

## Beauty For Ashes

### **Isaiah 52:14 AMPC**

**[14] For many the Servant of God became an object of horror; many were astonished at Him. His face and His whole appearance were marred more than any man's, and His form beyond that of the sons of men--but just as many were astonished at Him.**

This verse describes the ugliness of Jesus from Calvary's brutal beatings. Jesus sought to identify with your ugly self image in order for you to experience the beauty of His image. God uses outer ugly as a pattern throughout the whole Bible to emphasize the unspeakable inner beauty He is trying to give you. I call this God's self esteem.

The tabernacle was made out of ugly badger skin. Noah's Ark was made out of Gopher wood. All to convince you He can be touched by the feelings of your ugly self image. God seeks to increase in power tonight the beauty of this Jesus in us.

Driving out the ashes of our ugly and marred self esteem:

- ❖ The self esteem of a selfish sin nature
- ❖ The marred self esteem of always needing the approval of others when we feel bad about ourselves.
- ❖ The self esteem of fear and feelings of relationship rejection.
- ❖ The self esteem that was marred by past experiences.

Because you can only really worship and believe God to the level of your self esteem. Satan wants you to feel important from your job, or your productivity, or your spiritual gifts. This is a set up because when pain and hurt and conflict comes none of these things will keep a healthy self esteem. ***THE UGLY VISAGE OF JESUS AT CALVARY REDEFINES REAL SELF ESTEEM BEAUTY WHEN IN WARFARE.***

Because we must all admit we are flawed and wrestle with the reality of personal ugly tendencies -- His beauty given to us gives us a new God self esteem. So God takes pleasure in you because of the beauty you chose to embrace from Calvary's ugliness. This brings power in the spirit realm. God also takes pleasure in us and is attracted to us when we give Him praise and worship from this kind of self esteem.

### **Isaiah 61:3 AMPC**

**3] To grant consolation and joy to those who mourn in Zion--to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment expressive of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit--that they may be called oaks of righteousness lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.**

This kind of self esteem worship attracts God's presence because I am no longer hiding in shame those things that has marred my self esteem. The woman in Song of Solomon said ***I am black and I am comely.***

You may not like me and think I am ugly because of my past but Jesus gave me another beauty I did not have. Esther used her beauty to move the King to act.

**Esther 2:17 AMPC**

**[17] And the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the maidens, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.**

**Your beauty embraced tonight in worship draws the grace of God into your private life just like Esther.**

**Genesis 6:9 AMPC Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his evil generation; Noah walked in habitual fellowship with God. He found grace with God.**

So lets attract the husband Jesus Christ into our atmosphere. Quote for a minute the verses where the Bible says God is pleased with you. This is our first step into the miraculous tonight. You cannot fight devils properly nor interpret pain and rejection until you increase your self esteem to God's self esteem.

God's Bride reaches for the beauty of His power.

Read **Ezekiel 9:4**

**Ezekiel 9:1-8 AMPC**

**[1] THE SPIRIT cried in my ears in the vision with a loud voice, saying, Cause those to draw near who have charge over the city as executioners, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. [2] And behold, six men came from the direction of the Upper Gate, which faces north, every man with his battle-ax in his hand; and one man among them was clothed in linen, with a writer's ink bottle at his side. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar**

I call this the prayers of the inkhorn writer. Like Esther who has the King's attention to now speak in prayer for her people we too move God with our beauty of self esteem. Verse one says this time is very, very serious. For the Spirit is crying very loudly because of the people of Israel or POW!!!

God said ***"Mark my people who will use their beauty to move me with their tears for one another, mark them that sigh and cry"***.

People who demonstrate compassion in tears of intercession for each other. Mark them who use their beauty to humble themselves with each other with intercession to break relational yokes. Then He said get the battle ax out.

**Follow the man with the ink bottle through the city and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have any pity. [6] Slay outright the elderly, the young man and the virgin, the infant and the women; but do not touch or go near anyone on whom is the mark. Begin at My sanctuary.**

Without God's self esteem we won't pray this way. Our beauty that pleases Him must get the spiritual battle ax out to kill unforgiveness. Use the battle ax to kill distrust one for another. This is releasing tongues with God's self esteem in intercession. Kill impatience, kill unbelief that says I am not important to people in this church. Use the battle ax to kill the constant distractions that choke the move of God when you pray and worship.

So why don't we do **Ezekiel 9:4** right now for each other.

Would you release your tongues like there is no tomorrow. We all have to make it to Noah's Ark.

We have to care about each other like this. God is saying in these verses demonstrate to each other you care what they are going through. Use your beauty to attract God's grace for each other. His grace releases weights and oppression off

of people. Esther's healthy self esteem pressed to the point of dying herself. Beauty puts itself in harm's way for another. She used her beauty for persistency in tongues to attract the power of the King.

The self esteem beauty of Esther now must declare and decree what the king promises to give her. When you know you please the King you place more importance on opening your mouth to speak faith because you know you're important to God.

Oh my dove let me hear your voice right now.

But use your beauty to seek the Word over the miracle needed right now.

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