

Song of Songs 3:11 | THE REJOICING HEART

Study Questions* from 25.11.2018 sermon

Context

- i. How did Jamie say we should interpret/understand the Song of Songs?
- ii. Song of Songs has three main sections. Can you remember what they were?
- iii. Do you find Song of Songs surprising/enigmatic/challenging? Why? Why not?

A wedding

Read Song of Songs 3:6-11

- iv. These verses describe a wedding procession. The bride may well have been in the carriage that the King had made to transport her. What message is Solomon communicating to his bride by the armed guard and the lavish carriage?
- v. The important thing to notice is that the King's heart is rejoicing over his bride. How does that point us to Christ's heart (use Bible passages to back up your answer)?
- vi. Some of us have trouble believing that we are precious to Christ and that his heart rejoices over us. If we feel like that, what sorts of things should we remind ourselves of?

A royal wedding

- vii. It is clear from 3:6-11 that this is no ordinary wedding, but a royal one. Think back to the 321 clip which was shown in the sermon. Discuss what 'royal' privileges become ours when we are 'married' to Christ?

Application

- viii. What was the main application point of the sermon?
- ix. Read Song of Songs 8:6-7. How is this passage the climax of the book and what are the three ways in which it defines love (clue: they all begin with 'p')
- x. Just as Solomon delights in his bride, so Christ delights in his church. Spend some time basking in the depths of Christ's gracious, lavish, secure love for us, and praising him for displaying that love to you.

*Some questions from David Sprouse, *Explore Study Notes to Song of Songs*