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**April 8, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras**

## ***Day 39 – The Bride’s Continuing Maturity***

### **NECK: HER RESOLUTE WILL**

“Your neck is like the tower of David, built for an armory, on which hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.” – Song of Songs 4:4

In Scripture, the neck often symbolizes the will, either in resistance (a stiff neck) or in surrender. When someone placed their foot on the neck of a conquered enemy, it was a powerful image of submission. In this verse, the bride’s neck is not stiff or resistant, it is strong, steady, and willingly submitted to God.

Her will is like the heart of David, resolute and steadfast before God (Psalm 57:7). She is not double-minded or wavering in her commitment; instead, she has chosen to stand firm in obedience, no matter the cost.

The “tower of David” was strong, elevated, and well-fortified, a symbol of strength and preparedness. Likewise, her will is not weak or easily swayed; it is like a fortified tower that protects and defends what is valuable.

This tower is described as an armory, filled with weapons, shields hanging like trophies. Her will is a spiritual armory, filled with faith and obedience, ready for battle. The thousand shields speak of complete and overwhelming protection, much like the “shield of faith” mentioned in Ephesians 6:16, which protects us from the enemy’s attacks.

Her unwavering “yes” to God is her greatest weapon. It shows that true spiritual strength isn’t found in talent, knowledge, or charisma, but in a will that has chosen to submit fully to Jesus. God does not force us to obey; He invites us to willingly surrender. Our victory begins with that choice.

### **BREASTS: ABILITY TO NURTURE OTHERS**

“Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, which feed among the lilies.” – Song of Songs 4:5

Breasts in Scripture are often symbolic of the ability to nurture and give life, just as a mother feeds her infant. The comparison to “two fawns, twins of a gazelle” speaks of gentleness, purity, and youthfulness. These are not aged or dry, but full of life and supply, able to continually nourish others.

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The fact that they are twins suggests a double portion, a full and balanced ability to care for and feed others spiritually. The bride has matured into someone who can minister to others with the “milk of the Word,” giving spiritual nourishment with grace and purity.

The fawns “feed among the lilies”, a picture of her ministry flourishing in an atmosphere of holiness and love. Lilies often represent purity and beauty in Scripture. Her ability to nurture is rooted not in striving but in abiding in the beauty of God’s presence.

### **Reflection:**

These verses offer a beautiful picture of spiritual maturity. The bride’s neck represents her steadfast will, a will that has learned to say “yes” to God no matter what. It’s not stubborn or hesitant but strong and submitted, like a mighty tower filled with weapons of faith.

Her breasts symbolize her ability to nurture others. She has grown from someone needing to be fed into someone who can now feed others with the truth of God’s Word. Her ministry is not forced or formulaic; it is gentle, life-giving, and flowing from a pure heart.

Together, these images remind us that spiritual maturity is both strength and softness, resolute obedience and compassionate nurture. We are called to be like her: submitted in will, and fruitful in love.