

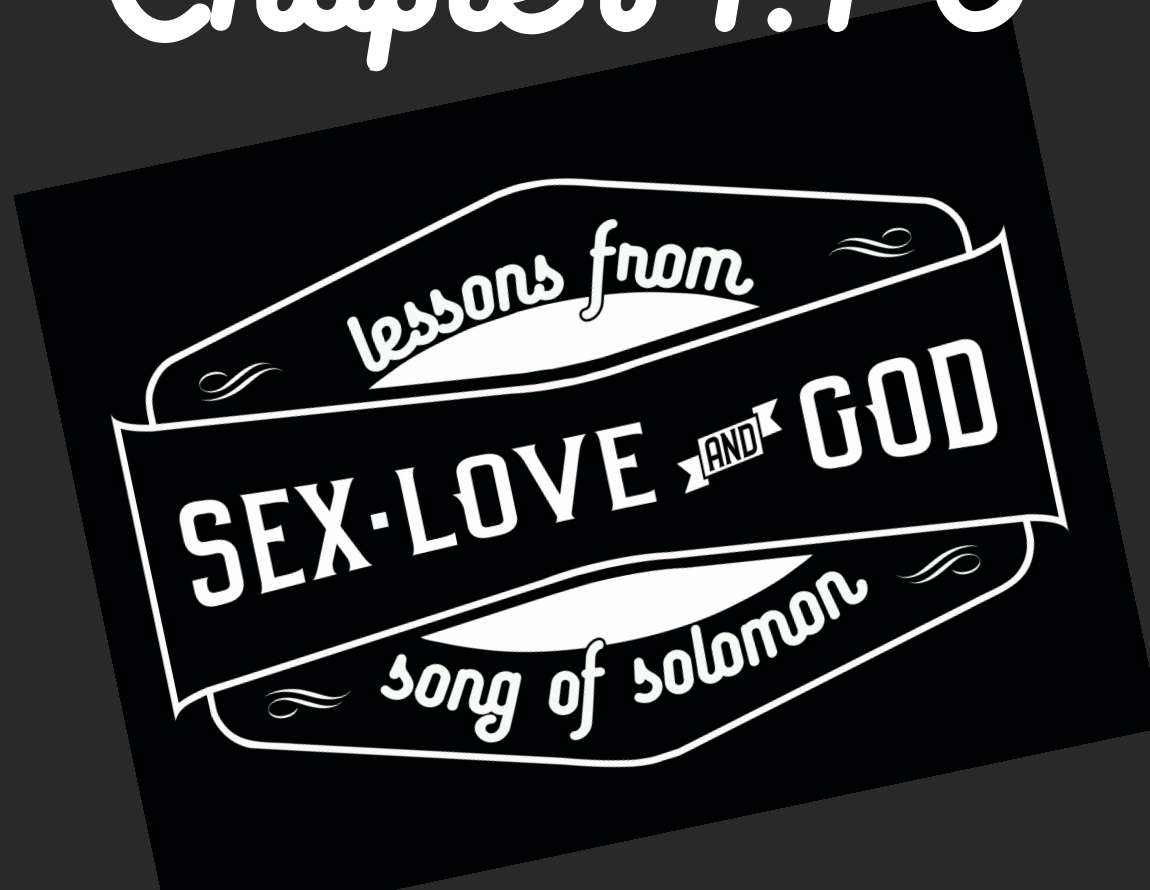
lessons from

SEX-LOVE AND GOD

song of solomon

Song of Solomon

Chapter 1:1-8



Song of Songs - Chapter 1 New International Version

¹ Solomon's Song of Songs.

She Says: ² Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is more delightful than wine. ³ Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes; your name is like perfume poured out. No wonder the young women love you.

⁴ Take me away with you—let us hurry!
Let the king bring me into his chambers.

Friends Say: We rejoice and delight in
you; we will praise your love more than
wine.

She Says: How right they are to adore
you!

⁵ Dark am I, yet lovely, daughters of Jerusalem, dark like the tents of Kedar, like the tent curtains of Solomon. ⁶ Do not stare at me because I am dark, because I am darkened by the sun. My mother's sons were angry with me and made me take care of the vineyards; my own vineyard I had to neglect.

