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Transforming Daily
“... draw me away ...”
Song of Solomon 1:4

Many people don't know what to do with the book of Solomon. They don't know how to read it or how to apply it to their lives. Well as always, there is only one interpretation of God's Word with the possibility of multiple applications. In this case, the interpretation is a love story between a man and a woman only to be experienced between a husband and wife. It is as simple as that. It is a book full of intimacy and romance. One might say, “In the Bible?” Yes, it is in the Bible.

The applications are many, but the two most noted are the applications that show God's relationship to Israel and Christ's relationship to the church. In other words, the way a husband should look and act toward his wife and vice versa, is the way God looks and acts toward Israel and the way Israel should have looked and acted toward God. Likewise, the way Christ looks and acts toward the church and the way the church should look and act toward Christ.

For the 21st century believer application from the Song of Solomon should be in at least two ways. The first way to apply SoS is literally. If you are married this is how you are to look and act toward your spouse. If you are not married, but intend to be, this is how you're to prepare yourself (preparation not action lest one commits fornication or adultery) to look and act toward your spouse to be.

The second way every believer (individually and corporately as the bride of Christ – the church) married and unmarried alike, can apply SoS is with respect to their personal relationship and fellowship with God through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33). In particular, the Bride of Christ (as individuals) is to submit itself unto the Lord. Christ loves us and gave Himself for us (as individuals and corporately – the local church).

Practically speaking regarding those who are married, wives are to submit themselves to their own husbands as unto the Lord and husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her. This attitude and these actions are what SoS is based on. True love is the basis for genuine commitment toward one another and mutual respect. A wife will not truly submit to her husband unless she genuinely loves him and a husband will not genuinely love his wife unless he truly respects her.

Does this sound like your relationship to your spouse? Does this sound like your relationship and fellowship with God? Are you smitten with the love of your youth? Are you drawn to the love of your life? Is it your desire and prayer to God, concerning your intimate, spiritual walk with Him, “Draw me away?”