



Beautified

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A few weeks ago, I hosted another shopping party & lunch out for the women at church. Every time we do these, I enjoy making the event meaningful and personal, weaving Scripture, prayer, and a short devotional into the fun, fellowship, and good deals.

Usually within weeks of any event where I'll be speaking, the Lord will begin stirring in my heart the message He wants shared. This time though, I didn't hear a thing. Every day that brought us closer to the event, I'd ask the Lord again, and I'd hear nothing. Again.

It's not that I didn't have hundreds of ideas to pull from: I've compiled countless messages, blogs, teachings, booklets, and Bible studies with timeless truths that the Holy Spirit will often prompt me to revisit, revise, and reshare; but before I do that, I prefer to wait and first make sure there isn't a new word to speak. For the shopping party, I couldn't shake the sense that He wanted me to deliver something specific that I hadn't heard from Him yet.

Well, the morning of our activity arrived, and I still hadn't received anything from the Lord. Then something special occurred.

Thirty minutes before the women arrived to carpool,
as I looked in the mirror to get myself ready,
God's longing to pour forth His heart welled up within me, and
images of the women's faces flashed in my mind.
As this transpired,
He flooded my soul with His message for them.
For us.
For me.
And I believe for you.
For today.
Here it is.

Psalm 149:4 says,

**"For the Lord takes pleasure in His people;
He will beautify the humble with salvation."**

Psalm 149:4

Consider what the second half of this verse reveals:
God will beautify the humble with salvation.

I love the word beautify. It's like the word beautiful but used as a verb.
God *does* this work. He beautifies. What exactly does this mean?

The word beautify comes from the Hebrew word paar, which means:
to adorn, embellish, gleam, bring glory to, boast of, make beautiful.

Some translations also define beautify as **to crown**.
So, what does God crown, bring glory to, and make boast of?
The humble.

To be humble is to be **lowly, meek**. Not weak, but strong in the position of laying down flat before the Lord, acknowledging that He is God and we are not, admitting that we need a Savior again today to rescue us from ourselves, our mistakes, our wrongdoings, and the lies we believe.

Being humble is being honest with God about our need for Him.

This word in the Bible also means being afflicted.

In our afflictions, we humbly bow before our King and surrender everything.

Is this your position before the Lord?

If so, He will bring glory to you.

He will adorn and embellish you.

He will crown you.

With what?

With salvation.

The word salvation in Psalm 149 comes from the Hebrew word ysua.

Would you like to know its pronunciation? *Yeshua*.

Yes, you read that correctly:

the word salvation in Psalm 149:4

comes from the word Yeshua,

which is the name of Jesus.

Jesus is Yeshua.

Yeshua is salvation.

Jesus IS salvation.

Jesus IS our crown.

But wait- I haven't told you the definition of ysua yet.

Get ready to swoon.

This glorious word ysua means:

**salvation,
deliverance,
healing,
health,
help,
prosperity,
victory.**

Are you grasping this?

Jesus-- Yeshua, our Messiah-- not only grants us salvation,
but *He IS salvation*.

He not only extends to us deliverance,
but *He IS deliverance*.

He not only heals us and gives us health,
but *He IS healing and health*.

He not only helps, prospers, and brings us victory,
but *He IS help, prosperity, and victory*.

God grants all of this-- salvation, deliverance, healing, health, help,
prosperity, and victory-- to the humble; and it's given to us in Yeshua, Christ
Jesus.

How can this be?

The One who is crowned King of kings and Lord of lords now crowns *us*?

He adorns *us* in our humble, lowly state with His gleaming glory?

What kind of love is this?

It's God's love.

I find it intriguing that one of the definitions of beautify is to make boast of. Is
it possible the Lord literally boasts of those in the earth who have humbled
themselves before Him? In a pure and holy way-- the same way He did with
Job? Maybe He's saying of you today,

**"Gather around, all you heavenly host.
Look! Look at that one on earth,
humbling herself before Me today.
I take great pleasure in her!"**

This is the kind of beauty that never fades.

It's a beauty obtained only through Yeshua, Jesus.

I don't know about you, but there are days I don't feel beautiful. Maybe you
don't feel pretty right now. The beauty of this world is fickle and fleeting, is it
not?

Put on makeup, take it off. Temporary.

Good hair day, bad hair day. Temporary.

The clothes fit then, they don't now. Temporary.

People lauded you yesterday and overlooked you today.

It's all temporary.

Not with God. All the adornments and embellishments of this world fail in comparison to God's beautification of the humble. When He beautifies the humble with ysuu, it isn't perishable, because *it is Himself*.

