

**Love, Marriage and Human Sexuality:** An Exposition of Song of Songs and a Review of the PCA Study Report on Human Sexuality  
Midweek Fall 2020  
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Summary: The purpose of this study is to provide a discipleship resource that fosters sanctifying growth through the wisdom found in God's Word, specifically Song of Songs, with direct application to our contemporary culture. This course will also aim to strengthen marriages and singles in their walk with Christ.

Release Schedule:

Promo – Released on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, describing course and objectives.

Series - Beginning Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, a new video will be released on the church website at 5:30PM.

Tentative Course Outline:

- I. August 26 - Introduction to Series and Themes of Song of Songs/Solomon
- II. September 2 – Challenges to Relationships – Marriage, Sin and Shame
- III. September 9 – Song of Songs 1:1-17 – For what do we long?
- IV. September 16 – Song of Songs Chapter 2:1-7 What makes us beautiful?
- V. September 23 – Song of Songs Chapter 2:8-17 Love is Patient
- VI. September 30 – Song of Songs Chapter 3:1-5 The Pursuit and the Family
- VII. October 7 – Song of Songs Chapter 3:6-11 The Regality of the Bridegroom
- VIII. October 14 – Song of Songs Chapter 4:1-16 Affirmations and the Pursuit of Beauty
- IX. October 21 – Song of Songs Chapter 5 – Love Sick
- X. October 28 – No recorded class released.
- XI. November 4 – Song of Songs Chapter 6 – Faithfulness in a world of Infidelity
- XII. November 11 – Song of Songs Chapter 7 – Beauty and Connection
- XIII. November 18 – Song of Songs Chapter 8 – The Ongoing End of our Relationships
- XIV. November 25 – PCA Study Paper Overviews (How, Why and Authority)
- XV. December 2 – Human Sexuality Paper (Temptation and Mortification)
- XVI. December 9 – Human Sexuality Paper (Christian Identity)
- XVII. December 16 – Human Sexuality Paper (Christian Community)

Pastoral Resources:

Michael Card, [\*Arise My Love\*](#) [Song from Song of Songs]

Tommy Nelson, *The Book of Romance: What Solomon Says About Love, Sex and Intimacy*

Douglas Sean O'Donnell, *The Song of Solomon: An Invitation to Intimacy (Preaching the Word series – R. Kent Hughes)*

Dan Allender, *Intimate Allies: Rediscovering God's Design for Marriage and Becoming Soul Mates for Life.*

Academic Resources:

Iain M. Duguid, *Song of Songs (Reformed Expository Commentary)*

Tremper Longman III, *Song of Songs (New International Commentary on the OT)*  
Keil & Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Old Testament volume 6*  
Bernard of Clairvaux, *Bernard of Clairvaux on the Song of Songs*  
Edmund S. Morgan, *The New England Quarterly*, Dec. 1942, Vol. 15 pp. 591-607, *The Puritans and Sex*.