**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE FOCUS:**
Song of Solomon 4:1 (2-16)

**“THE MEANING & POWER OF THE DOVE”**

**DOVE FACTS:**
~ doves belong to pigeon genus family;
~ two categories:
  1. Domestic Doves;
  2. Exotic (wild) Doves;

**DOVE FACTS:**
~ two species of doves
  1. Ringneck Doves; (Classic White Doves);
  2. Diamond Doves;
~ they are monogamous and mate for life;

**KEY DOVE IMAGES & SYMBOLS**
~ intrntl. sporting events (Olympics, Good Will Games);
~ Christmas Carol(s) . . . (...two turtledoves);

**KEY DOVE IMAGES & SYMBOLS**
~ Greek Mythology; (Athena’s bird = a dove)
~ European Superstition (witches/devils can transform into any bird except a dove!)
KEY DOVE IMAGES & SYMBOLS
~ wedding symbols of matrimony & fidelity;
~ funeral symbols of peace, comfort, soul;

“Like a crane or a swallow, so I chattered; I mourned like a dove; My eyes fail from looking upward. O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me!” Isaiah 38:14

“So I said, Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.” Psalms 55:6

KEY DOVE IMAGES & SYMBOLS
~ universal peace, unity, non-violence and comraderie;

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” Matthew 10:16

SERMONIC POINTS:
#1: PEACE
#2: PASSION
#3: POWER
SERMONIC POINT #1: PEACE

“He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.”
*Genesis 8:8*

“But the dove found no resting place...and she returned into the ark to him...the waters were on the...whole earth.”
*Genesis 8:9*

“And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.”
*Genesis 8:10*

“The dove came to him...a freshly plucked olive leaf...in her mouth; and Noah knew...the waters had receded from the earth.”
*Genesis 8:11*

“So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.”
*Genesis 8:12*
SERMONIC POINT #2: PASSION

"Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove’s eyes."
_Song of Solomon 1:15_

"Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove’s eyes behind your veil. You hair is like a flock of goats..."
_Song of Solomon 4:1_

"His eyes are like doves. By the rivers of waters, washed with milk and fitly set."
_Song of Solomon 5:2_

"O MY DOVE in the clefts of the rock...secret places of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice...you voice is sweet...your face lovely."
_Song of Solomon 2:14_

"I sleep, but my heart is awake; it is the voice of my beloved! He knocks, saying, ‘Open for me, my sister, my love, MY DOVE, my perfect one...’"
_Song of Solomon 5:2_
“MY DOVE, my perfect one, is the only one. The only of her mother, the favorite of the one who bore her. The daughters ...called her blessed...”
Song of Solomon 6:9

SERMONIC POINT#3: POWER

“...HE had been baptized, JESUS came up...from the water...and HE saw the SPIRIT OF GOD descending like a dove and a lighting upon HIM.”
Matthew 3:16

“But, you shall receive POWER when the HOLY SPIRIT has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to ME...to the end of the earth’ ”.
Acts 1:8

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”
Acts 2:1

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.”
Acts 2:2
“Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them... And they were ALL filled with the HOLY SPIRIT...”

Acts 2:3-4a