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**shofar**  
Christian church





# Love part 1:

## Marriage, covenants and sex





# Intro: Love and Lust

- (Mat 5:28) But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



# Intro: Love and Lust

- (Pro 5:18) Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
- (Pro 5:19) a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.





# Intro: Love and Lust

- (Son 4:5) Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, that graze among the lilies.



# 1) Marriage and Covenant

- (Mat 19:5) and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?
- (Mat 19:6) So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."





# Covenant in marriage

- (Mal 2:14) But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.



## Contract

-Consumer

-Conditional on feelings/profitability /performance

The relationship is fueled by performance

\*\*Adjust to my needs

## Covenant

-the relationship is more important than my needs

-The relationship is fueled by the promise

\*\*I will adjust to your needs



# Sex as a Sacrament:





## Sex God's sacrament:

- C. S. Lewis refers to this when he says, "The monstrosity of sexual intercourse outside of marriage is that those who indulge in it are trying to isolate one kind of union (the sexual) from all the other kinds of union which were intended to go along with it and make up the total union."





- Covenant: Sex equals a reminder of our love promise, rest, safety, sharing, trusting, vulnerability, joy
- Outside of covenant: Performance, emotional, measured, audition, groundless



# The Consumer lover

- (2Sa 13:10) Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes she had made and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.
- (2Sa 13:11) But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."
- (2Sa 13:12) She answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this outrageous thing."





# The Consumer lover

- (2Sa 13:13) As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the outrageous fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you."
- (2Sa 13:14) But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.



# The Consumer lover

- (2Sa 13:15) Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up! Go!"
- (2Sa 13:16) But she said to him, "No, my brother, for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me." But he would not listen to her.
- (2Sa 13:17) He called the young man who served him and said, "Put this woman out of my presence and bolt the door after her."





# The covenantal lover

- (Son 4:7) You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you.
- (Son 4:9) You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride; you have captivated my heart with one glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace.
- (Son 4:10) How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!



# The covenant of Jesus

- (Rom 5:8) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- (Rom 5:9) Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.