

12 EXPRESSIONS OF GOD'S BEAUTY

Song 5:10, 16 10 My Beloved (Jesus) is white (radiant) and ruddy, chief among ten thousand... 16 Yes, He is altogether lovely. This is my Beloved, and this is my friend...

EXPRESSION #1: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN HIS LIGHT, COLOR AND THE VERY ATMOSPHERE AROUND HIS THRONE.

Ps. 104:2 You...cover Yourself with light as with a garment...

Rev. 4:2-3 Behold, a Throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. He who sat there was like a jasper (diamond like) and a sardius stone (deep red) in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the Throne, in appearance like an emerald (green).

When we go before the throne we are there in the midst of the lighting, rainbow, lamp stands, etc. Lord thank you for this food ... before the throne!

Light with many colors and splendor emanates from God's person and Throne. The beauty of God's personhood is reflected in the light and color that emanates out of God as well as the weight of glory in the very atmosphere of the Eternal City.

Jesus' light illuminates the eternal city. We refer to feeling the weight of God's Presence. We cannot comprehend weight of God's Presence nearest to His Throne.

Rev. 21:23 The City (New Jerusalem) had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

Is 24:23 The person of Jesus light up the city! He is brighter than the sun ... the sun is ashamed!

God surrounds His beauty with garments of light that hide the undiluted beauty of God from His creation. The angels see even more of His beauty, as the protective covering is lifted--they are overwhelmed as they collapse in the very weight of His Presence. The very light that protects us from His Presence is in itself beautiful but God is even more beautiful than that which protects Him.

1 Tim. 6:16 Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power.

At strategic moments, the light that covers God's person is temporarily lifted and the angels collapse. Even the seraphim and cherubim who have the greatest capacity to receive God's beauty collapse. When Jesus stands up in the eternal city and just moves the weight of His Presence, we will feel it a thousand miles away.

Six times in Revelation, the host of heaven around God's Throne collapses.
Rev 4:10; 5:8; 5:14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4

John 3 times Rev 1:17; 19:10; 22:8

There is a tenderizing effect in the weight of His Presence that emanates out of Him. All of the hosts of Heaven and all the redeemed tremble with tenderness in their spirit; the atmosphere is charged with the beauty of God.

EXPRESSION #2: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN HIS FRAGRANCES.

2 Cor. 2:15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ.

Jesus possesses a real fragrance. The fragrance of Jesus is manifold with many dimensions to it. How many scents emanate from God? I assume that there are different fragrances for different occasions in the Eternal City.

The anointing oil used in the tabernacle was very strong in fragrance.

The Throne of God is described as the mountain of spices.

Song 8:14 Make haste...and be like a gazelle on the mountains of spices.

Different fragrances for different purposes Roses, gardenias, etc.

EXPRESSION #3: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN THE MUSIC, SOUNDS, AND NOISES AROUND HIS THRONE.

Rev. 4:5 From the Throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices.

Rev. 1:15 His voice as the sound of many waters...

Jesus is a musician, a singer and song writer. Music flows out of God's being.

Many diverse types of music are seen on earth in the different cultures and tribes.

Jesus' Throne is surrounded by angelic choirs. The voice of God is awesome in power and impact.

Three times in Revelation, John describes noises coming from God's throne.
Rev 5:11; 14:2; 19:6;

There are awesome, majestic sounds, including thunder, that shake everything. We will tremble at God's majesty as His sounds of thunder touch us. The entire city will be impacted under the majesty of God's multiple sounds and melodies.

Beautiful and terrifying sounds

EXPRESSION #4: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN JESUS' PHYSICAL BEAUTY IN HIS RESURRECTED BODY. JESUS' BODY IS THE BEST THAT GOD COULD CREATE IN THE TERMS OF A HUMAN BODY.

Phil. 3:20-21 We eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body ...

EXPRESSION #5: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN JESUS' FACE.

2 Cor. 4:4-6 The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ...should shine... For God...has shone...to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus.

Rev. 1:16 His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Ps 45:2 You (Jesus) are fairer (more beautiful) than the sons of men ...

Jesus' beauty is expressed in His smile, His eyes, and the shining brightness of His countenance.

