

# God's Book on Romance

## Song of Solomon

- I. The Courtship before the Marriage - 1:1 - 3:5**
  - A. The importance of expressions of love vv. 1-2
  - B. The importance of the man taking the initiative v. 4
  - C. The importance of a man building up his gal 1:15-2:5
  - D. The importance of dealing with passion 2:6-7
  - E. The importance of protecting the relationship 2:15
  
- II. The Consummation of the Marriage 3:6 - 5:1**
  - A. The Parallel of Genesis 2:25
  - B. The Purity of Solomon's Bride 4:12
  - C. The Pronouncement of God 5:1 b
  
- III. The Cultivation after the Marriage 5:2 - 8:14**
  - A. The first rift - the importance of working it through 5:2-8
  - B. The helpful input of friends 5:9 - 6:1
    - 1. Focus on positive qualities
    - 2. Do whatever is necessary for reconciliation
  - C. The bond that comes from struggles 7:10 , 8:5
  - D. The importance of a husband affirming love 8:6-7
  - E. The importance of being the right kind of person 8:10
  
- IV. The Concluding Observations about Marriage**
  - A. When it comes to romance, go slowly
  - B. Reserve physical intimacy for marriage
  - C. Don't panic over or ignore problems, work through them
  - D. Work on keeping your marriage strong