Song of Songs 5

• Review...

- o Interpretation...
 - There are THREE main ways people try to INTERPRET this book...
 - FIRST the LITERAL it is ONLY a love story between a man and a woman...
 - SECOND the ALLEGORICAL it is ONLY a picture of the relationship of God and the church...
 - THIRD the TYPOLOGICAL admits the HISTORICAL basis for the book...
 - But APPLIES the story to the relationship between Christ and the church Ephesians 5:32
- o Three Sections...
 - FIRST the Dating Song of Songs 1:1 3:5
 - SECOND the Wedding Song of Songs 3:6 5:1
 - THIRD the Marriage [and the problems] Song of Songs 5:2 8:14
- o The speaker...
 - SHULAMITE [שׁלַם] whose name means PEACE [שַׁלַם]
 - BELOVED [דוֹד] the name given to Solomon [שָׁלֹמֹה] by the Shulamite also means PEACE [שֵׁלוֹם]
 - DAUGHTERS of Jerusalem the friends of the Shulamite woman [everyone else]
- o The Wedding night...
 - With the wedding ceremony over it was time for the wedding NIGHT...
 - God BLESSED their MARRIAGE commanding them to DRINK [imperative] deeply...
 - CONDONING their actions even calling them [plural] BELOVED [דּוֹדִים]
 - Because they had waited and went about their marriage the way He intended!
 - Sex is mean to be enjoyed in MARRIAGE it is a GIFT of God...
 - And when it is done His way at the RIGHT time He blesses it...
 - There is NO guilt there is NO separation from Him [He calls us friends]
 - Instead it fulfills all THREE aspects that He intended for it...
 - It is FUN it GLUES the couple together and results in KIDS [fruitful]
- 1st Marriage problems... vs. 2-3
 - o 1^{st} The Fight... vs. 2
 - Not perfect...
 - The world paints a very deceptive picture of MARRIAGE...
 - It either tries to sell us the DISNEY wedding [HAPPILY ever after]
 - Or it tries to convince us NOT to get married because it will NEVER last...
 - But both of these view are WRONG and completely miss the point of MARRIAGE...
 - These views are inspired by the god of this world who is a LIAR!
 - **John 8:44** "[The devil] has always hated the truth because there is no truth in him... he is a liar and the father of lies." [NLT]
 - While marriage is PERFECT it was given by God before there was SIN **Genesis 2:18**
 - The people who get MARRIED are FAR from perfect...
 - They are two SINNERS who will FREQUENTLY make mistakes...
 - Therefore there is NO such thing as HAPPILY ever after there are going to be BAD days...
 - But that does NOT mean that MARRIAGE is BAD far from it...
 - It means that MARRIAGE is NOT about making us HAPPY...
 - It is about learning to DENY ourselves and live a SACRIFICIAL life...
 - Which is EXACTLY what God has called us to do as His DISCIPLES!
 - Luke 9:23 "If anyone desires to come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."
 - Bad sleep...
 - I sleep but my heart is awake!
 - As we come to the FIRST chapter that deals with MARRIAGE [third section]
 - The SHULAMITE [אֲנִי] was SLEEPING [יָשֵׁון] at night...

