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Song of Solomon Series

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TEXT: 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.

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.

Review:

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

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

Leviticus 13:3...and when the hair in the plague is **turned white**...the priest shall look on him, and **pronounce him unclean**.

6...and, behold, if the plague be **somewhat dark**...the priest shall **pronounce him clean**...

Job 30:30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.

Lamentations 5:10 Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.

Ruth 3:10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, **inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich**.

Ezekiel 20:42 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and **ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight** for all your evils that ye have committed.

44 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways...

Proverbs 31:18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good...

Song of Solomon 2:10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, **my fair one**, and come away.

"Humility does not consist in having a worse opinion of ourselves than we deserve, or in abasing ourselves lower than we really are; but as all virtue is founded in truth, so humility is founded in a true and just sense of our weakness, misery and sin."

(William Law)

"Persons seem to think that humility lies in a man's believing that he is not what he is...Suppose a man, on balancing his accounts, finds that he is worth ten thousand pounds: it is not pride in that man to say, 'I have ten thousand pounds;' and it would not be humility to say, 'I am not worth ten thousand pounds.' To recognize and know exactly what he is, and what he has, is not pride. If a man is at the head of an establishment...it is not pride to say, 'I am at the head of it'...for to say he is not the head, would be a falsehood and folly; to recognize that he is the head, is only proper and correct. Taking this simple case, it is plain that...humility does not consist in denying what you have, and what you are. But, one thing is very certain - that a proud man is inclined to think that he is what he is not...Then, what is pride? Take this man again. There he is, with his accounts just balanced: and the fact comes out for the first time in his life...that he is worth ten thousand pounds...One man...says, 'God, I thank Thee for that Thou hast given me power to get this wealth.' Another man thinks nothing of God at all; he never thinks of any mercy having been given him at all: he looks at the fact, that he is worth ten thousand pounds; and he thinks how clever and successful he has been: his heart rises with the thought...Now, that which constitutes pride is this - a man conceiving himself to be anything, or to have anything, independently of God. When a man acknowledges, 'I have so much,' but feels 'I have received it, I am a debtor, I am accountable for it;' - that is not pride."

(W.H. Rule, *Religion in its Relation to Commerce*, 1852)

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly** than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

1 Samuel 16:6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, **The LORD hath not chosen these.**

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, **Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.** And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

1 Corinthians 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, **and things which are despised, hath God chosen**, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

Luke 1:52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

Luke 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

1 Samuel 2:4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Daniel 3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, **Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?** They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see **four men** loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of **the fourth is like the Son of God**.

Luke 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Job 19:17 My breath is strange to my wife...

18 Yea, young children despised me...

19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

Psalms 22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn...

16...they pierced my hands and my feet.

Psalms 83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and **your life is hid** with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Luke 13:20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and **it doth not yet appear** what we **shall be**: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Philippians 2:15...in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom **ye shine** as lights in the world;

Psalms 119:141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

"...as he was not carried away by flattery, so was he not overcome by shame."

(Spurgeon)

Galatians 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Proverbs 14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and **a good man shall be satisfied from himself.**