

God's Attributes: God's Beauty

"Beauty is that attribute of God whereby he is the sum of all desirable qualities." - Grudem

Perfection – not lack anything that would be desirable for him. Beauty is defined in a positive way to show that God does possess all desirable qualities: "perfection" means that God doesn't lack anything desirable; beauty means that God has everything desirable.

John Piper defines God's glory like this: "The glory of God is the infinite beauty and greatness of God's manifold perfections. The infinite beauty—and I am focusing on the manifestation of his character and his worth and his attributes — all of his perfections and greatness are beautiful as they are seen, and there are many of them. That is why I use the word manifold."

Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.

1Ch 16:26-29 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. 27 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. 28 Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. (NIV)

Beauty by whose standard?

1Pe 3:4 but [let it be] the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

Tit 2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

Eph 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Our Response to God's Beauty: change our thinking, seek, and honor Him

God's Glory

"Glory means the bright light (or brilliance) that surrounds God's presence. God is spirit and not energy or matter. GOD's GLORY is the created brightness that surrounds God's revelation of himself. Not his character like the others but His created light." - Grudem

"Glory, refers to the consummate beauty of the totality of his perfections. His supreme significance and splendor." – John MacArthur

"The perfection of God, which is inwardly the ground of his blessedness outwardly as it were carries his glory with it." - Herman Bavinck

Psa 104:1-2 Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty, 2 Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out heaven like a [tent] curtain.

[Mat 17:2 NASB] 2 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp [is] the Lamb.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Mat 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Phl 2:15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

Future:

Mat 13:43 "Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

1Co 15:43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

Seen in:

His Essence

Phl 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus

His Creation

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Israel

Exo 16:10 It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Filled the tabernacle

Exo 29:43 "I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory.

Heaven

Isa 6:3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

Earth / Cloud

1Ki 8:10-11 It happened that when the priests came from the holy place, the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.