



BEHOLD HIS GLORY

“God Is Beautiful”

Psalm 27

We continue our study of the attributes of God. So far we have meditated together on God’s glory, God’s holiness, God’s grace, and God’s justice. This week let’s talk about God’s beauty.

When we hear the word “beauty,” our minds immediately think of physical attractiveness. And that’s a bit of a problem when it comes to God, because “God is a Spirit and has not a body like men” (*Catechism for Young Children*, question 9).

So how can God be beautiful?

The psalmist David had a compelling ambition. It was to “dwell in the house of the Lord... [And] gaze upon the beauty of the Lord” (Psalm 27:4). As you work through this week’s study and process the Sunday sermon, ask God to reveal his beauty to you.

The beauty of God will change your life.



KNOWING GOD

Read Psalm 27. Why did David, the writer of this psalm, so earnestly desire to gaze upon God’s beauty?

How in the world can a person “gaze” upon an invisible God?

John Piper has said, “There is in the human heart an unquenchable longing for beauty...it is for this we long, whether we know it or not.” Do you agree? Why or why not?



GROWING TOGETHER

Where does God’s beauty show up most often for you?

According to Psalm 27, David sought after “one thing” (vs. 4). This doesn’t mean he had no other desires or priorities. But these other things were much less important than his desire to know and enjoy God. What are a couple of key distractions that draw your attention away from a focused pursuit of the beauty of God?

How might your friends pray for you, so that you experience “the goodness of the Lord” (vs. 13) on a deeper level?



SERVING OTHERS

Seeking after God (vs. 8) is not just an individual calling. It’s something we should do together as a church. What are some ways that we collectively – either on Sunday morning or at other times – can earnestly seek God together?

Is there someone in your circle who particularly reflects the beauty of God for you? Take a few minutes to write or call them just to let them know.



IN YOUR FAMILY...

- a) In Psalm 27:1, David expressed his confidence that with God in his life, he could live fearlessly. Does your family have any fears you need to hand over to God – money fears? Failure fears? Fears about the future?
- b) As a family, discuss Psalm 27:14. Why is it hard to wait? For what kind of things are you waiting these days? What lessons are you learning while you wait?

SERMON NOTES