- BUT [יַן] although she was ASLEEP her HEART [עור] was AWAKE [עור]
- Her SLEEP was NOT good because there was a PROBLEM...
- Verse ONE was the wedding night but the HONEYMOON was over!
- I have to admit when Jen and I have an argument...
- I have NO problem going right to sleep it does NOT keep me up...
- I cannot say the same for Jen she will lay sleepless the whole night...
- I wake up in the morning and there she is staring at me [not good]!
- Ephesians 4:26 "Do not let the sun go down on your anger."
- Ignoring a problem does NOT solve the problem will only makes it bigger...
- And if we try and IGNORE it we give an opportunity to satan...
- He would love to sow DIVISION in our MARRIAGES...
- Husbands do NOT give him the opportunity talk to your WIVES!
- o 2^{nd} On the outside... vs. 2
 - Demanding...
 - It is the voice of my beloved. He knocks saying: Open for me!
 - She heard the voice of SOLOMON her BELOVED [קוֹד]
 - He was OUTSIDE of her room perhaps because of a FIGHT...
 - Maybe he was out too late with FRIENDS rather than spending time with his WIFE...
 - Or perhaps he got busy at WORK leaving his wife home alone...
 - Now he was POUNDING [דְּפַק] on the door demanding[imperative] to be let back in!
 - Men are taught from youth that their ONE purpose is to PROVIDE...
 - But that is NOT true God is the one who provides for our family Luke 12:31
 - The one thing wives NEED is the LOVE of Jesus from their HUSBANDS...
 - When we do NOT daily show our wives His LOVE they begin to feel insecure...
 - And then they begin to challenge us because they are insecure in our LOVE!
 - Sweet words...
 - My sister my love. My dove my perfect one!
 - When the door would NOT open Solomon changed his tactic...
 - He began to use SWEET words to try and deescalate the FIGHT...
 - Calling his wife his SISTER [אָהוֹת] his FRIEND [רַעְיָה] his DOVE [pet name]
 - All names that he had given to her on their WEDDING night Song of Songs 4
 - Trying to remind her of BETTER days when there were NO problems...
 - He even admitted that she was PERFECT [២ភ្] it was his FAULT!
 - **Proverbs 15:1** "A soft answer turns away wrath."
 - There are TWO commands given in MARRIAGE....
 - ullet WIVES are commanded to SUBMIT [ὑποτάσσω] to their HUSBANDS **Ephesians 5:22**
 - HUSBANDS are commanded to LOVE [ἀγαπάω] their WIVES **Ephesians 5:25**
 - We tend to DEMAND the other person do their PART...
 - And overlook the COMMAND [imperative] that God has given to us!
 - It is easy to see the FAULT in others [she is NOT submitting he is NOT loving]
 - But the problem is we CANNOT change them we can ONLY choose for ourselves...
 - When [not if] we have a FIGHT the right answer is to be HUMBLE...
 - Admit we were WRONG and chose to OBEY what God had called us to do!
- o 3rd Shut door... vs. 2-3
 - Show pity... vs. 2
 - For my head is covered with dew. My locks with the drops of the night!
 - When the SWEET words did not work [door was still closed] Solomon asked for PITY...
 - His head was WET because of being outside at NIGHT...

- He was pleading for her to have COMPASSION and let him in!
- Excuses... vs. 3
 - I have taken off my robe. How can I put it on again?
 - I have washed my feet. How can I defile them?
 - The response from the SHULAMITE was almost laughable...
 - She had already gotten undressed [no robe] HOW could she get dressed again...
 - She had already washed her feet HOW could she let them get dirty...
 - These were obviously NOT good reasons to keep SOLOMON outside they were EXCUSES...
 - She was HURT and did NOT want to let him back inside!
 - It is HARD to let go of HURTS when our spouse has done something to upset us...
 - The tendency is to want to make sure they PAY for their CRIME...
 - It may even be that we are AFRAID to open back up and trust them...
 - Because they have HURT us once who is to say they will NOT do it AGAIN...
 - But we need to remember we are NOT trusting in our spouse we are TRUSTING in Jesus...
 - And through His GRACE we can FORGIVE any mistake!
 - I Corinthians 13:5 "[Love] keeps no record of being wronged." [NLT]
- 2^{ND} HARD LESSONS... vs. 4-9
 - o 1st Walking away... vs. 4-6
 - Locked door... vs. 4
 - My beloved put his hand by the latch of the door and my heart yearned for him!
 - SOLOMON [717] put [perfect] his hand on the LOCK of the door...
 - He tried to get to his BRIDE but she would NOT let him in...
 - But there was a BATTLE in her heart she was MAD at him but also MISSED him...
 - Her HEART [מֵעֶה] longed to be back with him...
 - So why NOT open the door what kept her from letting him in PRIDE!
 - The number one problem in MARRIAGES is our PRIDE...
 - We LOVE our spouse we WANT to be with them...
 - But we cannot get past our PRIDE it is so hard to say I am SORRY!
 - Sweet scent... vs. 5
 - I arose to open for my beloved and my hands dripped with myrrh.
 - My fingers with liquid myrrh on the handles of the lock!
 - When she finally could NOT take it any longer and went to OPEN the door...
 - As she opened the BOLT she found it covered in MYRRH [מֹר]
 - It was customary in ancient times to leave a SCENT as a kind of LOVE note...
 - Solomon did not react to her stubborn attitude instead he responded in kindness!
 - The modern equivalent would be FLOWERS or CHOCOLATES...
 - A peace offering given to the other person as a way to say SORRY!
 - If our SPOUSE is closed up and will NOT listen or let us in...
 - There are TWO options we can treat them the same way [tit for tat]
 - But that will just make things worse it will NOT bring restoration...
 - The better answer it so react to them with GRACE and LOVE...
 - Give them a GIFT a kind NOTE and gesture tried to try and RESTORE the relationship!
 - No answer... vs. 6
 - I opened for my beloved but my beloved had turned away and was gone.
 - My heart leaped up when he spoke. I sought him but I could not find him.
 - I called him but he gave me no answer!
 - When the SHULAMITE finally opened the door for SOLOMON [דּוֹד]
 - It was too LATE he had already left...

