Because of His Splendor

Tony Mauck · Ezekiel 16:14

INTRODUCTION

- God wanted his people to be a special people, to be unlike the people around them.
- Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, because of my splendor which I bestowed on you, declares the Lord God.
- If we have any reason to boast in what we are, it is only because of what God has done. It is because of his splendor that we are what we are.

1 In Salvation, a Place of Total Dependency

1 Corinthians 15:10; 1 Peter 5:10; Luke 17:10

- In salvation, we occupy a place of total dependency.
- We are what we are, Paul says, by the grace of God.
- Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling.
- Our understanding of that motivates all of our goodness and all of our efforts to please the Lord.
- The God of all grace, who calls you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.
- We're going to be saved eternally the way that we were saved initially. And that is because of our dependence upon him.

2 In Sanctification, We Have an Obligation

1 Peter 2:12; Genesis 39:2

- As a result of how far we've come, because of His splendor, we have an obligation.
- We have a mission to influence a lost world for the Lord.
- When you've been sanctified and set apart for his purposes, that doesn't mean that everything in your life is automatically going to be pleasurable.
- Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
- Don't discount what you're doing out there and the choices that you're making.
- There is a power in the life that God approves. There is a power in the life that has God at first place in their lives.

3 As We Serve, We Are Being Prepared

Revelation 22:3; 2 Corinthians 4:7

- As we serve in his cause, we are being prepared. We are being equipped for eternity in his presence.
- This time is a proving ground for the glory and bliss that is to come.

- Lord, make me to know my end. And what is the extent of my days?
- His bond servants shall serve him. That's where it all heads.
- We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not of ourselves.
- How long has it been since you considered the marvel of God wanting to spend eternity with the likes of us?

THE CHALLENGE

Why would you fritter away your life? Squander it and waste it when you can embrace the bounty of God's goodness and choosing to serve Him.

MY NOTES