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The Shadows Flee Away

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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The Shadows Flee Away

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.**

We all know the saying—"It's always darkest before dawn." And that would seem to be a fitting summary of the verse we are looking at here in Song Of Solomon this morning.

This verse, along with the opening verse of chapter 3, forms one of the many **night scenes** found in Scripture. We all experience these night scenes during our lifetime here in this great and terrible wilderness. But when these scenes unfold, we are never alone.

And it is important to remember that our God is a God "who giveth songs in the night." Job 35:10.



Even in the darkness of night, when the enemy is on the prowl, the Bride can say in faith—"My Beloved is mine, and I am his!" And even in the darkness of night, she can patiently wait "***until the day break, and the shadows flee away.***"

No matter how dark the night may be, she believes and knows that the ***day will break.*** The dawn will come. It is not a matter of "if" the dawn will come. It is only a matter of "when" it will happen.

She also knows the truth that "it is always darkest before dawn." And her beloved Bridegroom has promised her—"***Behold, I come quickly!***" The dark clouds will break, and the shadows will flee away so very quickly. She can count on it.