

Thurs 25 June

Rummaging in the Week for God

A midweek bible study from Northwest Anglican



This midweek bible study is designed to help you 'rummage' in the week for God. Much like a drawer of random bits and pieces, so we will rummage to find God in our week, knowing that the drawer always reveals something useful, something treasured and more often than not, something unexpected.

Opening Prayer

Loving God,
Quieten our minds,
Still our hearts,
For your living ways are all we seek.
Strengthen our lives,
Inspire our spirits,
In your living waters flow endless grace. Amen.

Song



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQWFzMvCfLE>
What A Beautiful Name
Hillsong Worship

Scripture

Psalm 27: 4

"One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple."

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Reflection: Val

What is beauty to you? A beautiful day, spectacular scenery, a pretty face? Different cultures have widely varying views on what makes a person beautiful. Sadly, western culture often focuses on outward appearance, forgetting the inner beauty that radiates outwards. I've recently been reflecting on the beauty of the Lord.

George Mueller wrote this - "Are you able to genuinely say, from your knowledge of God and your relationship with Him, that He is indeed a beautiful Being? If not, let me encourage you to ask God to take you to that point, so you will fully appreciate His gentleness and kindness, so you will be able to say just how good He is, and know what a delight it is to God's heart to do good for His children."

We may often think about God's power, or forgiveness, or mercy, but, what about the beauty of the Lord? Our finite minds have difficulty grasping the wonder of who God is, yet, David seemed to be able to enter the Presence of God "to gaze on the beauty of the Lord". And we have an advantage on David - knowing Jesus Christ, who reveals God to us. Have you ever thought about the beauty of the Lord as displayed in Jesus? To many around him, he seemed quite ordinary - "just a carpenter from Nazareth", but some glimpsed the wonder and beauty of God and worshipped. When we can see Jesus as our beautiful Lord then we are more willing to trust Him with our lives and be satisfied and content in Him.

Questions for Reflection

- Spend a few minutes "gazing on the beauty of the Lord". Ask God to show you more of who He is.
- Study some Bible passages on "beauty" or "beautiful".
- Ask the Lord to reveal to you His beauty that He has placed in people. Intentionally look for real beauty in those you meet.

Closing Prayer

May the beauty of God
be reflected in your eyes
The love of God
be reflected in your hands
The wisdom of God
Be reflected in your words
And the knowledge of God
Flow from your heart
That all might see
And seeing, believe

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