His imprint on us is like a holy engravement, a permanent mark of His own gorgeousness that He shares with His people in whom He takes pleasure. And all of this points right back to who He is: our King Jesus, Yeshua.

God takes pleasure in His people.
He will beautify the humble with...*Himself*.

CHALLENGE

It appears that the key to acquiring this glorious adornment is our decision to humble ourselves. After all, it's the humble He beautifies.

How do we do this? How do we literally walk forward, hour by hour, in an attitude of humility as God's people in whom He takes pleasure? Maybe testifying of what happened after the shopping party will give us a hint.

Check out what God did after we finished the shopping party.



His sign read,

***"Hello Gorgeous,
I am speechless.
It's a pleasure to
make your acquaintance"***

After sharing this message about Psalm 149:4 with the ladies during lunch, we headed back home. I was driving the church van, with five others with me. As we approached a stop light, one of the women seated behind me grabbed our attention. "Look! Look at the sign that man is holding!" she cried. When I turned and saw the man standing on the corner, I about fell out of the driver's seat. His sign literally said, "Hello, Gorgeous!" All of us had passed through that intersection countless times before, but we'd never seen someone with a sign like that. It was a delightful echo of the message the Holy Spirit had shared with us only minutes prior.

What a sweet way for the Holy Spirit to follow our faith with a sign. He often speaks through circumstances. Remember, it's the wicked and perverse generation that seeks after a sign (Matthew 16:4), but signs and wonders will follow those who believe Him (Mark 16:17-18).

The Lord's confirmation didn't stop there...

A few days later, I couldn't shake the prompting to record this blog as a video and post it on my YouTube channel. So, I did. **(You can watch it [HERE](#). It's so fun! It captures in-the-moment emotion.)**

Immediately upon finishing the recording, I ran a few errands. As I approached the front door to a store I had to visit, I was in awe of the sign on the door. Look at the photo below: it said, **"Hey Beautiful, Come on in!"**



This sign on the entrance door was like a divine exclamation mark for this message of beautification-- a personal invitation to all who will humble themselves, open the door, and come on in with Yeshua.

What if the key to humbling ourselves is to just 'come on in' with Jesus? He says, "Hey beautiful, come on in!" and we reply by opening the door and coming in.

What does that look like?

Don't know how to handle a wayward child?
Humble yourself, open your mouth, and talk to God about it.

Need wisdom to handle conflict in relationship?
Humble yourself, open your heart, and let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Lacking self-control with habits and daily lifestyle choices?
Humble yourself, open up the Word of God, and let Him renew your mind.

Desperate to be saved, delivered, healed, helped, prosperous, or
victorious?

Yeshua says, *"I'm all that. And more. Come on in! It's a pleasure to
make your acquaintance."*

In Revelation 3:20, Jesus says,
**"Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and
opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with me."**

There's an amazing thing that happens
when we respond to God's call to come in.
When we do, *He does*.

It's a glorious, interactive friendship where both enter in,
and all our needs are met.

Before I conclude, I'd be remiss if I overlooked the context of Psalm 149:4.
While there are many Scriptures that instruct us on how to be humble, in
Psalm 149 the specific context is clear: our position of humility is one of
praising God.

Look at this powerful way to be humble, as spoken in verses 1-5.

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a **new song**,
and His **praise** in the **assembly of saints**.

Let Israel **rejoice in their Maker**;
let the children of Zion be **joyful in their King**.

Let them **praise His name** with the dance;
let them **sing praises to Him** with the timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in His people;
He will beautify the humble with salvation.

Let the saints be **joyful in glory**;
let them **sing aloud on their beds**.

There you go.
Come on in!
Praise Him.
Sing to Him.
Meet with the assembly of other saints and
sing His praise together with them.
Rejoice in your Maker.
Be joyful in glory and in Jesus your King.
Dance and play instruments before Him.
Sing aloud on your bed.

Couched in the middle of all that is *God*
taking pleasure in the humble and
beautifying us with His salvation.

Listen. Jesus is calling you:

***"Hey, beautiful!
Come on in!
Come in and meet with Me.
Come in for relationship with Me.
Come in, humble yourself, and worship Me, your Rescuer.
Come in for salvation, deliverance,
healing, health, help,
prosperity and victory.
I'm all that, and more.
What are you waiting for?
I take pleasure in you.
Open the door and come on in."***

Would you like to join me for beautification right now?
Watch the 4-minute video about this original teaching and witness the real-time
moment I discovered the *"Hello Gorgeous, Come On In"* sign.
Tap the button below. Watch, get motivated, and forward to others.

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