**SONG OF SOLOMON**

**Get Your Groove On!**

**What you need to REMEMBER:**

The first of the Older Testament’s five books of wisdom and poetry is the biographical book of Job which explores why even good and innocent people suffer harm.

The second book in this section is the Psalms. Psalms is a collection of sacred songs, poems, prayers and honest confessions that express the highs and lows of the human faith-journey. The psalmists teach us, by example, that God wants us to engage him with complete authenticity.

Proverbs is the third of these five books. The book of Proverbs is a compilation of wise teachings and soundbites that are meant to teach us how to navigate our choice-filled world by a rightly calibrated compass.

The fourth book is this series is Ecclesiastes. Possessing a generally negative and fatalistic tone, Ecclesiastes explores the temporal nature of life on this earth, concluding that only those who make it their mission to *“fear God and keep his commandments”* can hope for something meaningful that outlives human existence.

**What you need to KNOW:**

The final book in the wisdom/poetry section of the Older Testament is entitled, “The Song of Solomon,” or, alternately, “Song of Songs.” It is a complete departure from the subject matter of the previous book. If put to music, Ecclesiastes would be a listless, depressing, and mournful funeral dirge. By comparison, the Song of Solomon gets a groove on! It is an emotional, fleshy and graphically sensual explosion of human romance and physical attraction. It reminds the reader that as the inventor of gender, sex and marriage, God is also the giver of the thrill, joy and pleasure that is rightly found the experience of true love.

The Song of Solomon is an important addition to the Scriptures, in that it affirms that God is the giver of *all* good gifts and that He desires to speak into the totality of human experience.

**GET GOING!**

**Beware, you might get wide-eyed and blush, but continue your personal Walk Through the Bible by reading The Song of Solomon.**