

The Beauty of God

Psalm 27:4; 96:5,6

1. Beauty has been defined as: qualities that give pleasure to the senses.
2. The biblical concept of beauty covers two areas: aesthetic, and ethical.
3. In a very real way, the aesthetic hints at the ethical.
4. Beauty is inextricably tied with glory and with holiness
5. Since no man has seen God (Ex. 33:20; John 1:18; 1 John 4:12), we must go elsewhere to find God's beauty.

[The Beauty of God is seen in...]

I. His Creation

- A. The sheer fact of creation declares Jehovah's majesty (Ps. 96:5,6).
- B. The creation reflects the beauty of God (Ps. 104:1-9,31-34; 19:1-6)
- C. The God who spoke the stars into being (Psalm 33:6) must be grand!
- D. Stop and consider (Job 37:14)

[Transition – The creation is limited in what it can show us (Rom. 1:18-22) – it is finite, God is infinite (cf. Job 26:14). Therefore let us see God's beauty more clearly in...]

II. His Word

- A. The word of God is the very mind of God revealed to man (1 Cor. 2)
- B. God's word is a literary masterpiece
 1. It tells of man's beginning, fall, and hope; who man is, and what he needs. It includes soul searching, beautiful poetry, the most glorious descriptions of a glorious God, the danger of disobedience, and the awe inspiring home which awaits the faithful. It tells the most beautiful story ever told, in the most beautiful way possible.
 2. In it are the greatest triumphs and the greatest tragedies; the joys of love, and the horrors of war; prophecies made, and prophecies fulfilled; the rise of kingdoms, and their fall; all with God as the central hero, and Satan as the ultimate villain.
 3. Read from Boyd's Handbook first page
- C. Beauty is to be found in unity of purpose and content (Eph. 1:8-10).
- D. Do you want to see God's beauty? Read His words! For therein is the beauty of our Creator revealed!

[Transition – While we see glimpses of God's majesty in His creation, and His words the truest, clearest expression of God's beauty is found in the life of a poor supposed son of a carpenter; a

man who had nowhere to lay his head, and no friend to stand in his defense. To see God's beauty we must look to...]

III. His Son

- A. If we want to see God clearly we need to look at Jesus
 - 1. (Col. 1:15 – image of invisible God; Hebrews 1:3 – “exact expression of the Father’s nature” – MEG)
 - 2. If you’ve seen Jesus, you’ve seen the Father (John 14:9).
 - 3. Everything that God wants us to see about Him was in His son (Col. 2:9)
- B. In clear Messianic prophecies, Isaiah, Hosea, and Zechariah all speak of the beauty of God reflected in the Messiah (Is. 4:2; 28:5; 33:17; Hos. 14:6; Zech. 9:17)
- C. His beauty was not outward (Is. 53:2), but it was how he lived His life (1 Peter 3:4)
- D. What made His life beautiful?
 - 1. Humility (Phil. 2:5-8;)
 - 2. Holiness (Heb. 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:21 – knew no sin)
 - 3. Meekness (Matt. 11:28-30; Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 2:21-23)
 - 4. Forgiveness (Luke 23:34)