

What is God Like? God is Creative

“Beauty is a vehicle that God often uses to reveal himself in order to shower his love upon us.” Thomas Aquinas

Creation is a Demonstration of God’s Creativity

Genesis 1, Romans 1:20, Psalm 139:14

“We do not want merely to see beauty, though, God knows, even that is bounty enough. We want something else which can hardly be put into words — to be united with the beauty we see, to pass into it, to receive it into ourselves, to bathe in it, to become part of it.” C.S. Lewis

God’s Creative Communication

Ex 3, Num 22:21-31

God’s Gifts of Creativity

Ex 35:30-35, Eph 2:10, 1 Chron 15:16-17, 25:1-5, Psalm 33:1-3

The Beauty of God

Psalm 27:4

“True beauty is to behold and reflect the beauty of God. God is the author of beauty and he is the truly beautiful one. By creating us in his image, he gave us his beauty. When we behold him, the one who made us and loves us, we are reflecting his beauty.” Carolyn Mahaney

Take Aways:

1) Stop and see the Beauty.

2) As God’s Handiwork, do the good He created for you to do.
Ephesians 2:10

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- 1) Take a few minutes to reflect on 3 things you are grateful for this week.
- 2) Have you ever thought much about the character trait of beauty as it relates to God? Why do you think this is the case?
- 3) Beauty is literally all around us, all the time, reminders of God's love, presence and creativity. We can't escape it. Think back on your week... What sights, sounds, people, conversations, and experiences have left you in awe?
- 4) What circumstances or distractions (Stress & anxiety? Perhaps your phone?) in your life hinder you from truly seeking and seeing the beauty around you?
- 5) Read Genesis 1 and Philippians 4:4-9.
 - a) What stands out to you in the passages you read? What is the most challenging part of this passage for you?
 - b) What strikes you most in these passages about the creativity we see in God?
 - c) How do you think creativity and beauty are tied together?
 - d) Paul says we are to think on things that are true, noble, right, pure, beautiful, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. What does this tell us about creativity and beauty?
 - e) What are some things described in this Psalm that keep us from experiencing God in this way? Can you think of others?
- 6) Which take away is most applicable to you? What one thing can you do this week?
- 7) Spend some time praying for one another.