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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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Our Bed

Song of Solomon 1:16 Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green.

In verse 15 of this first chapter of Song of Solomon, the Bridegroom says of his Bride—“Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair.” Now here in verse 16 the Bride returns the favor, and says of her Bridegroom—“Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea pleasant.”

Here we have an example of a truth we see played over and over again in Song of Solomon—The Bridegroom and the Bride take

turns praising and complementing each other. The Son of God makes the first move. And the Bride, by the power of the Holy Spirit, follows his lead.

Every Christian marriage follows this same tack. And here we can't help but think of the words of Ephesians 5—

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. **28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. **29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: **30** For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. **31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

