

Beloved of the Lord:

"YEA, HE IS ALTOGETHER LOVELY! THIS IS MY BELOVED AND MY FRIEND"-S.ofS.5:16

1 - THE CONCLUSION-HIS PERFECT LOVELINESS! - Perfect and utmost loveliness is found in HIM! All that is lovely of God is found in HIM. All that is lovely in humanity is found in HIM. All that is lovely of earth is found in HIM. All that is lovely in the universe is found in HIM. Every part and every feature of Jesus is ALTOGETHER LOVELY! His character and Person are composed of elements that are faultless. All combine to produce perfect loveliness in ONE WHOLE! Lovely in His birth, in infancy, in boyhood, in manhood, in mourning, in rejoicing, in speech and silence. Lovely as Prophet, Priest, King, Shepherd, Servant, Son and Saviour! There is nothing unlovely in HIM! Nothing to be removed or altered, nothing to conceal of failure. Nothing to disguise, nothing to excuse. He can stand the utmost, penetrating scrutiny and analysis of character! Though the world would like to remove much from His character - IT CANNOT!

2 - HIS SAINTS SHARE HIS LOVELINESS - in some measure, but they are not ALTOGETHER LOVELY! Defects are visible; they often fail in their most prominent characteristic. Noah did not fail before the flood, but failed afterward (Gen.9:20,21). Abraham, father of the faithful, distrusted God in Egypt (Gen.12:10-20), Moses, meekest in all the earth, slew an Egyptian and later was provoked to anger by Israel, (Ex.2:11,12; Num. 20:11). Job, most patient, yet cursed the day of his birth (Job 3:1,2). David, man after God's heart, commits adultery and murder (2 Sam.11). Peter, noted for his boldness and courage, sins by cowardice and later fears the circumcision (Lu.22:54-62; Gal.2:11,12). John, famed for love, desired fire to fall from heaven on others (Lu.9:54). The outstanding sins of eminent saints have been contrary to their general character; sad failure is seen in those graces for which they were distinguished. Why? God reveals the unloveliness of the loveliest men to keep us from looking at any other Person on earth, or in heaven, but upon HIM WHO ALONE IS THE CHIEFEST OF TEN THOUSAND AND ALTOGETHER LOVELY! - in order for us to say, "THIS is MY beloved and THIS is MY friend!".

~~"He suffers me to love Him, I so unlovely!
I have ONE so glorious to love!
He loveth me and will love me for ever!
Befriended me when I was friendless -
Will never leave me nor forsake me -
He calls me His friend - and will confess
My name before His Father and holy angels in heaven!"~~

ALL GLORIOUS IS MY LORD,
MUST BE BELOVED AND YET ADORED!
HIS WORTH, IF ALL THE NATIONS KNEW
SURE THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD LOVE HIM TOO!"

THE BEAUTY OF THE BELOVED! - If only HIS loveliness fully occupied the hearts of His people today, then we would not be occupied with ourselves, our failures; nor would we be occupied with the failures of others! When the sensitive dark plate of our sub-conscious mind is daily exposed to the light of God's Word, and the light of His glory in the face of OUR BELOVED, THEN, wonder of wonders! the image of God's Son is printed indelibly on our lives and our faces! "But we all, looking on the glory of the Lord, with unveiled face, are transformed according to the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" - 2 Cor. 3:18 JNDTrans. How we need in these closing, dark days, to be occupied with THE BEAUTY OF OUR BELOVED! May the Spirit of God stir our hearts!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

