

# A MAP THROUGH THE MINEFIELD OF MUSIC! 1 KINGS 4:29-34

Summary of the text:

Solomon was **wise!**

Solomon was **wiser than any & all others!**

Solomon was wiser in **all ways!**

Solomon was wiser **because** his wisdom came from **God / was God-given!**

Music is a mess, a minefield, & a maze!

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No music	Eclectic	Any & all music
5-10% of people	1%???	80%+ of people
Either from no need of music or f	Carefully chosen & mindfully experienced	Mindless → follow my heart Always highly emotional & doctrineless IF Christian

## Biblical thoughts about music:

**1 Kings 4:29** And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. **1 Kings 4:30** And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. **1 Kings 4:31** For he was **wiser than all** men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. **1 Kings 4:32** And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. **1 Kings 4:33** And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. **1 Kings 4:34** And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

### 1. Solomon wrote songs

### 2. Solomon wrote lots of songs

How many? 1005

### 3. Solomon wrote a great variety of songs!

Certainly with a great variety of subjects

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Highly probable – with a great variety of styles

Trees, cedar trees, hyssop, animals, birds, reptiles, fish,...&...human love!!!

### 4. Solomon wrote **both** spiritual & secular songs!

This is only a partially helpful distinction.

Categories (labels, nomenclature) are like bags  
They help us carry things  
However, they are **not** the things themselves!

<u>Psalm 72:title</u> A Psalm for (לְשִׁירָה) Solomon.	<u>Psalm 72:title</u> OF SOLOMON. <u>Psalm 127:title</u> A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF SOLOMON.
<u>Psalm 127:title</u> A Song of degrees for (לְשִׁירָה) Solomon.	
לְ	To, for, by, reference to, about, towards, in regard to...

### 5. Solomon wrote **both** canonical and non-canonical songs!

Mostly? --non-canonical

## 6. Solomon wrote the greatest song ever written!

Song of Solomon 1:1 THE **song of songs**, which is Solomon's.

שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים אֲשֶׁר לְשֻׁלֹמֹה:

## 7. Solomon wrote the / his greatest song about human love!

Song of Solomon 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: For thy love is better than wine.

Song of Solomon 1:5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, As the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. Song of Solomon 1:6 Look not upon me, because I am black, Because the sun hath looked upon me: My mother's children were angry with me; They made me the keeper of the vineyards; But mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Song of Solomon 1:7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, Where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: For why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

Song of Solomon 1:13 A bundle of myrrh is my wellbeloved unto me; He shall lie all night betwixt my breasts. Song of Solomon 1:14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire In the vineyards of En-gedi. Song of Solomon 1:15 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; Thou hast doves' eyes. Song of Solomon 1:16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: Also our bed is green.

Song of Solomon 2:1 I am the rose of Sharon, And the lily of the valleys. Song of Solomon 2:2 As the lily among thorns, So is my love among the daughters. Song of Solomon 2:3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, So is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste.

Song of Solomon 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love. Song of Solomon 2:5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: For I am sick of love. Song of Solomon 2:6 His left hand is under my head, And his right hand doth embrace me.

Song of Solomon 2:14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

Song of Solomon 2:15 Take us the foxes, The little foxes, that spoil the vines: For our vines have tender grapes.

Song of Solomon 2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: He feedeth among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 2:17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, Turn, my beloved, And be thou like a roe or a young hart Upon the mountains of Bether.

Song of Solomon 5:1

Song of Solomon 6:8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, And virgins without number. Song of Solomon 6:9 My dove, my undefiled is but one; She is the only one of her mother, She is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; Yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

Human love with all its:		
Beauty	Complexity	Difficulty
Fantasy (imagination)	Mystery	Fragility

Many cannot accept this – this can't be about human love but must be about God / Jesus!

There is some truth to this:

Ephesians 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. Ephesians 5:31 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. Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

## 8. The songs Solomon wrote received Divine approval and came from Divine wisdom

Human creativity:

- is from God (a gift of God!)
- is like God (participating in creating something like God does)
- is by / through God (His ability)
- for God

Romans 11:36 For of him (ἐξ αὐτοῦ), and through him (δι' αὐτοῦ), and to him (εἰς αὐτὸν), are all things: **to whom be glory for ever. Amen.**

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: **that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

1 Chronicles 29:11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.