

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

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**April 7, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 38 – Redemptive Words, Tender Hearts***

### **LIPS: GODLY AND ANOINTED SPEECH (Song 4:3)**

"Your lips are like a strand of scarlet..." (Song 4:3a)

**Her lips:** The lips represent how we speak. The comparison to scarlet signifies words that bring healing and redemption to others, much like how the blood of Jesus brings us redemption. This connects to the story of Rahab in Joshua 2, where a scarlet thread marked her house for salvation. Similarly, Moses used scarlet wool to sprinkle the blood on the people, symbolizing God's redemption (Heb. 9:19).

**Wholesome speech:** Our words should be edifying and filled with grace. This is a sign of God's presence and transformation in our lives (Col. 4:6; Eph. 4:29). Just as scarlet represents redemption, our speech should reflect that same redemptive, life-giving nature.

### **MOUTH: HER INTIMACY WITH GOD (Song 4:3)**

"Your mouth is lovely." (Song 4:3b)

**Intimacy with God:** The "mouth" here is not just about speech but refers to a deeper connection with God. In Song 1:2, the "kisses of His mouth" symbolized intimacy. When we commune with God, even in our imperfections, He finds it beautiful and delightful. This shows that our love for God, even when imperfect, is precious to Him.

**Affection toward God:** The more we draw close to God, the more we experience a deep, loving relationship with Him. Even if our love feels weak, God cherishes it. Our intimacy with Him is a reflection of His love for us, which we should value and nurture.

### **TEMPLE: HER EMOTIONAL MAKE-UP (Song 4:3)**

"Your temples behind your veil are like a piece of pomegranate." (Song 4:3c, d)

**Emotional expression:** The "temples" or "countenance" (cheeks) reveal our emotions. Our facial expressions show what we feel, whether it's joy, sadness, or shame. The image of the pomegranate, a sweet fruit, symbolizes her emotional sweetness and purity before God. It's a picture of someone whose emotions are wholesome and pleasing to God.

**Modesty and tenderness:** The red color of the pomegranate also reflects her modesty, a sign of innocence and sensitivity to what is holy. Unlike a person who feels no shame in their immodesty, her red countenance speaks of a purity that blazes in the presence of wrong.

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The “veil” represents the hidden life of modesty she maintains in her relationship with God, something genuine and not just for show.

### **Reflection**

The imagery in these verses speaks to the beauty of a heart and life that reflects God’s grace and purity. Our speech, like scarlet, should be redemptive and bring life to others. Even when our love for God feels imperfect, He sees it as beautiful, affirming the value of intimacy with Him. Our emotional makeup, symbolized by the pomegranate, shows that our hearts should be sweet and tender before God, marked by modesty, blushing at what is shameful, and keeping a hidden, genuine life of purity. These qualities: godly speech, intimacy with God, and emotional purity, are reflections of His presence in our lives, inviting us to live in such a way that brings glory to Him.