



## ‘I AM BLACK AND BEAUTIFUL’

Song of Solomon 1:5

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February was set aside as the month in which we, an African people, remember our legacy and our heritage. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, in 1926, realized that it was critically important and significant that we never forget our history. He taught that the savage institution of slavery with its brutal, long lasting psychological effects was destroying an entire people who had a rich culture.

Color became the defining issue among people who were brought to a strange land. Dark skin became a badge of dishonor and hate by the majority population. This racial discrimination with its man made laws were not anything new since color has somehow always distinguished a people.

In the Song of Solomon, there is the story of a beautiful, wealthy woman who happens to be Black. She flaunts her blackness and is not ashamed of this gift to her skin from God. We want to share this tender love story between a queen and a great leader. This morning’s sermon should leave the listener with a renewed sense of pride about being Black. We will learn of other women of significance who were not only in the Bible, but who made significant contributions to name only a few:

“Eve, Hagar, Sarah, Miriam, Zipporah, Deborah, Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba, Candace, Mary of Nazareth.”

Yes, these were Black women who were not ashamed of their color and who give us a reason to be proud of who we are today. As we celebrate Black History Life, we pray that this sermon will encourage you to study more and realize that God included Black people as an integral part of His creation.

### Verses Shared In This Mornings Message

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| 1. Solomon – 5:10          | 4. Solomon – 2:1-7 |
| 2. 1 Samuel – 16:12; 17:42 | 5. Matthew – 12:42 |
| 3. 1 Kings – 3:1-10        | 6. Luke – 11:31    |

Read and Study these verses. Purchase the CD of this morning’s sermon, and study more about the persons of color in God’s Word. Never, ever be ashamed of your color, culture, or heritage.

Remember: **“BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL.”**

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