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## Dove's Eyes: What Men Respond To

*Song of Solomon Series*

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**TEXT: Song of Solomon 1:15** Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; **thou hast doves' eyes.**

16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.

17 The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

"...rejoice with the wife of thy youth. **Let her be** as the loving hind and pleasant roe...be thou ravished always with **her love**. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman...**For** the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD..." (Prov. 5)

**Song of Solomon 4:1** Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast **doves' eyes** within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats...

**Song of Solomon 5:12** **His eyes** are as **the eyes of doves** by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set.

"Like domestic pigeons, doves mate or bond for life, until one of the partners dies. Then the survivor will seek another mate."

(American Dove Association)

"...mourning doves mate for life (Stewart and Mackey 1954, Laub 1956, Jackson 1963, Brackbill 1970, Blockstein 1986a) and are often seen at backyard feeders as lifelong bonded pairs...courtship...is continual...pairs mutually wink or blink...[at each other] to reinforce their relationship."

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**Matthew 6:21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: **if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.**

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life...

...His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters...

**Isaiah 59:11**...and **mourn** sore like **doves**:

**Psalms 119:136** Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

**Luke 19:41** And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and **wept over it**,

"It is not a stoical apathy...much less a delightful partaking with sinful practices...Not a proud setting off of their own goodness...Not the derision and mocking...breaking forth into railings...They thought they had been of Elijah's spirit...Thus heady zeal often mistakes and flatters itself..."

(Robert Leighton; quoted in *Treasury of David*)

**Job 39:29** From thence she seeketh the prey, and **her eyes behold afar off**.

**Proverbs 22:3** A prudent man **foreseeth** the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

**2 Peter 1:9** But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off...

**Ephesians 5:15** See then that ye walk **circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise,

**Proverbs 6:24** To keep thee from the evil woman, from **the flattery** of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

"The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir."

**Psalms 78:4** We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

-In the early 1960s, Helen Andelin, a Mormon, published the book *Fascinating Womanhood*, that sold at least a million copies, as part of the anti-feminist movement.

-The book was based on a series of booklets from the early 1920's, titled, *Fascinating Womanhood*, by the Psychology Press:

"Thoughtful-minded people have deplored the chaotic conditions which came as an aftermath of the Great War. In no respect were these conditions more delplorable than as they found expression in the 'flapper,' with her seeming disregard of all social coventions that her elders held sacred...Her flippancy, her immodesty of speech, dress and deportment, her sacrilegious...disrespect...[Even the] average girl of today is different...Her flippancy and immodesty is...the result of wrong teaching or wrong thinking...[This book] tells how the *real* attractiveness of genuine womanhood may be cultivated and expressed...These are Nature's laws - God's laws...To win men [a husband] certain definite principles must be followed...They are the

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principles of human nature...Is this unmaidenly?..[Observe how this works, and what men respond to with a girl we will call Innocent]. Does she talk about herself? Not she!...her eyes and her attitude show every indication of amazement [for Johnny]...Although Innocent doesn't understand a word of his technicalities, Johnny doesn't care - not while those eyes persist in regarding him as an extraordinary man...'Ive [seen] prettier girls...but none of them has eyes like hers.' Anyone else could see, of course, that the only unusual thing about them is the...respect, approval, and appreciation with which they regard Johnny...Johnny [after a time] proposes...[Now, what is the man's viewpoint? What do they care about?]...a gentle, dainty, lovable and womanly woman [must] have a gentle, lovable, and womanly manner and appearance. A lovely disposition must not be marred by a scowling face and an irritable manner; glorious health must not be disguised by stopping shoulders...and a womanly woman must not be concealed under a mannish appearance and manner...You may, in your own opinion, have such an appearance and manner; but are they distinctly to be seen from a man's point of view?...THE THINGS THAT A WOMAN ADMIRES ANOTHER WOMAN FOR ARE RARELY ATTRACTIVE TO MEN. THE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH THE AVERAGE WOMAN IGNORES OR CONDEMNNS IN ANOTHER WOMAN ARE SOMETIMES JUST THE CHARACTERISTICS THAT [MEN LIKE]...As women are more or less blind to [the perspective of men], the first thing you must do, if you would get the man's viewpoint, is to banish all preconceived notions you have about what makes a woman attractive to men [for godly marriage]...Those notions, in all likelihood, are wrong. Women, for example, commonly suppose that one of the main allurements is beauty; but they haven't the slightest conception of what a man considers beautiful. Men never cease to wonder at the inability of women to distinguish beautiful women from others...so with attractiveness of character...Certain men, however, have undertaken to put [these things] in writing...Thackeray describes beauty as...'kind, fresh, smiling...tender...''her face blushed with rosy health...smiles, and she had a pair of eyes which sparkled with the brightest and honestest of good humor, except, indeed, when they filled with tears, and that was a great deal too often...''[In all of these different writings and nationalities, we see men seeking women who] shed joy around...radiate happiness...cast light upon dark days...Her presence lights up the home, her approach is like a cheerful warmth...Both Thackeray and Hugo compare their ideals with a little bird...fresh and joyous...[Some speak of] 'treasing playfulness' [on some occasions]...[and there is] an impression of tenderness and of frailty...'simple innocence'...irreproachable purity and sweetness of character...We now come to the most startling circumstance of all. Neither of these [ladies] is exceptionally beautiful, beauty being considered as applying to appearance alone...[We see great attention given to their smile, their likeness to birds, sparkling eyes and joyous mannerisms, tenderness, frailty, childlikeness, purity and gentleness]..."

**1 Peter 3:1** Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, **if any obey not** the word, they also may without the word **be won** by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is **in the sight of God of great price.**

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

"Next, my lovely girls, remember to be courteous and unassuming [not arrogant or haughty]; for there is no more beautiful virtue...For gentleness will tame the most untamable and unapproachable spirit...[A king and queen sought a bride for their son out of certain sisters. One sister was] found attractive in the extreme...but she had a trick of talking too much, and of replying before she had thoroughly understood what it was was put to her...[You] should always thoroughly have caught the meaning of what is said to you, before you reply...[For this reason, another, less attractive sister was chosen as the bride]..."

(Geoffroy de La Tour-Landry, *The Book of the Knight of the Tower*, compiled by a French Knight for the instruction of his daughters, 1372)

**Mark 13:36** Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

**Psalms 68:12** Kings of armies did flee apace: and **she that tarried at home** divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be **as the wings of a dove** covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

**2 Corinthians 11:2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

**Genesis 8:7** And he sent forth **a raven**, which went forth **to and fro**, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth **a dove** from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 But **the dove found no rest** for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth...

**Psalms 66:16** Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

**Psalms 98:1** O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

**Psalms 105:5** Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;