



The Beams of Our House

A Biblical Framework for a Christian Home
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About the Title

"The Beams of our bouse are cedar, and our rafters of fir" (Song 1:17).

I did not know how hard it is to find a title that fits a book. After some struggle, the above verse was given to me while in a personal study. The Bible has wisdom for every subject—for our spiritual concerns and for righteous living. The Song of Solomon has much to say about the relationships between a husband and wife. That is the foundation of the Christian home.

Song of Solomon chapter one captures the beginnings of that relationship. We are allowed to eavesdrop on a very private conversation. As the couple begins to converse and commune, they may be dreaming of a house they will one day build. In the above verse Solomon seems to say to the Shulamite, "It doesn't really matter the location or construction of a physical house. God builds us a house for our shelter and keeping."

This book is an effort to investigate the beams of that house—the house the Lord builds—the foundation, the support walls, the joists, the rafters, and the roof that make up the Christian home. They are all there in the Word of God. The raw material is laid out. Each Christian has the tools for its construction—the Bible, prayer, discernment, and application. Our construction superintendent is the leadership of the Holy Spirit. God waits for each of us to put up *"The Beams of our bouse."*

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The Morality of the Couple



† The Morality of the Husband †

The Lord is First in All Things

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). The word *hate*, as it is used in this passage, means to love less, to be without love. That is, a man's love for wife, parents, children, brother, sister, or any other, in comparison to his love for Christ, is like no love at all.

Paul recognized the tendency for a husband to put his wife first. "But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife" (I Corinthians 7:33). He uses this as a point of reproach to the believer. Because of his knowledge of her desire for things of the world, the husband's attention is turned from Christ to her desires. The warning is to be sure that your love for Christ supercedes all other loves.

Wife, if the thought of your husband putting God first makes you nervous, understand this. You will never be more loved and honored than by a husband who has made Jesus Lord of all that he is. When he has been motivated by the love of Christ, you will come to a special place that few wives ever attain. Neither husband nor wife