

***THE FAIREST OF TEN THOUSAND: THE SONG OF THE SHULAMITE***  
***THE ATTRIBUTES OF JESUS IN SONG OF SOLOMON 5:10-16***  
***SESSION SIX: THE KING'S BEAUTIFUL EYES***  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

One of the deepest longings of the human heart is to be seen, to be known and accepted as valuable and lovely. The cry “watch me” comes from the heart of every child, and is lived out in a variety of ways. We seek the attention of One who will know us deeply, and love us perfectly. That longing is met in the gaze of the King, whose eyes behold us with kindness and love night and day.

**I. THE METAPHOR – “HIS EYES ARE LIKE DOVES BY THE RIVERS OF WATERS, WASHED WITH MILK AND FITLY SET.”**

- A. Like Doves – peaceful and innocent
- B. By the Rivers of waters – perspective of rest and peace
- C. Washed with milk – perspective of God’s heart
- D. Fitly set – balanced, sees all dimensions of reality

**II. HIS INNOCENT AND PEACEFUL GAZE**

- A. The Healing Power of a Pure Gaze
    - 1. He longs to see you and hear your voice – Song 2:14
    - 2. Example: the broken women of John 8, and Luke 7. Jesus saw them for who they really were – worshippers who would love Him and become carriers of His light.
    - 3. This is the power of the King’s gaze in Song of Solomon
      - a. 1:8-10,15; - fairest of women; highest value; lovely; single focus
      - b. 2:2,10-14; - exceedingly fair; dove; sweet voice and lovely face
      - c. 4:1-15; - the King’s prophetic declarations over the Shulamite’s life
      - d. 6:4-10,13; - same attributes as in 4:1-15, but now mature
      - e. 7:1-9 – affirmation of the daughters now agrees with the King
  - B. Gives us confidence to rest in time of trouble
    - 1. 2 Samuel 16:12 – the Lord sees our affliction (David and Shimei)
    - 2. Psalm 10:14 – He sees the plight of the helpless and repays them
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3. Isaiah 37:17 – He sees and hears the threats of the enemy (Sennacherib)

C. Contrast with effects of an impure gaze

1. The lust of Herod – Mark 6:22

The impure, lustful gaze kills the prophetic voice, eliminating the possibility of seeing one another with the eyes of Christ.

2. Consumes with selfish desire – “she looks like she wants to eat me!” This is the reality of any gaze that looks on someone else for my personal benefit – “what can you do for me?”

### **III. THE KING'S PERFECT PERSPECTIVE**

A. His Perspective of Rest and Peace

1. Dove as Symbol of faithful love – mates for life

2. Dove as Symbol of humility – feeds on the ground

B. His Perspective in Line with God's Heart

1. Sees according to the Word of the Father

a. Isaiah 11:3-5 – not by appearance, but according to righteousness

b. John 1:47-51 – the calling of Nathanael

2. Searches for those loyal to Him – 2 Chronicles 16:9

C. His Balanced Perspective

1. Sees All Dimensions of Reality

a. Job 34:21 – sees our steps

b. Psalm 113:6 – God humbles Himself to behold the affairs of earth

c. Proverbs 5:21 – ponders all the paths of men

d. Proverbs 15:3 – His eyes in every place, watching good and evil

e. Jeremiah 16:17 – His eyes watch; nothing is hidden

f. Jeremiah 32:19 – sees all, and rewards accordingly

- g. Hebrews 4:13 – nothing is hidden before the One to whom we are accountable

This sometimes seems fearful to those whose hearts are not yet healed concerning the tenderness of the King's perspective. Consider these words to an old hymn:

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the selfless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.**

D. His Perspective Arises out of His Omniscience

1. His “eyes” speak of His omniscience – the complete and total knowledge that He has of all people, all things and all situations. He gazes upon all things with innocence, peace, and purity to such a degree that all things are pure to Him (Titus 1:15). He sees the motivation of the heart, considers it with all kindness and mercy, and makes His judgments on the basis of perfect righteousness and justice. It is by this faculty that God is able to cause all things to work together for good to those that love Him – Romans 8:28.

**Titus 1:15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. NKJV**

**... every ordinance of religion, every command of God, every event that occurs in divine Providence, tends to promote the holiness of one who is of pure heart. He can see a sanctifying tendency in everything, and can derive from all that is commanded, and all that occurs, the means of making the heart more holy. While a depraved mind will turn every such thing to a pernicious use, and make it the means of augmenting its malignity and corruption, to the pure mind it will be the means of increasing its confidence in God, and of making itself more holy. To such a mind everything may become a means of grace. (from Barnes' Notes, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1997 by BibleSoft)**

**OMNISCIENCE.** The divine attribute of perfect knowledge. This is declared in Ps 33:13-15; 139:11-12; 147:5; Prov 15:3; Isa 40:14; 46:10; Acts 15:18; 1 John 3:20; Heb 4:13, and in many other places. The perfect knowledge of God is exclusively His attribute. It relates to Himself and to all beyond Himself. It includes all things that are actual and all things that are possible. Its possession is incomprehensible to us, and yet it is necessary to our faith in the perfection of God's sovereignty. **The revelation of this divine property like that of others is well calculated to fill us with profound reverence. It should alarm sinners and beget confidence in the hearts of God's children and deepen their consolation.** (see Job 23:10; Ps 34:15-16; 90:8; Jer 17:10; Hos 7:2; 1 Peter 3:12-14). **BIBLIOGRAPHY:** L. S. Chafer, *Systematic Theology* (1948), 1:192-200; 7:244-45; K. Barth, *Church Dogmatics* (1957), 2.1.71, 130, 189 f.; id. (1958), 3.1.156 ff., 243 ff., 344 ff.; id. (1961), 4.3.146 f.; S. Charnock, *The Existence and Attributes of God* (1979), 1:406-96. (from *The New Unger's Bible Dictionary*. Originally published by Moody Press of Chicago, Illinois. Copyright (c) 1988.)

**IV. HIS EYES A FLAME OF FIRE – MALACHI 3, REVELATION 1:14**

**A. Purification – Malachi 3:2-3a**

Once we have confidence in His character, we will gladly call for Him to come in the fire of purification that we might be like Him.

**B. Acceptable sacrifices – Malachi 3:3b**

The result of having His flaming gaze fixed on us is full and complete holiness in His presence, and the acceptability of our ministry to Him.

**C. Impartation of Passionate Love – 2 Corinthians 4:6**

God shines His light into our hearts in the same way that He released light into the darkness at the Creation event. His light in our hearts reveals the glory of Jesus Christ, which is His passionate love for and through us.

**CONCLUSION:**

The pure and peaceful gaze of Jesus brings healing to our souls, and sets us in the place of supreme confidence before Him.