**Song of Songs – The Song of Solomon**

 **Lesson Ten: Renewed Consummation**

**Lesson Reference: Chapter 6:13-8:4**

**Objective:** To provide an understanding that romance is best cultivated over a lifetime of commitment.

1. How do the metaphors of 7:4-5 exalt the woman’s dignity?

2. What is the significance of the palm tree metaphor in 7:7?

3. How does the language of 7:1-9 stands apart from the crass sexual language of our modern culture?

4. In 7:10-12, how does the phrase “Let us” symbolize the close relation of husband and wife in all of their living? Apply this to your relationship to Christ in your daily walk.

5. In verse 7:10 the woman speaks of her husband’s desire for her. This word “desire” occurs only here and in Genesis 3:16 and 4:7. Compare the context of the word in the Genesis verses to it use in the Song of Solomon 7:10.

6. What does 8:1-4 suggest about the role of family and friends in choosing a spouse (compare3:4)?

**Lesson Applications:**

* We in these verses the capacity for exuberance and celebration in marriage, even after a season of trial, difficulty, or insecurity.
* The sin of Adam and Eve let not only to alienation from God but also to relational strife. By the use of “desire”, we can see the abundance of God’s grace for marriage.
* The gospel affords every marriage the potential to recapture what was lost in Eden and foretaste of what awaits every believer in the new heavens and the new earth.
* If we are believers in Christ, our bodies are to be reserved for holy use because God Himself dwells within us.