



## Physical Beauty

### A. Temporal Beauty

Seen in nature ... Hosea 14:6 ... His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

Matthew 6:28,29 ... And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (Jesus)

Consumed in dissipation ... Isaiah 28:1 ... Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

Esther winner of beauty contest ... Esther 2:1-17

Destroyed by sin ... Psalm 39:11 ..When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah

Ends in grave ... Psalm 49:14 ... Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling

### B. Beauty in women

Not chief value ... Proverbs 31:30 ... Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Beauty is dangerous without discretion ... Proverbs 11:22 ... As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which without discretion.

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Enticements of beauty ... Proverbs 6:25 ... Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

Source of temptation ... Genesis 6:2 ... That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

2 Samuel 11:2-5 ... And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

Leads to marriage ... Deuteronomy 21:11 ... And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife

### C. Examples of beauty

A bride's beauty ... Psalm 45:11 ... So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

Sarah's beauty ... Genesis 12:11 ... And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

Rebekah's beauty ... Genesis 24:15,16 ... And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

Rachel's beauty ... Genesis 29:17 ... Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

Daughters of Job ... Job 42:15 ... And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

Abigail's beauty ... 1 Samuel 25:3 ... Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

Bath-sheba's beauty ... 2 Samuel 11:2,3 ... And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

Tamar's beauty ... 2 Samuel 13:1 ... And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

Abishag's beauty ... 1 Kings 1:4 ... And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not

Vashti's beauty ... Esther 1:22 ... For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

Esther's beauty ... Esther 2:7 ... And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

### C. Beauty in Men

Of man ... Isaiah 44:13 ... The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

Of the aged ... Proverbs 20:29 ... The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head.

Joseph's beauty ... Genesis 39:6 ... And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

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David's beauty ... 1 Samuel 16:12,13 ... And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Absalom's beauty ... 2 Samuel 14:25 ... But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

### Spiritual Beauty

The Messiah ... Psalm 110:3 ... Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: Thou hast the dew of Thy youth.

Isaiah 52:7 ... How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

The true Israel ... Psalm 45:8-11 ... All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad. Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

Song of Solomon 1:8 ... If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

Christian ministers ... Romans 10:15 ... And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Holy garments ... Isaiah 52:1 ... Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into Thee the uncircumcised and the unclean

Christ's rejection by Israel ... Zechariah 11:7-14 ... And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me. Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another. And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD. And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD. Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.