

God-Honoring Sex

Love Song, Part 3

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(He)

Your love delights me, my treasure, my bride. Your love is better than wine, your perfume more fragrant than spices. Your lips are as sweet as nectar, my bride. Honey and milk are under your tongue. Your clothes are scented like the cedars of Lebanon.

You are my private garden, my treasure, my bride, a secluded spring, a hidden fountain. Your thighs shelter a paradise of pomegranates with rare spices—henna with nard, nard and saffron, fragrant calamus and cinnamon, with all the trees of frankincense, myrrh, and aloes, and every other lovely spice. You are a garden fountain, a well of fresh water streaming down from Lebanon's mountains.

(She)

Awake, north wind! Rise up, south wind! Blow on my garden and spread its fragrance all around. Come into your garden, my love; taste its finest fruits. Song of Solomon 4:10-5:1

The Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman', for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. Genesis 2:21-25

This is it!

Genesis 2:23(LB)

1. God-Honoring Sex Is _____

"You are a garden locked up, my sister, my bride. You are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain." Song of Solomon 4:12

'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Matthew 19:5

2. God-Honoring Sex Starts Long Before The _____.

"How beautiful you are, my darling! Oh, how beautiful! Your eyes behind your veil are doves. Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from the hills of Gilead. Your teeth are like a flock of sheep just shorn, coming up from the washing. Each has its twin; not one of them is alone." Song of Solomon 4:1-4

"I am faint with love."

Song of Solomon 2:5

Creating the Atmosphere (Song of Solomon)

- Unhurried time (5:1)
- Complimenting (1:15-16)
- Attractive attire (4:9,11)
- Affectionate touching (2:6)
- Special places (7:12)
- Fragrances (1:12)
- Intimate talk (7:1-9)
- Total commitment (8:6-7)

3. God-Honoring Sex Means _____,
Not Just _____.

The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. 1 Corinthians 7:3-4 (NLT)

Do not cheat each other of normal sexual relations, unless you both decide to abstain temporarily to make special time for prayer. But afterwards you should resume relations as before, or you will expose yourselves to the obvious temptations of Satan. 1 Corinthians 7:7(Ph)

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*