

If Jesus Don't Seem Beautiful then You're Still Downright

Ugly

Isaiah 33¹⁷ Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty; they will see a land that stretches afar.

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Aids for listening to God's Word: What **am** I looking for? What do I need?

1. **Doctrine:** sharpening my view of what God is like & what he's doing
2. **Experience:** meeting with the God I trust (conviction, touch, devotion)
3. **Kingdom obedience:** getting in sync with God's purposes: godliness, church unity, gospel proclamation, showing mercy, seeking justice

ONE: Jesus (with his princes) **reigns righteously and rules justly, becoming shelter and supply for his people.**
Isaiah 32.1-2

TWO: Jesus opens eyes and looses tongues so we know whom to praise.

Isaiah 32.3-7

32.3-7: Jesus'-opened-eyes can discern between disciples & detractors.
32.5: Hebrew: *nbt*=nabal (fool) v. *ndb*=nadib (noble)

James 2² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there,"...

32.9-19: the foolishness of Jerusalem's noble women and their men

33.1: God nobly destroys Assyria, the betrayer of Hezekiah's treaty

33.7-12: Soldiers & diplomats weep as the beautiful land wastes away.

33.13-16: God gifts his people with fear so that they long for his ways.

THREE: Jesus alone is truly noble, so find your standing on his noble cross.

Isaiah 32.8, 20

33.2-6: With opened eyes we cry out to him, our fear of his judgments our greatest treasure.

33.17-24: The beauty of our Lord is new Jerusalem's security & supply.

AS YOU CONSIDER ISAIAH 32 & 33:

1. How do these chapters contrast those who are beautiful, righteous & just with fools and scoundrels? A hint: "noble" in Hebrew means "willing, generous, inclined to service" and therefore worthy of honor.
2. How is Jesus the most noble of all? How do 32.8 & 33.22-24 apply to him?
3. When the Bible promises not only God's Great King but also princes/disciples who judge (=rule) with him (cf., Mat 19.28; Rev 20.4), how do Isaiah 32-33 guide those who would rule with Jesus?
4. Can you think of new testament passages where Jesus or the apostles teach us how to be noble like Jesus our noble King?