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Doves' Eyes

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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Sermon Text: Song Of Solomon 4:1a

Doves' Eyes

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

The Flawless Beauty of the Bride

Chapter 4 of the ***Song of Songs*** begins with the Bridegroom praising the flawless beauty of his Bride. ***Behold, thou art fair, my love! Behold, thou art fair!*** Which in itself is a miracle. Because it didn't begin that way.

The opening words of Ezekiel 16 describe the condition of the Bride at her birth. And the picture is not a pretty one.

Ezekiel 16:1 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

:2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

:3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

:4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

:5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

Sadly, this was your condition and mine.



But then the Holy Spirit entered the scene. And working through the power of his Word, what a change took place! He puts it this way in I 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.***

So the ***Bridegroom*** here in the opening words of Song of Songs 4 describes his beautiful Bride. The first thing he mentions is her ***beautiful eyes***, which are likened to the eyes of a ***dove***.