

Purity And Eschatology – Part 1

Song of Solomon 8:8-14



True story from a daughter of a “Hippie Flower Child” of the 60’s and 70’s. The Mother fell prey to the sexual revelation but was converted and pressed home to her daughters the value and virtue of purity. And they actually listened! In fact, one night, her oldest daughter came home from a date one night and said, “Mom, I *really* like him. And *he* really likes *me*. And when I tell him I’m not going to sleep with him, he will *really* like me!” Does that sound so . . . out of touch with reality? Well, it depends on who’s reality you’re speaking of! Indeed, cultural pressure from peers, some public education, the internet, literature, songs, movies, and television desires to shape reality for our unmarried daughters and sons (the order is deliberate because of who is being mostly addressed in the Song). But that’s *their*

reality, not ours, or God’s! We do not have to cave to culture. Christians can be *countercultural* in our approach of purity *before* marriage, passion *within* marriage! By the way, our message is not just “don’t”. We want to be known for saying “do” – but only *within* the God-given boundaries of marriage. This lesson(s) aims to connect two seemingly unrelated themes: Purity and Eschatology! And yes, there *is* a connection!! Let’s consider first the *value* of purity.

What is being communicated here?

Vs 8 sounds a call to responsibility. *Whose* responsibility?

- Being a *wall* means what? And a *door*?
- So, what’s going on?
- What is being affirmed here?
- Let’s tackle two questions.
 - ➔ *How* does one wait? The “5 Point Protection Plan”. What is the plan (If you fail to plan, you plan to fail!)?

→ Why does one wait? What's *Shalom* and *freedom* got to do with it???

What do *we* need to communicate to our children?

- That _____ cares about purity.
- That our _____ cares about purity.
- That our _____ _____ cares about purity.
- That our _____ care (or should care) about purity.
- That ultimately the choice of purity is a matter of _____ _____, embraced and communicated by others to us and communicated to our own hearts!