

**Love, Marriage and Human Sexuality:** An Exposition of Song of Songs and a Review of the PCA Study Report on Human Sexuality

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VII. **Worksheet #11:** Song of Songs Chapter 8 – The Ongoing End of Our Relationships

I. The Ideal and the Real

*Consider Hebrews 13:4*

A. The ideal picture of human sexuality is not our experience of our own sexuality.

1) Our sexuality is affected by the Fall.

2) Society's message of our sexuality is not God's design.

3) Sex is tied to our identity.

B. Sexual Desire is made for intimate location, not to be shared by others.

II. The Power of Love and Death

A. The connection between Love and Death

B. Healthy jealousy is motivated by love.

C. Faithful love cannot be purchased or earned.

III. A "Non-Brotherly" Affection

A. Two kinds of love – love for gain and love for relationship.

B. The Hasty Longing for our True Beloved.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) How does the idyllic picture of sexual love in this book make you feel? Does it reflect a reality or a struggle for you?
- 2) How else can love and death be similar?
- 3) What are some signs or symptoms for when we have loved for gain rather than for the relationship?