

A TRUE ROMANCE OF CONSUMMATION

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SONG OF SOLOMON 4:9 NKJV - (9) Thou hast ravished my heart, *my sister*, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

The **Song of Solomon** is a series of lyrical poems organized as a lengthy dialogue between a young woman and her lover. A third party, or chorus, occasionally addresses the lovers. The first poem is spoken by the young maiden, who longs to be near her lover and enjoy his kisses. Among Christians, the **book** is interpreted as describing the covenantal love of Christ for his church. In primitive religion, the **Song of Solomon** was interpreted to apply to the love between Christ and the human soul.

We feel like awkward onlookers when we read this intensely private and intimate exchange. In the ecstasy of their love, the lovers praise each other using beautiful imagery. Their words may seem strange to readers from a different culture, but their intense feelings of love and admiration are universal. Communicating love and expressing admiration in both words and actions can enhance every marriage.

Sister . . . spouse--This title is here first used, as He is soon about to institute the Supper, the pledge of the nuptial union. By the term "sister," carnal ideas are excluded; the ardor of a spouse's love is combined with the purity of a sister's (**Isaiah 54:5** ; **Mark 3:35**).

One--Even one look is enough to secure His love (**Zechariah 12:10**; **Luke 23:40-43**). Not merely the Church collectively, but each one member of it (**Matthew 18:10**; **Matthew 18:14**; **Luke 15:7**; **Luke 15:24** and **Luke 15:32**).

Chain--necklace (**Isaiah 62:3**; **Malachi 3:17**), answering to the "shields" hanging in the tower of David (**Solomon 4:4**). Compare the "ornament" (**1 Peter 3:4**); "chains" (**Proverbs 1:9**, **3:22**).

Conclusion: They are consumed of each other and Christ is consumed of the church. But we must be His. And if we are, we will experience that love, that "True romance of consummation."

SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 4:19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When you cannot understand His hand, you have to trust His heart.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"