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Song of Solomon 2:7

“I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, “By the gazelles or by the does of the field, do not stir up nor awaken love *until the proper time.*” Song of Solomon 2:7

I must speak candidly – for the Scriptures speak candidly. Every person has, of course, been created in the image of God. We are spirit beings, possessing a soul, living in a physical body. We have needs for social interaction as well as personal times of quiet and meditation. We are fashioned in families and yet maintain our own uniqueness as individuals. We are also sexual beings.

God’s gift – yes, sex was God’s idea and His creation and His gift to mankind. It is intended for the race’s procreation and for our enjoyment and mutual strengthening of the marriage covenant. Sex is of heavenly design and is exclusively intended for the safety and sanctity of marriage.

The lesson the Song of Solomon is teaching us here is from the gazelles. All such animals of the field typically, by natural design have a yearly time for mating and bearing young – for our purposes then – there is a time or season for love. To awaken love before that time – marriage – is to awaken an unquenchable fire that will burn the emotions and damage mutual trust.

A wise son or daughter will learn from this instruction. Wisdom coupled with self-control, will enable you to avoid situations where love may “awaken early.” Avoid exclusiveness in relationships before marriage. Be aware of situations that may spark love’s early awakenings.

“Flee youthful lusts.” (2 Timothy 2:22). It is safer to run from lust than to attempt to resist it and find yourself its slave! Run from it! No matter how attractive it may be. It is for your protection. It is for your future marriage’s protection!

“Lord, I ask for Your grace to enable me to not awaken sexual love before its proper time! Help me maintain my sexual purity until You bring me my mate.”

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