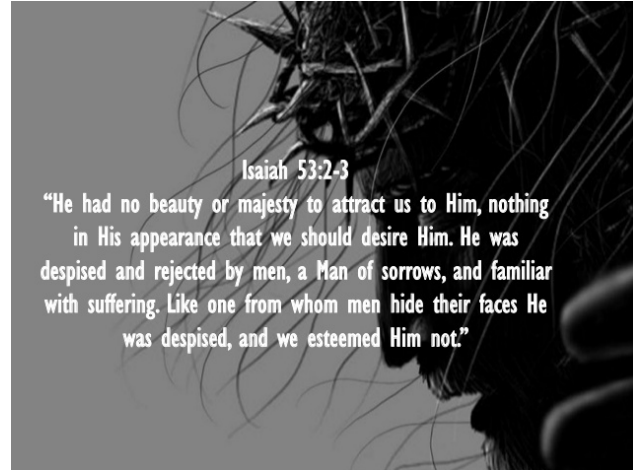




Lewiston Church of Christ

February 3, 2019



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Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Beauty Below the Skin

There are many good-looking men and women in the Bible. For instance, Sarai was so beautiful that Abram, her husband, feared that the Egyptians would see her and kill him to take her away. So, he told them she was his sister (Genesis 12:13). Okay, he lied but they did survive.

I too must be careful when I travel with Mary Ellen.

Isaac's wife, Rebekah, was "beautiful" (Genesis 24:16) as well as hospitable to a stranger. Rachel was "lovely in form" (Gen. 29:17); Joseph was "well-built" and "handsome" (Gen. 39:6); Esther was "lovely in form and features" (Est. 2:7); Saul, Israel's first king, was physically impressive ("There was not a man among the people of Israel as handsome as he" 1 Sam. 9:2); Israel's next king, David, was "ruddy" and "handsome" (1 Sam. 16:12); Abigail was both "intelligent and beautiful" (1 Sam. 25:3); Absalom, David's son was "handsome" (2 Sam. 14:25); and the beauty and kindness of David's daughter Tamar was sinfully exploited by a disgusting half-brother (2 Sam. 13). Physical beauty is colorfully described all over the pages of the Song of Songs.

So, when the Messiah Himself finally comes, shouldn't we expect him to be beyond gorgeous? Not so fast! Listen to the messianic prophecy of Isaiah:

*He has no stately form or majesty
That we should look upon Him,
Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.
He was despised and forsaken of men,
A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
And like one from whom men hide their face
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him." (Isaiah 53:2-3)*

God's word does not ignore the power of physical beauty, but it's not powerful enough to save ugly sinners like me. Only the power of the gospel can do that and it came to us through a very humble container whose eternal beauty was not contained by skin.