

Consider God's Beauty

Use these points to meditate on God's beauty

Beauty is the **Essence of God**

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek...that I may
...gaze upon the beauty of the Lord" Psalm 27:4

- God's Beauty is revealed through **NATURE**

"The whole earth is full of his glory" Isaiah 6:3

We see God's glory through the beauty of creation. Nature is primarily beautiful not functional. Consider a beautiful sunset, the majestic mountains, wonderful wild flowers. Their primary purpose ... beauty.

- God's beauty is revealed through the **visions given to John in Revelation.**

John finds it difficult to put into words what he saw and keeps using the word 'like' as if trying to find a comparison that might help us grasp what he saw.

"The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones – jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow...in front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal." Revelation 4:3,6.

The God that John saw was so beautiful beyond description.

- God's beauty is **POWERFUL**

Think about being caught in a traffic jam for hours on a hot day. People getting impatient, exhaust fumes pouring in through your window, kids getting restless.

Remember what it is like coming into a beautiful place; a garden, a quiet beech...you drink it in, you rest, you become quiet...peace.

The beauty of the place brings peace...a feeling of 'All will be well'

"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul" Psalm 23:2-3

God's beauty gives you strength

- God's beauty is **INVITING**

Think about what it is like to hear a beautiful piece of music. It captures you, you want to sit down and drink it in. It commands your attention...or a beautiful garden...a great book
These things are captivating. They draw you in. You can't wait to get back to it, to spend time with it.

God's beauty is inviting you.

- God's beauty **COMFORTS**

Why do we send flowers to the bereaved?
In the midst of their suffering and loss, only a gift of beauty says enough, or says it right.

God's beauty comforts you.

- God's beauty **INSPIRES**

Having seen the wonders of the creation of Narnia the cabbie (from the Magician's Nephew by C.S.Lewis) says, "Glory be! I'd have been a better man all my life if I'd known there were things like this!"

God's beauty inspires you

- God's beauty is **TRANSCENDENT**

"Beauty reminds us of an Eden we have never known, but somehow know our hearts were created for. Beauty speaks of Heaven to come when we all shall be beautiful. It haunts us with eternity. Beauty says, 'There is a glory calling to you.' And if there is a glory, there is a source of glory. What great goodness could have possibly created this? What generosity gave us this to behold? Beauty draws us to God."

God's beauty is eternal

Ask God to unveil his beauty to you.

(taken from 'Captivating' by John and Stasi Eldridge)