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"The Song of Songs is based upon messages given by Watchman Nee in 1934. This book was originally published in 1945 in Chungking, China."--Preface.

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Dmitry says

There are four primary ways to interpret the Song of Songs - Allegorical (expression of God's love for His people), Dramatic (the story of Solomon's love for the Shulamite woman), Parable (a parable of Christ and His Church), and Literal (Solomon's description of the virtues of human love). Watchman Nee clearly viewed the book as the Parable and did an outstanding job exploring the meaning of it. After reading this book, it is pretty hard to imagine that the other interpretations would have as much impact on a reader.

Every verse is examined in-depth on the subject of believers' relationship with Christ and spiritual growth and development. A lot of words of the Song of Songs, which at initial reading have no meaning or application to daily life, are brought to bright light, showing the path to a deeper understanding and knowledge of Christ and His heart.

A special consideration is given to the trend in the Church to pursue private faith, keeping Christ hidden from the outside world. Instead, Christians, having experienced the depths of Christ's grace, presence, and holiness, are challenged to take their faith to the world around them. Mr. Nee even argues that it is impossible to fully experience God's presence in private, as that is just a small part of God's plan for His people.

This is not a book to be read in one sitting. I found it helpful to read it over several weeks as a devotional, going over each section of the Scripture prior to reading the next portion of the book.

I would highly recommend this book for any Christian seeking to develop a deeper walk with Christ.

Paula White says

My original copy is in pieces held together by rubber bands because I have read it so many times over the years. I love this book, whose writer describes the intimate relationship between Christ and his precious daughter.

Sher♥ The Fabulous BookLover says

This book is amazing! It really opened my eyes to the fact that I am God's bride. Nee breaks up every scripture in the SofS and the wisdom and the things Nee teaches can only be from God. Nee is like John when he was on the Isle of Patmos. This book changed my life!

Olson Property... says

LOVED IT....

Kevin King says

Watchman Nee was one of the first authors to which I was introduced on becoming a Christian, and has remained one of my favourites ever since. He has a wonderful gift of expounding God's word that takes you to the heart of what it means to love, trust and follow Jesus.

So it may seem surprising that I had never read his book on the Song of Songs until now. But, as I began my own study of the Song, my desire was to let the Holy Spirit be my main guide; and I know how easy it is to be influenced by other people's opinions – especially those whom you most admire.

Exploring God's word is rather like mining for treasure. As you dig, you become aware of ever-deeper layers, often – but not always – following the contours of the surface layers; and each containing new secrets. And this is especially true of this Song.

My own approach was to begin with the surface layers – the narrative, as presented and understood by Solomon – and then consider how this foreshadows our own relationship with Jesus, from first encounters to full commitment.

But many authors go on to dig deeper, taking a more spiritualized approach to the Song, interpreting the symbolism of its descriptions from a Bible-wide and New Testament perspective. In doing so, they are expounding truths that were probably never perceived by Solomon himself: but inspired and hidden there by the Holy Spirit for discovery by later generations.

We can often also find that, like the underlying strata of the rocks, the progression of events in prophetic writings are applicable across multiple scales of time and dimension. This is because the principles underlying God's dealings with us hold generally true, whether dealing with individuals or nations, specific events or the generality of human history. So, in our own lives, lessons learned in one situation often have to be re-learned at a deeper level as we progress in our walk with God.

Thus Nee points out that, whereas King David had to fight to gain his kingdom, Solomon stands as a king of peace. He therefore views the Song on a different timescale: treating it as a description of the progress of one who has already found Jesus as their Saviour and is now seeking a deeper relationship with Him.

So because of Nee's different perspective and his gifting as an expositor both of scripture and spiritual life, you will find that this book can take you even deeper into the things of God. It has challenged and encouraged me, and I can highly recommend it.

Dave Jones says

The Song of Solomon is, by far, the hardest book of the bible for me to comprehend. This is the best commentary (granted: I haven't read that many) I've come across. It is a thinking man's book. Much wisdom and insight contained in these pages. I've read it twice and will probably read it again.

Gina Bartlett says

Nee's explanation on symbolic content of Song of Solomon is a new and very different perspective for me. This book represents your relationship to Christ. Absolutely amazing read! Definitely will read, review and study this many times for future reference.

Ragy Nekhela says

Great book. Lot's of meanings that I couldn't understand before. However, I get lost in a rich symbolic content like that. But anyways, I got some precious lessons and satisfied.

Finished on 14 July 2012

Marcus says

10/10

Sam says

Will need to re-read and study this book.

So much symbolism. Opens your eyes to the actual significance of Song of Songs.

"The Holy Spirit once again asks a question through the mouth of a third party. "Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness.. leaning upon her beloved?"...

Here we see that the rapture that delivers us from the wilderness does not happen suddenly, but is a result of a step-by-step walk with the Lord. The rapture is the last step of our walk with the Lord. All that men see will be the instant change from earth to heaven. But this is merely the last step of the rapture. The beginning of the raptured does not happen then. When a believer is attracted by heaven and walking away from the world step by step, he becomes further and further away from the world, and there will be a clearer and clearer separation between him and the world. When the process is complete, he will find himself waking up before the face of the Lord. This is the way that Encoch was raptured..' pg 118.

"If You love me, Your jealousy will follow. Your jealousy will be as cruel as Sheol. You will surely rebuke and surely seek perfection. You will not allow anything to share my heart. Even if You owned a major part of me, You would not be satisfied. Your eyes cannot stand to see those who are Yours being defiled by the world or usurped by other loves. You are jealous; from the beginning of time You have been a jealous God (Exo 20:5). Have not Your apostles told us about the jealousy of God (2 Cor. 11:2)? If You are jealous, who can withstand Your jealousy? What can withstand Your jealousy? You will destroy all Your enemies. You will remove all hindrances until You become the unique Lord, the God of all, and the unchallenged King. In this way, I will be protected, and my chastity will be preserved until I see Your face. "pg 120.

