

The Beauty of Jesus in Me

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Introduction:

- A. Let the Beauty of Jesus be seen in Me (1947)
 - 1. Author: Albert William Thomas Orsborn was born in Kent, England on September 4, 1886 and died February 4, 1967. He was the 6th General of The Salvation Army.
 - 2. Orsborn also wrote 37 other hymns including "In the Shadow of the Cross"
 - 3. Composer of music: Tom M. Jones
- B. Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me by my
 - 1. Pure manner of living
 - 2. Pure, wholesome speech
 - 3. Being a living sacrifice
 - 4. By means of charitable deeds
 - 5. By resolving to be beautiful in spirit and less concerned about physical and personal appearance
 - 6. By understanding that beauty in God's sight is quite different from human standards of beauty
- C. Isa. 53:1-12
 - 1. There are no authentic likenesses of Jesus, and that includes works of so called visionaries and the shroud of Turin.
 - 2. NT writers say little regarding His appearance save that He was Jewish.
 - 3. Isaiah states He did not stand out as attractive in appearance
 - 4. God said next to nothing about Jesus' features; if men had written the Bible, chapters would have been devoted to describing Him
 - 5. God wanted our focus on His beauty, not His looks.
 - 6. If we are to manifest the beauty of Jesus in our own lives, we will need a similar focus on that which makes us truly beautiful, not that which merely makes us look good

I. PURE LIFE

- A. Jesus lived a pure life - Heb. 4:15; 2Cor. 5:21
 - 1. Never was there more pure a life lived than that of Jesus.
- B. We ought to live in purity as well - Matt. 5:8; 1Tim. 4:12; 1John 3:3
- C. To be pure, we must abstain from impure things
 - 1. 1Cor. 3:16; Acts 15:20; 1Thes. 4:3; 1Peter 2:11

II. PURE SPEECH

- A. Jesus always had pure speech - 1Peter 2:22; Isa 53:9
- B. Our manner of speech must be pure as well - 1Pet. 2:1; Prov. 4:24; Eph. 4:29
- C. This means that we must abstain from:
 - 1. Telling dirty jokes - Eph. 5:4
 - 2. Engaging in gossip - Prov. 26:20-22
 - 3. Lying - Eph. 4:25

III. LIVING SACRIFICE

- A. Jesus life was characterized by personal sacrifice
 - 1. Matt. 8:20; John 10:17-18; Phil. 2:5-8
- B. Our lives need to be characterized by sacrifice as well
 - 1. Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; Matt. 16:24-25
- C. What sacrifices must we make?
 - 1. By putting all of our personal needs and interests second - Matt. 6:33
 - 2. By giving generously of our resources for the Lord - 2Cor. 8:1-3
 - 3. By avoiding social engagements that are destructive to our influence or that place us in the way of temptation - 1Peter 4:3-4

IV. CHARITABLE DEEDS

- A. Jesus did kind things to and for others - Acts 10:38; Matt. 15:32, 20:34
- B. We must be about the business of being kind to and doing good for others
 - 1. Gal. 6:10; Heb. 13:16
- C. How do we engage good deeds? - James 1:27, 2:15-16; 1Tim. 6:17-18

Conclusion:

A. "It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle" (K.J. Wojtyła).

B. "Salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him" (A.W. Tozer).