

Good Morning,

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Today I want to discuss the attributes of beauty and holiness.

We all crave beauty in our lives, from attempting to correct the flaws in our outward appearance to mental and physical therapy to fix the broken and flabby parts that become exposed when we open our mouths or put on a bathing suit.

Webster 's online Dictionary defines it like this:

- **the quality or aggregate of qualities in a person or thing that gives pleasure to the senses or pleasurably exalts the mind or spirit**
- **a beautiful person or thing**
- a particularly graceful, ornamental, or excellent quality a brilliant, extreme, or egregious example or instance

To me beauty is illusive, holding value in one man's mind that does not hold in another.

Many times I've looked at something or someone and expressed appreciation for a beautiful person, a beautiful voice, a beautiful item; only to have the person I'm with not find the same pleasure in it that have.

If I read the manuscript, ponder, and look at the things God created I can understand what God finds beautiful and how God is Beautiful.

First, God finds satisfaction in all He created! He said in Genesis after he finished, It is Good!

That means you and I are included in that! God likes what he did when He made us!

But, why can one person look so outwardly stunning and one so, well, NOT!

Because it doesn't matter! Let's look at an example:

Eliab was King David's older brother. When the prophet Samuel was looking for a replacement for King Saul he went to the house of Jesse to appraise his sons,

1 Samuel 16-6-7

6 - When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." (Because He was a stunning example of a man)

7 - But the LORD said to Samuel, "***Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.*** The LORD does not look at the things people look at. ***People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.***"

***God is HOLY! And in His eyes beauty = holiness!***

## Webster's online dictionary:

ho·li·ness

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*noun*

noun: **holiness:**

1. Exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one **perfect in goodness and righteousness**
2. **Divine**
3. **devoted entirely to the deity**

God sets the standards of morality since He is first and last. There is nothing greater and there will never be anything greater so **He is the final authority!**

To be holy you must set your mind to be like Him. But is that possible?

Yes, and No; because of the genetic blood running through us we can never be perfect in this life as He is perfect. We can however, do what He asks and believe. We are only made perfect under the covenant He made with us when He died on the cross.

The standards we should live by like not killing, not stealing, not lying, etc. are written in the manuscript. So are the examples of the kind of lives we should and should not lead. It is written that they were given for our edification, admonishment and for our hope!

### **(Proverbs 6:23)**

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of ***instruction are the way of life.***

### **(Romans 15:4)**

For whatever things were written before were ***written for our learning,*** that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

### **(1 Corinthians 9:10)**

Or does ***He say it altogether for our sakes?*** For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

### **(1 Corinthians 10:6)**

***Now these things became our examples,*** to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

### **(1 Corinthians 10:11) (NIV)**

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and ***they were written for our admonition,*** upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Faith does miraculous things in a person's life. God accounts faith to equal righteousness. Moving toward the goal is a step of faith. You believe what He says, go and do it, if you mess up on the way He picks you up and sets you back on track and you move up a notch. **(from glory to glory)**

Then, you take another step toward His goals for you and you find it's easier and easier and one day when He meets you in the air, He will finish the transformation and in an instant and you will be changed.

So why go to the trouble of doing it all on this earth if He's going to change us all in a moment?

Because He says we have too! Period! End of story!  
Christ told us we must follow His ways just as He follows the Fathers.  
Anything less is rebellion and the Word equates it to witchcraft!

***I pondered this*** since we spend so much time in our lives dwelling on how a person looks, how our homes look, how our lives look to other people, how our education looks.....I could go on and on.

***Imagine:*** You are seated in a large auditorium; as far as you can see there are seas of people. The King is seated on a throne in front of you, your soul feels the satisfaction of being in His presence. No one is speaking, angels are surrounding Him, you hear music. Almost like a pulse you hear the whisper of Holy, Holy, Holy, continuously like a balm that floods your soul and washes over you....

Then the Maker stands and calls your name and says...

How did that work out for you in 2017 when you tried the HGTV makeover..... or

You know you really should not have gone red..... or

That merger with Winestock and Jelly probable wasn't a good idea!

Sound ridiculous? Yes it does to me too!

***Holiness (the state of being holy) is the Greatest Beauty you can give back to God!***

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (1 Chronicles 16:29)**

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and **that should praise the beauty of holiness**, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever. **(2 Chronicles 20:21)**

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If you crave beauty in your life but it does not fulfill you, you keep looking for more and more pretty, it's because we are wired for beauty. The problem is the beauty we are wired for is not in things, faces and careers, it's in knowing the one who created us and understanding how we should live.

(1 Peter 2:9)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

*Where is your strength oh man?*

*Do you wander in darkness and sorrow when you can walk in marvelous light,*

*Do you seek and thirst when there is a water you may drink flowing from rivers of joy,*

*Do you know who you are and that you are loved,*

*Does peace fill your being or does your starved soul throb,*

*Step into the light and darkness will flee,*

*Seek after truth and be known to Me!*

*Listen....*

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