**There's Something Special About This Woman**

(Song of Songs 4:10 KJV)

*How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!*

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he Song of Solomon is generally considered the hardest book in the bible to understand, and as a result it has been the subject of a wide diversity of interpretations. In fact biblical historians have all endorsed that the Song of Solomon hold two views—both typical and literal. The typical view is that Song of Solomon is an Old Testament type of the agape love relationship between Christ and the Church—and that **Solomon** typifies **Christ**, and the **Shulamite** typifies **Christ's bride**, the Church. This is the most popular view held by Christians today. Also, the typical view assumes that Solomon is the Shulamite's "beloved" and he marries her. The literal view is that it is an historical story inspiring virtue and fidelity.

King Solomon the black son of David had the greatest glory of any king of Israel. His father David left him with plenty of spiritual substances and an honorable heritage that included the blessing of maturity. So Solomon, the son of David, was born with not just a silver spoon in his mouth, but a golden one. In fact Solomon became the most glorious king in the history of Israel that ever lived.

When we research King Solomon's background, would discover that he indeed had blessings for his entire life because of his spiritual heritage. The blessing came from the grace of God, and Solomon had to do nothing to earn or conserve it. Now since he had it made and knew it, he proceeded to try to do all that his heart desired. He acquired great wealth, built a great temple, had a great harem, and enjoyed all kinds of entertainment.

King Solomon's track record included, all the wine that he could drink, all the women that he could handle, all the dancing he could shake, all the singing he could vocalize, and all the dining that he could eat were all part of Solomon's daily lifestyle. He sought entertainment in great plays, musicals, and dancing.  Yet, as his capacity for happiness dwindled through neglect of biblical doctrine he could not enjoy them all because something was missing.

As Solomon squandered his spiritual heritage he entered into self absorption. In his self absorption, he built cities, married foreign women, and imported apes and peacocks. He had in his circle of influence 700 women of marriage in the first rank, and coming in at second place he had 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:3).  Although these are round numbers, they amount to approximately 1000, which is excessive and overbearing. But one day Solomon realized that's his heart couldn't pump the vessel of true love any longer, because he longed for one in whom he misses dearly—and that was the black Shulamite woman his spouse the apple of his eye!

1. **The Extolling of the Spouse:**

A simple reading of the book will help one to see that Solomon is an important character. His name appears some seven times, making him one of the two main characters in the book. The other main character is a maiden, referred to as the Shulamite. She is unnamed and is really obscure. In spite of all this omitted information, the book is among those that stress the love and relationship between Solomon and this Shulamite. And that relationship is a most intimate, relational, warm, personal, special, and close one that they've shared in the past.

It helps one to discover what happens when a man truly, respectfully, faithfully, and intimately loves a woman, and when that woman in return loves that man. This relationship is so special that it is truly a match made in heaven.