

## Mark Driscoll – “Sex, a Study of the Good Bits from Song of Solomon”

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These are selected parts of the sermon.

Gray highlights are cut and pasted Scripture references to show where he was in the text at the time.

Yellow highlights are the lines that are perhaps the most inappropriate interpretation of the text, although that is obviously a judgement call.

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I'll tell you what I'm going to go ahead and do. I'm going to give you three options. I've prepared three sermons. You get to choose what I talk about. Okay. The three options are these: The first is we can go through God's heart for your city and God's future plan in the upcoming season for your church from Jeremiah 29, which is what the first service chose. Secondly, I can talk about Jesus as God, give you ten reasons why as Christians we believe and know that Jesus Christ is the only God. Or third, I can talk about sexuality and cover the most exciting parts of the book of the Song of Solomon. Okay. So those are your three options. Your dear pastor is a great man, and I love him and appreciate him, and depending upon what you choose, don't blame him. So everyone gets to vote, and then I'll teach on whatever it is you want. So those of you who would like Jeremiah 29 and God's plan for your city, raise your hand. Okay, both of you are really excited about that. [Laughter from audience] Ten reasons on Jesus Christ being God? Okay, many of you. Alright, sex in the Song of Solomon? [Cheers and laughter from the audience] Alright. Alright. Okay. I brought along some PowerPoint slides to illustrate. I'm just kidding. Alright, well I should probably pray then before we get to work in what is my favorite part of the Bible. **If you are single, I apologize in advance.** This will be a very unpleasant sermon for you, because the Bible says to not merely listen to the Word but do what it says. And you can't.

11:21

If you would please, turn with me to the Song of Solomon. One of the great books of the Bible. Some have allegorized this book, and in so doing, they have destroyed it. They have destroyed it. **They will say that it is an allegory between Jesus and his bride the church. Which if true, is weird. Because Jesus is having sex with me and puts his hand up my shirt. And that feels weird. I love Jesus, but not in that way.**

19:00

Wine is a wonderful gift from God. And wine and sex together [laughter from audience], ohhh what a gift! And love, lovemaking is better than wine, but lovemaking is great with wine. Amen? See, we're Christians. Some of you say, this does not sound very Christian. You have gone to the wrong church before coming here.

19:50

[Men,] you should have your wife buy your cologne. You should have your wife buy your soap. You should have your wife buy your shampoo. You should have your wife buy whatever it takes to make you smell sexy. You say, but will that not rob me of my manhood? No, that will cause your wife to take her clothes off. [Laughter from audience.] And that is very manly. Amen? How many of you ladies, the scent of your man matters. If he has not bathed, you are not attracted. If his breath smells like his butt you're not attracted.

22:44

Song of Solomon 2:3

<sup>3</sup> "Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, So is my beloved among the young men. In his shade I took great delight and sat down, And his fruit was sweet to my taste.

Here [laughter] when it says "beloved", this is where it gets good. . . . Chapter 2:3, "Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest," she says, "is my lover among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade and his fruit is sweet to my taste." What is she talking about? Oral sex on her husband. That as he stands, she likes to be beneath him and his taste is sweet. It is a euphemism for oral sex, in your Bible. The Jews wouldn't even let men read this until they were married or thirty. Now you know why. You've got Jewish boys under the blankets at night with a candle. [Laughter from audience.] Men, I am glad to report to you that oral sex is biblical. Amen? [Minimal response from audience.] No, you can do better than that. [Laughter from audience.] The wife performing oral sex on the husband is biblical. God's men said, Amen. Ladies, your husbands appreciate oral sex. They do. So, serve them, love them well. It's biblical. Right here. We have a verse. The fruit of her husband is sweet to her taste and she delights to be beneath him.

24:17

[Driscoll tells a story about a wife who won her husband to Christ by performing oral sex on him. Driscoll told the wife that "Jesus Christ commands you to do so," referring to oral sex.]

25:55

What I would say to you as well, ladies, I probably shouldn't, that most of your husbands wake up in the morning with an erection, and so rather than setting the alarm, if this was the way that you helped to awaken them, they would have a great day. Amen? I'm actually saying these things. Some of you are sitting here going, "Is this happening? Is this really happening?" Yes it is. [Laughter from audience.]

26:36 [after reading Song of Solomon 2:5]

What she's saying is this, "We will make, we are making love so long that I'm exhausted, and I have to stop for refreshments 'cause my blood sugar level is low." Gentlemen, what you learn in this is to wait until your wife is satisfied. Too many men look at pornography, masturbate. As a result, they have no endurance whatsoever. To satisfy your wife, you lovingly wait. You learn the discipline of self-control. It's one of the fruits of the Spirit. This would be a particular application.

28:23

Song of Solomon 2:6

<sup>6</sup> "Let his left hand be under my head And his right hand embrace me."