Play on Words

“Look” : Sun and Friends

“Scorched” : Sun and Brothers

“Vineyard” : Family Business
and Her Body

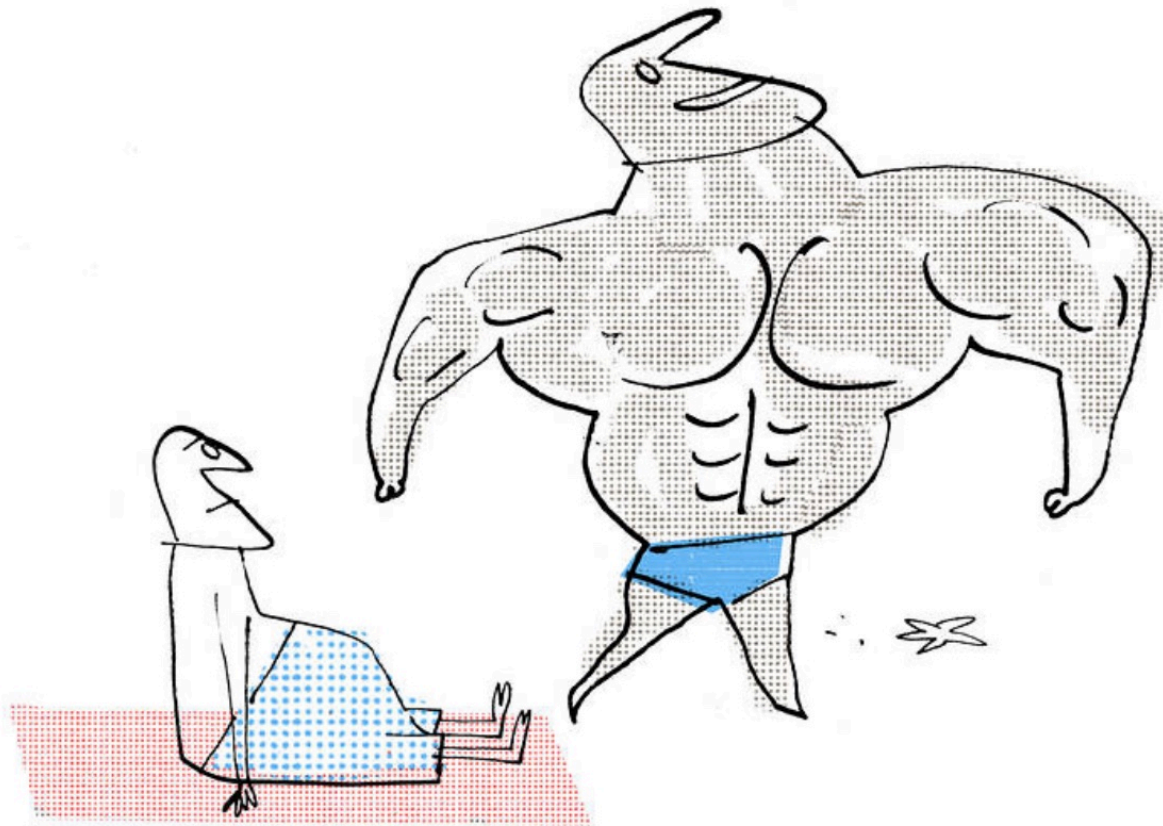
5 Dark am I, yet lovely, daughters of
Jerusalem, dark like the tents of Kedar,
like the tent curtains of Solomon. **6 Do
not stare at me because I am dark,**
because I am darkened by the sun. My
mother's sons were angry with me and
made me take care of the vineyards;
my own vineyard I had to neglect.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

ESSAY

I Forgot to Get a Beach Body Again

This year Jason Gay had high hopes. He was going to do the cardio. He was going to swing the kettlebells. That was then....

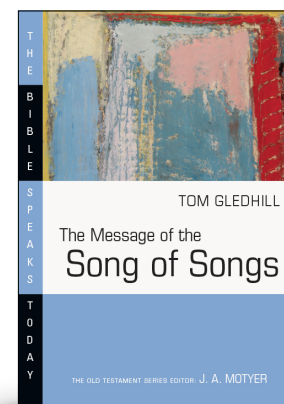


SHARE



“In these verses [verses 5& 6] we are brought face to face with the problems of our own self-image. How do we view ourselves? When we look at our own reflection in the mirror, do we like what we see? Can we accept ourselves as we really are, with all our quirks, idiosyncrasies and limitations? Do we like the way we look? Or are we always wishing we were like someone else? Can we accept our own temperaments and personalities, or are we always hemmed in by a crippling inferiority complex?... How do we cope and come to a more balanced sense of self-worth and to a degree of psychological, emotional and social integration and poise?”

-The Message of the Song of Songs by Tom Gledhill, Page 105.



1. We live in a culture that idolizes outward appearance. It's nearly impossible not to compare yourself to others outward appearance. We may confess that fixating on outward appearance is shallow, but many people struggle to move beyond it.



