

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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**March 10, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey of Awakening Mature Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 10 – Dark, But Lovely***

For the next few days we will look into Song of Songs 1:5-11.

"I am dark (in my heart), but lovely (to God), O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon." (Song 1:5)

The dark tents of Kedar speak of the darkness of the flesh. They were blackened tents that were made out of the dark skins of wild goats.

The curtains of Solomon on the other hand were made with beautiful and valuable material. The beauty of these curtains was not seen by everyone but only by the priests who could go into the holy place. This represents the inward work of grace in her life as well as the inner beauty that is seen by the Bridegroom King.

In this verse she is saying "I am like dark tents on the outside, but inside I am beautiful like the curtains of Solomon in the holy place." She is saying, "My heart is weak and yet to Him, I am beautiful."

The Bride (Shulamite woman) is experiencing a crisis that some call the "paradox of grace". She discovers her sin (weakness of her flesh) but she also gets a revelation of her loveliness to God. It is essential for our spiritual growth to see that we are lovely as we see more of our sinfulness. The combination of these two truths causes us to grow in confidence and gratitude in our relationship with Jesus. Without understanding how the Lord sees us in our weakness will cause us to run away from Him in shame. It can produce sincere repentance but it will also leave believers to be emotionally paralyzed in their relationship with Jesus.

Yes, it is true that we are imperfect and sinful. We are weak and we are broken and yet, that's not how the Lord sees us. Our brokenness doesn't throw Him off. It doesn't make Him change His mind about us. He's fully aware of all the times we messed up and all the times we will mess up in the future. He sees and knows all of that and yet when He looks at us, He calls us beautiful. Even in our weakness, we ravish His heart.