

## How do we reconcile being spiritual beings and also being sexual beings ?"

**She says:** Like an apple-tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.

Song of Songs 2:3

**He says:** Until the day breaks and the shadows flee, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of incense.<sup>7</sup>You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you. ... You have stolen my heart, my sister, my bride; you have stolen my heart with one glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace.<sup>10</sup> How delightful is your love, ... my bride! How much more pleasing is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your perfume more than any spice!<sup>11</sup>Your lips drop sweetness as the honeycomb, my bride; milk and honey are under your tongue.

Song of Songs 4:6,7, 9-11

**She says:** Awake, north wind, and come, south wind! Blow on my garden, that its fragrance may spread everywhere. Let my beloved come into his garden and taste its choice fruits.

Song of Songs 4:16

Is it possible to be spiritual and sexual? Absolutely  
Is it possible to have desires and not be ruled by them? Absolutely

**How?** It starts with first recognizing you are not an animal. You are made in the image of God and you are utterly unique in your creative design and made of infinite worth to God. Who then demonstrated his love to you by dying for you on a cross to bring you home safely to God despite our great falling out with God.

You are more than your body, and your sexuality is bigger than your reproductive parts. Over the coming weeks we are going to confront both the culture and the churches false narratives.

### Next week's Father's day message:

**She says:** I delight to sit in his shade. Song of Songs 2:3

We will explore what it means to be a man that women will honor and how to be a place of safety amidst insecurities.



## Human Sexuality: Spiritual Physical & Fallen

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—  
for your love is more delightful than wine.

Song of Songs 1:2

**Solomon's Song of Songs:** There are three characters in this book. Creatively titled, She, He and Friends, or Daughters of Jerusalem depending upon your translation.

The Song of Songs is not as some characterize it, an erotic book, though some ancient rabbi's forbid men under 30 from reading it. *The Song of Songs is simply a collection of love poetry about God ordained human sexuality.*

### The Human Creation:

God's Image-The Imago Dei in Latin

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, ...Genesis 1:26

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? Psalm 8:3

In other words humans are the beings that sit and reflect and think in a manner where they are awe struck by the world around them.

**So the Bible opens with a very profound point there is a difference between being a human and an animal.**

You have made them (humans) a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. Psalm 8:5

Here humans are compared to angels, but are different.

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? ...<sup>6</sup>On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—<sup>7</sup> while the morning stars sang together and all the angels-shouted for joy?  
Job 38:4,6,7

Angels were created before humans.

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?  
Hebrews 1:14

Angels are ministering spirits. A spirit is a being with consciousness but doesn't have a body.

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7

Humans have bodies like the animals do, and we have spiritual consciousness like the angels do, but in us the two realms come together in a way that is utterly unique in all of creation.

**Culture's false narrative:** It's just your body, it's your biology, you nothing more than an animal. Therefore it is unreasonable and in fact harmful to ask you not to live out your sexual desires.

**Church's false narrative:** The idea that as a Christian everything about our sexual desires is corrupted. Therefore we establish rules that don't work, and remain silent about the struggle.

**Bible's narrative:** To not live enslaved to your desires, but also to not act as if you don't have any desires. Therefore following Jesus isn't pretending that you don't, the temptations are real and the struggle is real.

**Why is sex a spiritual issue?** Because it is physical and thereby affects our spiritual being as well.

**The Bible says our sexuality is good.**

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is more delightful than wine.  
Song of Songs 1:2

## But Is Our Sexuality Also Fallen?

Yes, we all know that. No one has to convince us of how bad it is. We have to be convinced that it's good.

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, the body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? 1 Corinthians 6:12-16

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. <sup>19</sup>Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup>when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:17-24

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. <sup>2</sup>Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:1,2