Mike Erre

"Don't Stare at Me"

-Sept. 28, 2013

"If you hold up an
ideal, worship it,
you'll marginalize
and even destroy
what doesn't
measure up."



Alexander the Great

356BC

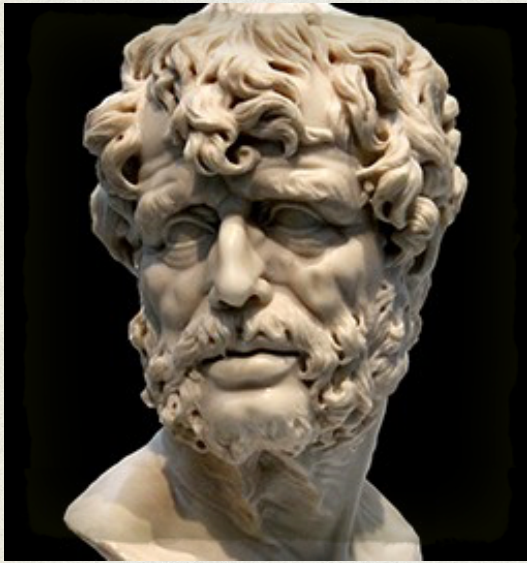


Letter : Hilarion to Alis his Wife

Date : 2 BC

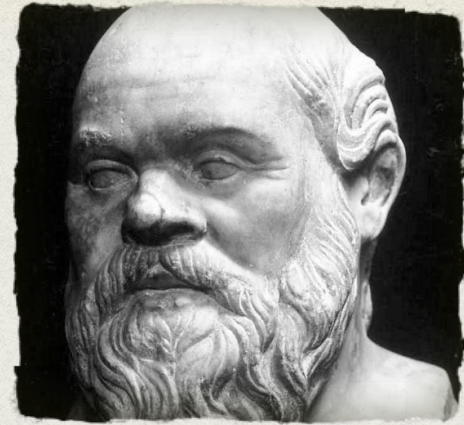
"Know that we are still even now in Alexandria. Do not worry if when all the others return I remain in Alexandria. I beg and beseech of you to take care of the little child, and as soon as we receive wages I will send them to you. If-good luck to you! you bear offspring, if it is a male, let it live; if it is a female, expose it."

Seneca : Roman Stoic philosopher
4 BC – AD 65



"We slaughter a fierce ox;
we strangle a mad donkey;
we plunge the knife into
sickly cattle lest they taint
the heard; children who are
born weakly and deformed
we drown."

Socrates : Greek philosopher
470 BC
From, "Republic"



"... but the children of inferior parents, or any child of the others that is born defective, they'll hide in a secret and unknown place, as is appropriate. It is, if indeed the guardian breed is to remain pure."

Aristotle : Greek philosopher
"Politics", 340BC



"As to the exposure and
rearing of children, let there be
a law that no deformed child
shall live."



Stephen Camarata Ph.D.
The Intuitive Parent

Iceland "Cures" Down Syndrome: Should America Do the Same?

Should any society actively eliminate Down Syndrome or any other "abnormality?"

Posted Jan 02, 2018

 SHARE

 TWEET

 EMAIL

 MORE

During the summer and fall of 2017, we learned that Iceland, and other countries are "curing" Down Syndrome using prenatal screening, genetic counseling, and, ultimately, terminating pregnancies deemed to be "undesirable." It is ironic that proponents of this approach to "treating"

2. Freedom comes from confessing your insecurities and affirming God's truth.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

2. Freedom comes from confessing your insecurities and affirming God's truth.

Genesis 1:26 & 31 *"Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness", "God saw all that he had made—and it was very good!"*

Psalms 139:13 *"Certainly you made my mind and heart; you wove me together in my mother's womb."*

3. Refuse to reinforce destructive cultural norms.

Song of Songs 1:7 Tell me, you whom I love, where you graze your flock and where you rest your sheep at midday. Why should I be like a veiled woman beside the flocks of your friends?

3. Refuse to reinforce destructive cultural norms.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come!

1 Samuel 16:7 "God does not view things the way men do. People look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

3. Refuse to reinforce destructive cultural norms.

**In group setting beware of favoritism based on their outward appearance.*

3. Refuse to reinforce destructive cultural norms.

**Married couples, commit to declaring your affection to your spouse regardless of their outward appearance.*

3. Refuse to reinforce destructive cultural norms.

** If you are single, commit to cultivating an inward love and commitment to God rather than achieving a particular outward appearance. Be patient, don't settle for someone who isn't committed to seeking God's best for you!.*