

The key is to immerse yourself in the beauty of God.

To **focus on** and **continually behold the beauty of God** even to the point of being fascinated.

What does it mean to FOCUS?

1. To fix attention (on); to concentrate, to focus one's thoughts.
2. Having a central point of attraction, attention, or activity.

What does it mean to BEHOLD?

1. To observe; look at; see.
2. Regard, gaze upon, view, watch, discern.

What does it mean to be FASCINATED?

1. To be attracted and held attentively by a unique power, unusual nature, or some other special quality; enthral.
2. To attract and delight by arousing interest or curiosity; allure.

The Beauty Realm of God

Psalm 100:5 – For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

Hebrews 12:1-2 – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by **keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith**. Because of the joy awaiting him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now **He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne**.

Psalm 27:4 – **One thing** have I asked of the LORD, that **will I seek after**: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to **gaze upon the beauty of the LORD** and to inquire in His temple.

Revelation 1:12b-16 – I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands **I saw one like a son of man**, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across **His chest** with a golden sash. **His head** and **His hair** were white like white wool, like snow; and **His eyes** were like a flame of fire. **His feet** were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and **His voice** was like the sound of many waters. **In His right hand He held** seven stars, and out of **His mouth** came a sharp two-edged sword; and **His face** was like the sun shining in its strength.

Ezekiel 8:2 – When I looked, **I was astonished**. What I saw looked like **a man—from the waist down like fire and from the waist up like highly burnished bronze**.

Daniel 7:9-10 – I watched as thrones were put in place and **the Ancient One** sat down to judge. **His clothing** was as white as snow, **His hair** like purest wool. **He sat on a fiery throne** with **wheels of blazing fire**, and **a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from His presence**. Millions of angels ministered to Him; many millions stood to attend Him. Then the court began its session, and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:13-14 - As my vision continued that night, **I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven**. He approached the Ancient One and was led into His presence. **He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty** over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey Him. **His rule is eternal**—it will never end. **His kingdom will never be destroyed**.

Isaiah 6:1-3 – ...**I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up**; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "**Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!**"

Revelation 4:1-6 – After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, **and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne**. And **He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian**, and **around the throne was a rainbow** that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. **From the throne came flashes of lightning**, and rumblings and **peals of thunder**, and before the throne were burning **seven torches of fire**, which are the **seven spirits of God**, and **before the throne** there was as it were **a sea of glass, like crystal**.

BASIC BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES: BEING FASCINATED WITH GOD

Revelation 5:6,8,11-13 – And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a **Lamb standing**, as if slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God**, sent out into all the earth. (v8)When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders **fell down before the Lamb**, each one holding **a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints**. (v11-13) Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, **"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."** And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and **dominion forever and ever**."

Revelation 1:12-15 – Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I **saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man**, clothed with a **long robe** and with a **golden sash around his chest**. The hairs of **His beard** were white, **like white wool**, like snow. **His eyes were like a flame of fire**, **his feet were like burnished bronze**, refined in a furnace, and **His voice was like the roar of many waters**.

Ezekiel 1: 1, 1:4-28, 8:2-4, and chapter 10 – The heavens were opened to Ezekiel and he saw and recorded visions of God.

The Beauty of God's Character

Psalm 26:3 - For your **steadfast love is before my eyes**, and I walk in your faithfulness.

Genesis 15:1 – After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am your shield**, your **exceedingly great reward**."

Isaiah 11:3-5 - And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear, but **with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth**; and He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked. **Righteousness** shall be the belt of His waist, and **faithfulness** the belt of His loins.

John 1:1-5 - **In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through him**, and without Him was not anything made that was made. **In Him was life**, and **the life was the light of men**. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:14 - And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory**, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth**.

John 1:16-18 - And **from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace**. For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth** came through Jesus Christ. **No one has ever seen God**; the only God, who is at the Father's side, **He has made him known**.

2 Samuel 22:31 - **This God— His way is perfect**; the word of the LORD proves true; **He is a shield** for all those who take refuge in Him.

Hebrews 2:10 - God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that He should make **Jesus**, through His suffering, **a perfect leader**, fit to bring them into their salvation.

Psalm 103:13 – **The LORD is like a Father** to his children, **tender and compassionate** to those who fear Him.

Psalm 145:8-9 – **The LORD is gracious and merciful**, slow to anger and **abounding in steadfast love**. The LORD is **good to all**, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

Psalm 145:17- **The LORD is righteous** in all his ways **and kind** in all his works.

Psalm 147:5 - Great is our Lord, and **abundant in power**; **His understanding is beyond measure**.

Psalm 150:2- Praise him for his mighty works; **praise His unequalled greatness!**

Romans 5:2b - ...let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God.