- Her SOUL [נֵפַשׁ] had LEAPT when she heard him speak...
- But when she went to LOOK for [piel] him he was nowhere [לֹא] to be found...
- She called out to him but he no [לֹא] longer answered!
- Here is where our story takes on a DEEPER spiritual meaning...
- Jesus comes KNOCKING on our door and He wants to come in Revelation 3:20
- But He does NOT knock forever today is the day to choose II Corinthians 6:2
- There will be a LOT of people whose SOULS [נֶּבֶּשׁ] were stirred by hearing His WORD...
- But by the time they OPEN up the door it is too LATE...
- We do NOT want to be those who MISS out on the window to be SAVED!
- Matthew 7:22 "Many will say to Me in that day: Lord Lord!"
- o 2nd Waking up... vs. 7-9
 - Consequences... vs. 7
 - The watchmen who went about the city found me. They struck me they wounded me.
 - The keepers of the walls took my veil away from me!
 - The SHULAMITE went out into the CITY looking for SOLOMON...
 - But instead of finding her HUSBAND the POLICE [guards] found her...
 - What happened next is mired in a bit of controversy...
 - Because we are told the police BEAT [hiphil] her and BRUISED her...
 - Then took away her VEIL putting her to public shame...
 - It seems unlikely that the POLICE would beat and shame the QUEEN [wife of Solomon]
 - Some suggest that this was instead a DREAM [the chapter opens with her sleeping]
 - And that the POLICE are her conscience punishing her for her STUBBORNNESS...
 - Either way if it was REAL or a DREAM it had an immediate impact!
 - Repentant... vs. 8
 - I charge you O daughters of Jerusalem:
 - If you find my beloved that you tell him I am lovesick!
 - The SHULAMITE turned to the DAUGHTERS of Jerusalem and gave them a command [שֶׁבַע]
 - If they found SOLOMON [דּוֹד] they were to tell [hiphil] him...
 - She was SORRY [חָלָה] and she LOVED [אַהֲבָה] him!
 - Note that NOTHING changed in the circumstances...
 - Whatever caused the FIGHT in the first place was still unresolved...
 - What CHANGED was the heart of the SHULAMITE she was humbled...
 - Because the KEY to restoring a broken marriage is allowing God to CHANGE us!
 - Reflection... vs. 9
 - The Daughters of Jerusalem:
 - What is your beloved more than another beloved 0 fairest among women?
 - What is your beloved more than another beloved that you so charge us?
 - The command raised a question among the DAUGHTERS of Jerusalem...
 - WHAT [מַה] was her BELOVED [דּוֹד] that made him MORE than others [2x for emphasis]
 - After all the SHULAMITE was beautiful literally the fairest [יָפָה] of all women [בַּנָשִׁים]
 - She could have ANY man why did she want SOLOMON!
 - Too often we FOCUS on ALL the WRONG things...
 - We LOOK at the FLAWS and FAILURES of our spouse...
 - It does NOT take much to find them we are all SINNERS Romans 3:23
 - But rather than looking at the PROBLEM we should be asking what makes them SPECIAL...
 - Why did we say YES on the wedding day why did we CHOSE to spend our lives together...
 - When we change our FOCUS when we WAKE up to what really matters...
 - We will see the BLESSING of the person God has given us to walk through life with!

