

"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time..."
Ecclesiastes 3:11

Not every lovely thing started out lovely and not everything that starts lovely ends that way. Physical beauty is transitory, no matter what form it takes. The peak of perfection is determined by God in *His* time. The same applies to circumstances and events. The most beautiful buildings in the world are always made more beautiful by the addition of the beauty and fragrance of flowers. However, the



flowers fade and are replaced, and even if left on the plant they will wilt and wither away. Some of the comeliest children grow up to be stunningly attractive, but time will erase all vestiges of their beauty. Everything under the sun is temporary, including the mountains, which will one day flee before the face of God's wrath. I believe that will be a wonder to behold, to watch mountains scurry away like mice caught in the corn crib. God has promised eternal life and beauty to those that trust and obey His Word. We may not be much in the eye of the beholder now, but someday we'll receive eternal bodies to match our eternal souls and spirits. We will "bloom" forever in the "Sonlight" of heaven. Don't be too quick to evaluate a person based on a first impression. Some of us are intuitive enough to make those decisions, but most of us are not. Some flowers only blossom under the gentle glow of moonlight. Their fragrance is the only evidence of their existence. They remain completely anonymous to all except those few who are close enough to breathe the faintly lingering smell of their blossoms. Others bloom best in the bright heat of the noonday sun, and close their petals when darkness comes. Some will not bloom at all unless severely pruned. The most beautiful treasure we hold as believers, is the Light of the glorious Gospel of Christ. It's not important how attractive we are. It's how attractive we make the Gospel. We are called the salt of the earth, because it's our job to make men thirst for the Living Water, Jesus Christ. We are to live in such a way as to attract the gaze of the thirsty. It's not hard to convince a thirsty man to drink. We must seek the thirsty and give them drink. All believers will be beautiful in *His* time. We will be transformed in the "*twinkling of an eye.*" It will certainly be wonderful to see familiar faces when we finally gather around the Throne of God. You say, "But, we'll have new bodies!" Paul the Apostle told us that we'll "*know as we are known.*" If I knew you here, I'll know you there, only we'll both be much more attractive.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2