And ladies, let me assure you of this. If you think you're being dirty, he's pretty happy. [Laughter from audience.] Our line is at different place. If the wife says, "Is that dirty?" "No, that's wonderful." She says, in verse 6, "His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me." She's asking here, in the Hebrew, for manual stimulation of her, probably of her

clitoris. It's a part of the woman's anatomy that has one function, and that is orgasm. It has no other purpose, and it's a wonderful gift that God gives a woman. If you're a man and your married, you don't know where that is, repent and find it. Very important for you to do. But that's what she's asking, that he would hold her, and that he would caress her, and that he would manually stimulate her, that he would masturbate her. She's asking for that. Women, it is okay to ask for such things. Isn't this a great book.

30:31 [in reference to Song 4:5]

When it comes to breasts, all men are breast men. Those who say they are not fall into one of two categories: gay men and liars. [Laughter from audience] Amen? Some women will be like, "Why does he keep touching my breasts? Why does he have this infatuation with my breasts?" It's biblical, God made him that way. Okay? In that, what he is saying to her is, "Your two breasts," and this sounds peculiar, "are like fuzzy animals." You wonder, does this poor woman have some sort of genetic problem? What has happened to this poor woman? [More laughter] "Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle." How many of you ladies, if you took off your shirt and your husband said, "Furry animals," you would say, "Not tonight." [Laughter] What you see here is that Scripture is frank without being crass.

**Song of Solomon 4:5** "Your two breasts are like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle Which feed among the lilies.

. . . When you walk into the petting zoo, what animal is usually included there? Two fawns, twins of a gazelle. Baby animals, baby deer. What he's talking about is, your breasts are the petting zoo. And I love to go there and play with them because like two newborn baby deer that are perky, and fun, and happy, and they match, and they're exciting, and they're fun to pet, that's your breasts. Is that true, Gentlemen, that your wife takes her shirt off and that's the petting zoo? How many of you women, you're making dinner and he just comes right over the shoulder? What is he doing? He comes up the back. He's like a ninja, he sneaks up on you quietly. [Extended laughter and clapping] It's biblical. It's biblical.

33:00

First Corinthians 7 says, when you get married, the husband gives his body to the wife, the wife gives her body to the husband. My wife said that to me once. I said, "Those are my breasts. You just , you just carry them around. But those are my breasts. We traded. You got the hairy back and I got the breasts. We traded." [Laughter from audience] First Corinthians 7 declares it to be so.

33:45 [in reference to Song 4:12-15]

**Song of Solomon 4:12-16** A garden locked is my sister, my bride, A rock garden locked, a spring sealed up. <sup>13</sup> "Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates With choice fruits, henna with nard plants, <sup>14</sup> Nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, With all the trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, along with all the finest spices. <sup>15</sup> "You are a garden spring, A well of fresh water, And streams flowing from Lebanon." <sup>16</sup> "Awake, O north wind, And come, wind of the south; Make my garden breathe out fragrance, Let its spices be wafted abroad. May my beloved come into his garden And eat its choice fruits

He explains her vagina as a garden. What a great metaphor. Again, it's frank but not crass. And he says that, "Your vagina is a garden." It has wonderful smells and it has wonderful tastes. It's a garden. . . . He talks about how much he loves her vagina. Many women feel awkward about this. The husband needs to tell the wife, "It's beautiful. It tastes well. It smells well. You keep yourself well. I enjoy it. It's a garden to me." So she says, upon hearing what he thinks of it, verse 16, " . . . Let my lover come into his garden and taste – there's the key—his choice fruits!"

She invites him to perform oral sex on her, the wife does. How many wives wish their husbands would do this, but the husbands don't? But the wives don't ask. Biblically, the wife has the right to ask. . . . And so she invites her husband to perform oral sex on her.

36:00

[This] leads to my favorite chapter in all of Scripture, chapter 7. This is a wonderful chapter of your Bible.

36:05

The dance of *mah haneim* was an ancient strip tease. This is the biblical justification for stripping, in marriage only. Put those qualifiers in there. Satan did not invent stripping. It's something that God intends his daughters to do and his sons to enjoy in marriage only. How many of you women, I don't need a show of hands, have not stripped enough for your husband? [Driscoll notes that wives need to be willing to undress and dance before their husbands.]

39:55

Tell her, "You've got a cute butt." I'll tell you a story I shouldn't tell you. We were in a grocery store recently. We were in a grocery store recently and my wife and I were holding hands and just, you know, shopping. I said, "Why don't you walk ahead of me for awhile." She said, "What for?" I said, "I just want to watch your butt for awhile." She said, "Watch my butt?" I said, "Yeah, I like your butt. I like you and I like walking with you. But I'd like to watch your butt for awhile, at least through the vegetable section. I want to watch your butt." [Laughter] . . . Let her know.

41:48

So she strips for him. This man has no need to go to a strip club, ladies, because his wife occasionally strips for him.

43:20 [in reference to Song 7:2]

Now the next verse is perhaps the worst translated verse in all of Scripture. "Your navel is a rounded goblet that never lacks blended wine." . . . We should not blush at what God states plainly. . . . He's not talking about her belly button. He's talking about her vagina, that as she is dancing he sees her feet and her legs, and then he talks about her vagina and then her waist. . . .

