

**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 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...your 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' "

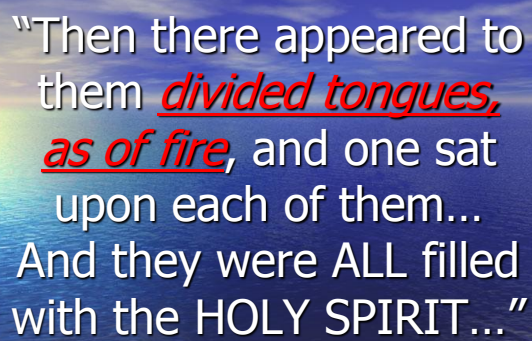
*Acts 1:8*

"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*