  
 5-Netherlands  
 6-Netherland Antilles  
 7-New Caledonia  
 8-New Zealand  
 9-Nicaragua  
 10-Niger

11-Nigeria-The Church  
 12-Nigeria-The Lost  
 13-Norway  
 14-Oman  
 15-Pakistan-The Church  
 16-Pakistan-The Lost  
 17-Pakistan-Open Doors  
 18-Pakistan-Persecuted Believers  
 19-Palau  
 20-Palestine West Bank-Open Doors  
 21-Palestine West Bank-Peace  
 22-Panama  
 23-Papua New Guinea-The Church  
 24-Papua New Guinea-The Lost  
 25-Paraguay  
 26-Peru-The Church  
 27-Peru-The Lost  
 28-Philippines-The Church  
 29-Philippines-The Lost  
 30-Pitcairn Island  
 31-Poland-The Church

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