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An Ongoing Love Story
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Hello! This is Dorothy -

The book of **Song of Solomon** has been well contrasted by the little book that went before, **Ecclesiastes**. It is kind of good to just reflect upon this as we are bringing this little study on **Song of Solomon** to a completion today.

Song of Solomon speaks about finding rest after this maiden was very unsettled, whereas **Ecclesiastes** speaks of a very unsettled life. **Song of Solomon** speaks of being satisfied by the love of the Lord Jesus; **Ecclesiastes** speaks of being unsatisfied by all the knowledge in the world.

Song of Solomon speaks of a pursuit after God the Son; **Ecclesiastes** speaks about a pursuit after everything that is under the sun (spelled s-u-n-).

Song of Solomon speaks of the right way, the right object, and the end of what we are here for; **Ecclesiastes** speaks of the way being an object of wrong and everything being vanity.

*O, thank You, Lord that we have the contrast and the blessing of this little book, **Song of Solomon**.*

And as we read **chapter 8** . . . When I am reflecting upon these things and thinking especially about those first four verses, we

have before this wonderful thought:

7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned. Yes, when I reflect upon my problem and my ability to handle it, it means I don't know that my provision is of Christ, but this book, **Song of Solomon**, guides me to an understanding of the Lord as King. As king, Solomon benefitted from the defeat of Goliath by his father, David, and was now a king in peacetime as it were. For the believer, the battle is also over. The Lord is now the Christ Who is crowned with glory and authority. The Cross speaks of the Lord's reign through His victory. The resurrection speaks of the Lord Himself.

In the great commandment, **Matthew 22:37 to 39**, love is emphasized. **Love!** We are to love! And **John 15:10 -17** says -

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

As the Father loved Jesus, so He loves us. We, as believers, are to continue in His love. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments, and the righteousness of the Law will be fulfilled in us.

Song of Solomon 8:11-12 is a contrast to Solomon himself, who had great wealth. Here is the maiden, who had nothing to bring but herself. She gives her all. It is like the believer: we have nothing to bring but ourselves. But, at the same time, she talks about the bridegroom looking after her. She wants to be sure they still have the sustenance. In other words, she is concerned for others as she brings herself.

John 13:34-35 tells us —

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you. . . *-Jesus said-* . . . that ye also

love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

People who truly love each other will always long for one another, but greater yet shall be the longing of the Church to be with Christ, our heavenly Bridegroom as we are reminded in **Revelation 22:20**. The Church is the Bride of Christ and, through the Holy Spirit dwelling within her, she gives expression to her great longing to be forever with Him with these words . . . **come, Lord Jesus.** - *Yea, come quickly!*

Song of Solomon is an ongoing love story. How does this effect your life? What about your life? Could you really say that you know what it is to be filled full of His love? Is His love through you literally being shed as you are meeting people of every nation and understanding a world view from God's point of view? Do you understand really what this love is? Well, very basically, we need Christ in our life. If God is love and God lives in our life, then the outcome is — if He is allowed to fill our life, His love will literally be shed abroad through us and we will understand that His family is made up of needy believers like ourselves. In love, we want to help them and succor them and bless them through the Word of God. We will love them as we see the work of the Lord being outworked through them. In Jesus' Name, may that be in your life. The love of

your life, Jesus.

Hallelujah! Amen.