

The Beauty of Holiness

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- * *"Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!" (1 Chronicles 16:29)*
- * *"And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: 'Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever'" (2 Chronicles 20:21)*
- * *"Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (Psalms 29:2)*
- * *"Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth" (Psalms 96:9).*

So **how** do you worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness? Is it *our holiness* or *God's holiness* that is being magnified?

The texts before us and others as well show that it is God's holiness that is being declared beautiful. We worship God when we give Jehovah the glory due His name. We worship God when we praise Jehovah for His everlasting mercy. We worship God properly when we tremble before Him in reverence and respect. Dear reader, is that your disposition when you enter into the House of the Lord?

"One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple" (Psalms 27:4). The beauty of the Lord is not seen with the physical eye, but with spiritual discernment. The qualities of Divine holiness include righteousness, power, mighty, dominion, justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love. As we inquire of the Lord through study and meditation of His Word, then we see more clearly the "beauty of holiness" which God alone possesses. It gives the humble disciple confidence in his own salvation because it is God's gift to him.

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