

Song of Songs

Journeying into Divine Love

Season 2 Part 8 Song of Songs 4:1-2



Scriptures

- **Song of Songs 4:1:**
How beautiful you are, my darling,
How beautiful you are!
Your eyes are like doves behind your veil;
Your hair is like a flock of goats
That have descended from Mount Gilead.
- **Ephesians 5:26-32:** *Passage describing Jesus' relationship with the church as a marital relationship.*
- **1 Samuel 16:1-11:** *God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*
- **Colossians 1:27:** to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- **Ephesians 1:18:** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...
- **1 John 1:8:** If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- **Matthew 3:16:** After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him...
- **Romans 8:11:** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- **1 Corinthians 3:16:** Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- **1 Timothy 2:9:** Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments,
- **Numbers 6:5:** *Nazarite vow.*
- **1 Corinthians 11:5-6:** But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head.
- **James 3:1-12:** *Passage about the tongue.*
- **Revelation 12:11:** And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.
- **Romans 10:9:** *Confessing with the mouth that Jesus is Lord leads to salvation.*

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Main Points

- Some forms of love are best expressed with poetry. The Song of Songs is written as a poem; it's a love letter from God/Jesus to us, His bride.
- You are beautiful to God. God looks at the hidden person of the heart, so regardless of your outward appearance or your past failures or current struggles, you are beautiful to Him!
 - Our failures do not define us.
 - God defines you based on who He created you to be in Messiah. Jesus' blood cleansed you and God has a destiny for you as a new creation in Jesus. You are who He says you are in His word.
- Jesus is in you and He is the exact representation of God, the hope of Glory. He is working in your life to conform you to His beautiful image.
- Starting in Chapter 4, the King begins to praise the Bride from head to toe.
 - Eyes. The eyes are the window to the soul – you can see a person's soul through their eyes (e.g., joy, sadness, fear). Doves typify loyalty and faithfulness. They only mate with one partner their entire life. Doves also represent the Holy Spirit and God is communicating that there is a supernatural quality to your life now. In us is the uncreated, "Zoe" life of God. God sees His own life (resurrection life) in us, working in us!
 - Veil. The veil speaks of modesty and elegance. Modesty comes from a security in God. When people are boisterous and arrogant, they are often overcompensating for a lack of security and confidence. When you are secure, there is no need to prove yourself.
 - Hair. Hair speaks of dedication (e.g., the Nazarite vow) and submission to divine authority (1 Cor. 11:5-6). The King sees the Bride's hair as beautiful because she is dedicated to Him and living under His authority.
 - Teeth. The King admires the Bride's teeth, because they are white like a ewe that had just been washed, communicating that the words she was speaking were clean. It matters what we say. We gain salvation and overcome by the words we speak (Romans 10:9 and Revelations 12:11). If we speak words of life, our whole being will be brought into life. If we speak words of negativity, cursing, and criticism our life will be brought into darkness. We need to control our hearts by what we say. We need to ask the Holy Spirit for discipline and self-control over our tongues.

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Discussion Questions

1. What has been your experience reading poetry? Why was the Song of Song written in poetic language?

2. Discuss what defines us as Christians, Jesus' Bride?

3. Discuss each of the physical characteristics (eyes, veil, hair, and teeth) of the Bride that the King praises in the first verses of chapter 4.
 - a. What do they represent?

 - b. Why was the King praising them?

 - c. What does it mean for you as Jesus' Bride?