

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

I. Beauty defined secularly

- A. Random House College Dict. - "1. a quality that is present in a thing or person giving intense aesthetic pleasure or deep satisfaction to the senses or the mind. 2. - an attractive, well-formed girl or woman. 3. - a beautiful thing, as a work of art, building, etc.
- B. Merriam-Webster Dict. online - "the quality or aggregate of qualities in a person or thing that gives pleasure to the senses or pleasurably exalts the mind or spirit
- C. Big takeaway: Beauty is relative. How and to what?
- D. Beauty is not just what can be sensed outwardly, but is also defined by feelings.

II. Beauty defined biblically

- A. Biblical definition - O.T. "tip'eret" - glory, beauty, ornament, distinction - Exodus 28:2; Proverbs 4:9; Proverbs 16:31; I Chronicles 29:11. "pa'ar - to glorify as in Isaiah 60:9.
- B. Biblical definition - N.T. "kalos" - lit. 'to call' - good, beautiful, worthy: well proportioned, intrinsically excellent; "horaioi" - seasonable, best time as in Romans 10:15. Used especially in Genesis and S. of S. five times (used in the realm of nature); "asteios" - a city elegantly civilized and adorned (used in the realm of art).

III. Beauty exemplified scripturally

- A. Creation - Genesis 1:31; Genesis 2:9; Job 38:4-7; Psalm 8:3-5; Isaiah 40:6,7; Matthew 6:28,29
- B. Human relationships - Rebekah, Rachel, Joseph and Abigail, David, the Shulamite, Esther; Others?
- C. Music - II Chronicles 5:12,13; Psalm 33:1-3
- C. Holy places of God: Tabernacle - Exodus 25; Temple - I Kings 6; Heaven - Revelation 21
- D. Holiness of God - Psalm 27:4; Psalm 29:1,2
- E. Crown and holy garments - Isaiah 28:5; Exodus 28:2
- F. Jerusalem - Psalm 50:2; Isaiah 52:1; 62:1-4
- G. God's Word - Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 119:103,111,162

- H. God's people - Isaiah 61:3; Psalm 133; Psalm 90:17; 149:4; Romans 10:15
Proverbs 20:29
- I. Majesty of God - Isaiah 35:2; Psalm 104:1,2; Psalm 96:6,7
- J. Christ - Psalm 45 especially; John 1:14; Colossians 1:15; John 12:32; II
Corinthians 3:18; I Peter 2:7 - What about Isaiah 53:2?
- K. Others?

IV. Beauty's ruin

- A. In creation - Romans 1:20-24; Romans 8:19-22
- B. In a sinful world

IV. Beauty's complete restoration

- A. New heavens and earth - Revelation 21:1; II Peter 3:13
- B. Heavenly mindset - Colossians 3:1-4; I Corinthians 2:9; Romans 8:18