

Mysteries of the Song of Songs Season 4: God's Cure for Shame

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Scripture

- **Song of Solomon 1:4,5, 7-8, 12**

The king has brought me into his chambers. I am black but lovely. ..Do not stare at me because I am swarthy, for the sun has burned me. My mother's sons were angry with me; They made me caretaker of the vineyards, but I have not taken care of my own vineyard.

” Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, where do you pasture your flock, where do you make it lie down at noon? For why should I be like one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions? “if you yourself do not know, most beautiful among women. Go forth on the trail of the flock. And pasture your young goats by the tents of the shepherds. While the king was at his table, my perfume gave forth its fragrance.

Other Scriptures

- John 13:5-8
- Song of Songs 1:4
- Ephesians 1:18
- I Peter 3:4
- I Samuel 16:6-11
- Judges 6:24
- John 20:21-22
- Romans 16:20
- Hebrews 10:25
- Matthew 18:20
- I Corinthians 12:14-25
- John 17:20-21

Main Points

- You are **beautiful** to the Lord.
- Shalom-peace, nothing lacking.
- The Lord is peace!
- Don't you know how beautiful you are to God?!
- There is life in unity, but division brings death.
- If you want to feel close to the Lord, you've got to serve.

Discussion Questions

1. What was getting in the way of the Shulamite's being able to receive all that the King had for her? What was the King's response?
2. What causes us to have shame and self-rejection? What does God want us to do with that? Is it okay to stay in that place? Why or why not?
3. An example of God's regard for the outside appearance is evidenced in the life of David (I Samuel 16:6-11). What is the back story? What did God say He found most important?
4. Why did the Shulamite desire to take off her veil? What did she mean by this?
5. What other connections do we need today in order to know the Lord in intimacy? With the sheep? Near the shepherd?