

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

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**March 16, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey of Awakening Mature Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 16 – Jesus' Affirmation & Encouragement***

In Song 1:9-10 Jesus compares her to three things that reaffirm the loveliness of her sincerity and willing spirit before Him. Then He gives a promise in verse 11. The first thing He does is to speak to her heart by calling her "My love".

"I have compared you, My love, to My filly among Pharaoh's chariots." (Song 1:9)

A filly is a horse. It's a symbol for strength and power. This represents her strength in righteousness. Pharaoh's chariots had the greatest, strongest and most skilled horses in the earth. Jesus compares her strength to them.

"Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments" (Song 1:10a)

The cheeks in the book of Song speaks of emotion. Cheeks reveal anger and joy, etc. The ornaments are created by the skillful work of an artist to beautify its object. Jesus Himself is the artist that has worked to beautify us. Though God sees anger, bitterness, weakness in us, He also sees passion growing in us for Jesus. God is saying, "Your emotions are beautiful. I have skillfully put a "Yes!" in you for Jesus. That moves His heart.

"Your neck with chains of gold" (Song 1:10b)

The neck is a symbol of the will. The neck is what turns the head as it chooses which way to go, right or left. The chains of gold speak of royal authority. God sees her submission to divine authority and her resolute will to obey Jesus.

"We will make you ornaments of gold with studs of silver." (Song 1:11)

Ornaments of gold represent divine character. He's saying that she will be made Christ-like in her golden character. This speaks of believers purified with fire. Studs of silver speak of redemption. Not only will she be made to be like Christ, but she will be equipped and used to bring redemption to others.

He tells her that "We will make you". This is a divine promise to complete His work in her. Even at the moment where we feel weakest, the Lord is reaffirming our beauty to Him. He's reassuring us that we don't have to live defeated in shame. He sees the "Yes" in our hearts and it moves Him. If we just trust Him, He will complete His work in us. He promises us victory in the areas we have stumbled and He will use us to bring redemption to others.