Friendship on Fire: The Song of Songs on Marriage
Dr. Iain Duguid (Westminster Theological Seminary)
IBCD Conference 2016

Love is like a friendship caught on fire. In the beginning a flame, very pretty, often hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. As love grows older, our hearts mature and our love becomes as coals, deep-burning and unquenchable.
- Bruce Lee

Song 8:5-7: Love and Death

Daughters of Jerusalem:
5 Who is this coming up from the wilderness, supporting herself upon her beloved?

Woman:
Under the apple tree, I aroused you; there your mother conceived you; there she conceived, she who brought you forth.
6 Set me like a seal upon your heart; like a seal upon your arm. For love is as strong as Death, jealousy is as intense as Sheol. Its flames are flames of fire, an Almighty flame!
7 Many waters are not able to extinguish love and rivers cannot drown it. Even if a man should give all the wealth of his house as the price of love, he would be utterly scorned.

i) Who Is This Coming up From the Wilderness?
ii) Love and death
iii) A Divine Fire
iv) Love’s Final Triumph
v) A Greater Treasure
vi) Catching Fire

Additional Resources:
Iain Duguid, The Song of Songs (Tyndale OT Commentary: Downer’s Grove, IL, InterVarsity 2015).


A longer audio lecture entitled “Interpreting the Song of Songs” can be found here: http://media2.wts.edu/media/audio/duguid_9-18-13.mp3

The full series of sermons on the Song can be found at Christarp.com