Jesus is a Man with a warm smile filled with God's glory.

His face is holy, powerful and awesome, yet warm and inviting.

The smile on His face will conquer our heart in love.

Eyes of Fire ... - We will be overwhelmed as His eyes of fire impart God's love and holiness to us. His eyes are filled with beauty.

EXPRESSION #6: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN HIS ROYAL COURT WHERE HIS THRONE IS SET UP.

Ps. 96:6 Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Rev. 15:2 I saw...a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory...standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

Rev. 4:3-6 There was a rainbow around the Throne, appearance like an emerald. Around the Throne were 24 thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting... from the Throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the Throne... Before the Throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal.

The host of angels surround His Throne. Great majesty!

His Throne is adorned with seven lamps of fire, an emerald rainbow and the sea of glass like crystal that is filled with flaming fire.

EXPRESSION #7: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN HIS DESIGN OF THE ETERNAL CITY (REV. 21-22).

The familiar saying that a woman's home is an extension of her heart, can be applied to God's beauty in how He created the Eternal City.

In designing ones dream home, some work with the architects from the beginning. They pick the land next to a lake then design the landscape with trees and a flowing brook. They position the house so the sun comes up at just the right place and in the right angle, so that the light is reflected with just the right contrasts. The decor and furniture, etc. is all carefully chosen to express the personality of those who will live in it. God designed His city with the landscape, and the light with colors, as an extension of His beauty.

EXPRESSION #8: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN THE PARTNER HE CHOSE.

The glory of man is His wife. He chose you as His partner. He imparted His beauty to you. Your beauty is higher than all the rest of created order. We will magnify God's beauty (1 Cor. 11:7).

Prov. 12:4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband...

And He chose you!

Isaiah 61:3 .. He gives us beauty for ashes....

EXPRESSION #9: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN HIS LEADERSHIP OR THE PLANS HE ESTABLISHED.

The script that God is operating from as He leads history and accomplished redemption reveals His beauty. When we hear a great poem or see an excellent movie, we observe that the poem or movie is beautiful. This reflects its author. The story line of natural and eternal history is a stunning revelation of God's beauty. God has devised His blueprint for history from before creation. *We will be awed by His great mind as we are intoxicated and enthralled with each dimension of the script in which God orchestrates all of history.*

His mind is brilliant ... genius magnified!

Eph. 3:9-10 To make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God... to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers

EXPRESSION #10: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN HIS MANIFESTATIONS OF POWER.

When God heals, delivers, and provides for us in surprising ways, we see His beauty.

His power shows forth His beauty in the earth and heavens; His power manifestations have such beauty in them.

There are a million stories behind the manifestations of power in creation and history.

The number of grains of sand on the Earth is equal to the number of stars in the universe ...

Carl Sagin

EXPRESSION #11: GOD'S BEAUTY IS MOST SEEN IN HIS PERSONALITY, WHICH INCLUDES HIS CHARACTER, AND HIS EMOTIONAL MAKEUP EXPRESSED IN HIS GLADNESS, HAPPINESS AND DELIGHT, THE HOLINESS, THE KINDNESS, THE PASSION AND PLEASURE OF GOD.

He has desire when He looks at you. There is gladness in His heart when He looks at His weak people. The saints of Rev. 15 stand before Him at the time of the Rapture. The first thing the saints say is, "Great and marvelous." In other words they are filled with marvel, awe and wonder.

Rev. 15:2-3 I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory...standing on the sea of glass... They sing the song of Moses...and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

EXPRESSION #12: GOD'S BEAUTY IS SEEN IN HIS WRITTEN WORD.

David wrote a number of psalms revealing what he observed about God's beauty in creation. When David looked at the stars, he beheld God's beauty.

Ps. 45:2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips..

Ps. 19:7-10 The law of the LORD is perfect... The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure... More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

CONCLUSION

Song 5:16 His mouth is most sweet, Yes, He is altogether lovely. This is my Beloved...

We do not have to wait for eternity

All this is true of God's beauty right now.

We can marvel and be awestruck now.

David knew God's beauty would cause him to be a different man.