

Friendship on Fire: The Song of Songs on Marriage

Dr. Iain Duguid (Westminster Theological Seminary)
IBCD Conference 2016

Love is like a friendship caught on fire. In the beginning a flame, very pretty, often hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. As love grows older, our hearts mature and our love becomes as coals, deep-burning and unquenchable.

- Bruce Lee

Song 8:5-7: Love and Death

Daughters of Jerusalem:

⁵ *Who is this coming up from the wilderness, supporting herself upon her beloved?*

Woman:

*Under the apple tree, I aroused you;
there your mother conceived you;
there she conceived, she who brought you forth.*

⁶ *Set me like a seal upon your heart; like a seal upon your arm.*

For love is as strong as Death, jealousy is as intense as Sheol.

Its flames are flames of fire, an Almighty flame!

⁷ *Many waters are not able to extinguish love and rivers cannot drown it.*

*Even if a man should give all the wealth of his house as the price of love,
he would be utterly scorned.*

- i) Who Is This Coming up From the Wilderness?
- ii) Love and death
- iii) A Divine Fire
- iv) Love's Final Triumph
- v) A Greater Treasure
- vi) Catching Fire

Additional Resources:

Iain Duguid, *The Song of Songs* (Tyndale OT Commentary: Downer's Grove, IL, InterVarsity 2015).

Iain Duguid, *The Song of Songs* (Reformed Expository Commentary: Philipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2016).

A longer audio lecture entitled "Interpreting the Song of Songs" can be found here:
http://media2.wts.edu/media/audio/duguid_9-18-13.mp3

The full series of sermons on the Song can be found at Christarp.com