And her vagina, he says, is like a glass of fine wine that's opened up. You men need to know this, you single men don't, but you married men need to know that when a woman is ready for lovemaking, like a flower she blooms. It's beautiful. She opens. And what happens is, the color of her vagina and of her lips they redden, they darken as blood flows into that area, preparing for marital intimacy. And what he says is, as she's dancing, "Oh, you've bloomed." And it's like a wonderful glass of wine. It's that color and it's that taste.

45:38

Men and women are different. When you women think of your husband, you probably think of looking him in the eye. When your husband thinks of you, he thinks of you naked and dancing. [Laughter from audience] Half hour later, he's like, "There's a head up there. I had no idea." [More laughter.] Never got that far.

[The next few minutes are full of references to butts, breasts, stripping, and consummation.]

49:42

After they have done their intimate relations, they've been together, they've had sex, they've had joy. They're laying in bed together. . . . What does she want to do? She wants to go on a little mini-vacation. Your marriage needs this, out of town. Get away. Have somebody watch the kids. Go to a nice place. Have dinner. Sleep in. Make love. Be naked for a weekend together in the room. . . . Let's make love all day. Let's buy the best bottle of wine. Let's spend some time

together soaking in the tub. . . . [She says:] “When we get there, there are some things we’ve never done that I want to try, there’s some positions, there’s some activities, there’s some sexual freedoms that I’ve been thinking about . . . .” And she tells him here, “I’m even willing to sneak away in the countryside and to make love outdoors.”

**From the video at Glasgow (no time codes on the video):**

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[Note: This sermon was almost identical, but a few parts were stated a little differently. It was preached on Sunday night, November 18, 2007 in Glasgow.]

Luther himself stopped being a priest and married a former nun. And she was a brewer, her name was Catherine. And he would write her love letters when he was away, saying, “Dearest Catherine, I miss making love to you and drinking your beer.” That’s a good woman, right there. A renegade, beer-making, naked nun. That’s a wife, right there. That’s a wife. [Laughter from audience]

Some have wrongly said that the Song of Solomon is an allegory. Which it is not. And some would say it’s an allegory between Jesus and the church. And if so, it is weird. Because Jesus keeps making out with me and touching me in inappropriate places. . . . That’s bizarre. Jesus has his hand up my shirt. That doesn’t help the interpretation in any way. Now I’m gay, or highly troubled, or both.

[After reading Song of Solomon 2:3] That is oral sex. Is that how you say it in Scotland. You say, “We never say that.” But yes, yes, that’s how some say it, yes. That’s oral sex. It’s in the Bible. All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable. And all the men said, “Amen.” [Laughter from audience.] Amen! Guys are like, “I knew it was in there. I was stuck in Leviticus, I’ve been looking for it my whole life.” [More laughter] What she’s saying is—and here the Bible is frank without being crass, because it’s very poetic – but what she says is, “I like – when you are standing I like to be beneath you and your fruit is sweet to my taste.” This is, all the commentators will agree, or the good ones [laughter from audience], that this is – the rest are liars with very bad marriages and very dour looking wives and we pray for them. But anyways this is a woman saying, “I like to perform oral sex on you, my beloved husband.” What do you men think of this? I’ll tell you ladies what your husbands are hoping and praying deeply, passionately in their seat, is this: oral sex is a gift that a wife gives to her husband and he enjoys it. It’s true. It’s true.

[In recounting the story about the man who started coming to Driscoll’s church because his wife began performing oral sex:]

She [the wife] says, “I’ve never performed oral sex on my husband. I’ve refused to.” I said, “You need to go home and tell your husband that you’ve met Jesus and you’ve been studying the Bible, and that you’re convicted of a terrible sin in your life. And then you need to drop his trousers, and you need to serve your husband. And when he asks why, say, ‘Because I’m a repentant woman. God has changed my heart and I’m supposed to be a biblical wife.’” She says, “Really?” I said, “Yeah. First Peter 3 says if your husband is an unbeliever to serve him with

deeds of kindness.” [Laughter from audience] How many men would agree, that is a deed of kindness. He doesn’t want tracts. Those won’t do anything. What we’re talking about here could really help.

[in recounting the story about he and his wife in the grocery story, he added:]

Give you an example. Probably shouldn’t. I don’t think my wife has arrived yet, so I’ll tell you a story. If she comes, it’s just between you and me. Okay. We were in the store recently and my wife and I were walking together, and I kept grabbing her butt. She says, “Why do you keep grabbing my butt?” I said, “I like it, I like it a lot better than my butt. It’s a much better option.” So I asked her at one point, “Could you walk in front of me?” ...

Chapter 6 verse 13 through chapter 7, we’re almost done. This is my favorite chapter in the whole Bible! I believe in the resurrection of Jesus. It’s great too. But *this* is an amazing chapter of the Bible. Chapter 6 verse 13. It’s awesome. It’s awesome. . . . Now, what do you think the dance of *mah haneim* is? It’s an ancient strip tease. Stripping is biblical. You’re welcome.

[Laughter from audience] It’s biblical.