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THE WEDDING DAY

SHEET MUSIC: THE ART OF INTIMACY - PART 4

Song of Solomon 3:1-11

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A Biblical Wedding is...

1. A time for celebration.

Song of Solomon 3:6 (CEV) What do we see approaching from the desert like a cloud of smoke? With it comes the sweet smell of spices, including myrrh and frankincense.

- It is a public celebration.
- It is a sacred celebration.
- It is a joyful celebration.

2. A time for affirmation.

Song of Solomon (NIV) 3:7-10 Look! It is Solomon's carriage, escorted by sixty warriors, the noblest of Israel, all of them wearing the sword, all experienced in battle, each with his sword at his side, prepared for the terrors of the night...its interior lovingly inlaid by the daughters of Jerusalem.

- Friends are affirming their <u>support</u>.
- Friends are affirming their protection.

3. A time for <u>declaration</u>.

Song of Solomon 3:9-11 (NLT) King Solomon's carriage is built of wood imported from Lebanon. Its posts are silver, its canopy gold; its cushions are purple. It was decorated with love by the young women of Jerusalem. Come out to see King Solomon, young women of Jerusalem. He wears the crown his mother gave him on his wedding day, his most joyous day.

Both Solomon and Shulamite are declaring <u>all</u> that I have is yours! They are holding <u>nothing back</u>.