- 3^{RD} Change of Heart... vs. 10-16
 - o 1st Personality... vs. 10
 - The Shulamite: My beloved is white and ruddy. Chief among ten thousand!
 - With the RIGHT perspective the SHULAMITE answered the question...
 - What made SOLOMON her BELOVED [דּוֹד] she gave SIX reasons...
 - FIRST SOLOMON was SUNNY [צה] likely a reference to his pleasant personality...
 - BUT [וַ] he was also MANLY [אָדָם] from the root word for MAN [אָדָם]
 - That combination of being both FUN and yet MASCULINE made him the BEST...
 - He was the FLAG [דגל] or standard that you would hold over TEN thousand men!
 - There are a LOT of people in this world BILLIONS...
 - We need to remember that out of them ALL God gave us ONE...
 - Therefore we should see our SPOUSE as the BEST [standard]!
 - o 2nd Appearance... vs. 11
 - His head is like the finest gold. His locks are wavy and black as a raven!
 - SOLOMON had a good head more valuable than fine GOLD...
 - It was covered with think locks of BLACK hair [dark as a raven]
 - This apparently was a trait of the sons of DAVID...
 - Absalom also had very long and think hair II Samuel 14:26
 - For the record having long DARK hair is not what makes someone handsome...
 - Solomon would go on to say that GREY hair is the crown of the wise Proverbs 16:31
 - And making fun of those who have NO hair can have consequences II Kings 2:23-24
 - Joking aside there is truth that BEAUTY is in the eye of the beholder...
 - The world tries to sell us on the LIE that it is found in certain TRAITS [thin tall white]
 - But when someone has your heart they become the most BEAUTIFUL person!
 - o 3rd Wisdom... vs. 12
 - His eyes are like doves by the rivers of waters. Washed with milk and fitly set!
 - They EYES of SOLOMON were WHITE [washed in milk] no jaundice or hepatitis...
 - And he was NOT cross eyed they were set in the right place...
 - But most importantly when she looked into his EYES...
 - They were WIDE [like a pigeon] and DEEP [like a river] likely speaking of his WISDOM!
 - Matthew 6:22 "The lamp of the body is the eye."
 - o 4th Fragrance... vs. 13
 - His cheeks are like a bed of spices banks of scented herbs.
 - His lips are lilies dripping liquid myrrh!
 - She went on to describe how SOLOMON smelled...
 - His cheeks were like a GARDEN of sweet spices likely a reference to his well kept BEARD...
 - He was TALL [מְגְדֵל] so she reach up smell his sweet fragrance...
 - And when she did his LIPS were as soft as LILIES and dripped with MYRRH!
 - I used to have a BEARD but it was a bit WILD I did NOT trim it for over a year...
 - That may be why Jen will NO longer let me have a GARDEN on my face [clean shaven]
 - o 5th Strength... vs. 14-15
 - His hands are rods of gold set with beryl. His body is carved ivory inlaid with sapphires.
 - His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of fine gold.
 - His countenance is like Lebanon excellent as the cedars!
 - The HANDS of SOLOMON were STRONG like golden HINGES of a door...
 - His BODY was like CARVED ivory he was a FIT man...
 - His LEGS like pillars of MARBLE set on bases of GOLD [his feet]

- He was very TALL like a CEDAR tree from Lebanon!
- o 6th Friendship... vs. 16
 - His mouth is most sweet. Yes he is altogether lovely.
 - This is my beloved and this is my friend 0 daughters of Jerusalem!
 - But more than his PERSONALITY or his APPEARANCE...
 - Even better than his WISDOM FRAGRANCE or STRENGTH...
 - The very best part of Solomon was his WORDS...
 - What came out of his mouth was always SWEET and PLEASANT...
 - So in answer to the question that is what made him BELOVED [717]
 - That is what made SOLOMON her best FRIEND [רַעַ]!
 - God has given us the GIFT of marriage Proverbs 18:22
 - The MISTAKE that we can make is thinking that it will be EASY...
 - MARRIAGE is HARD and there are going to be CHALLENGES...
 - The KEY is to be HUMBLE and come to Jesus for His GRACE...
 - So that we can overlook the FLAWS and instead see what is GOOD...
 - We can see the FRIEND God has given our BELOVED!