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Let me ask you a question: If you could have one chief wish, desire, what would it be? In other words, if the Lord said to you, "I will give you one thing, one thing that you want," what would you choose? I wonder if you would choose the thing that David did in Psalm 27. He said, "The Lord is my Light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, in this will I be confident." "**One thing have I desired of the Lord,**" Psalm 27:4. This is the one thing that David desired above all else. "that will I seek after." He really wanted this... What? "**To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple.**" David's great desire, his great one wish was to dwell in the house of the Lord so that he could behold the beauty of the Lord.

If there is one thing that the believer IN HOUSTON needs today, it is to see the Lord in all of His beauty, to see Him as He really is. If we, as believers IN HOUSTON, could just hold up Christ to everybody, what a change would come to Houston. We need to see the beauty of the Lord.

We see in the tenth chapter of Mark the beauty of the Lord in opening the eyes of the blind. In verse 46 we find, "And they came to Jericho: and as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal. Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should

do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

Here we find the beauty of the Lord, in His concern for those who are unable to see, the blind. When poor, blind Bartimaeus, an oriental beggar, which was probably the filthiest thing on earth in those days, heard that it was the Lord coming, he cried out. Our Lord stopped at the cry of the broken heart of poor, blind Bartimaeus. He had Bartimaeus brought to Him and restored his sight immediately. Everyone else told him to be still and not disturb the Lord. But Bartimaeus was conscious of a great need and cried out to the Lord and our Lord stopped, stood still, and restored his sight. **If you are in deep distress, regardless of how busy our Lord is, He will stop and answer your cry.** We see the beauty of our Lord's concern for those less fortunate in this passage.

Then we find in Luke 7:12, the following: "Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother."

Here again we find the beauty of our Lord in His concern and compassion on broken hearts. We see the beauty of God's power, omnipotence, in raising the dead. But the greatest blessing here, I believe, is when He saw the mother and said, "Weep not." because He had compassion on her. The cause of her distress was the loss of her son, so He restored the son. He is concerned about broken hearts. **If you are in deep distress because of a broken heart, if your heart has been broken IN HOUSTON, God is interested in you. He**

will remove the cause and give you joy and peace in your heart, if you will just turn to Him. Certainly we have to see and be reminded of the beauty of our Lord in His compassion for those with broken hearts.

Then in Luke 8:43 we find, “And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind Him, and touched the border of His garment; and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd. And Jesus said, Who touched Me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with Him said, Master, the multitude throng Thee and press Thee, and savest Thou, Who touched Me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched Me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of Me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before Him, she declared unto Him before all the people for what cause she had touched Him, and how she was healed immediately. And He said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole: go in peace.”

Here we find the beauty of the Lord’s concern for others through the example of His being touched with the feeling of other’s weaknesses and infirmities. He was touched by the need. There were many jostling Him at that time. A great multitude was brushing up against Him and touching Him, but there was one touch that set her apart from everyone else. One touch was separated from all of the others because it was the touch of one in need. **He can be touched with the feeling of your weaknesses.** When we see the beauty of Him going to those in need, certainly today, we need to see the beauty of our Lord as He really is.

Then in John 5:1 we again see the beauty of our Lord revealed to us. “After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and

troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, He saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.”

Here again we see the beauty of the Lord being exercised in His concern for those who are without strength and without friends. He said unto Him, “I have no man,” when Jesus asked this man, “Wilt thou be made whole?” The impotent, the weak man, said, “I have no man.” He was helpless and hopeless in the presence of our Lord.

Certainly you can see the beauty of our Lord’s concern for those that are friendless, those that are weak, and those that are helpless and hopeless. **God helps those who CAN’T help themselves. God helps the helpless.** No wonder David said in that great Psalm 27:4, “One thing have I desired 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 behold the beauty of the Lord.” How we need to hold the Lord Jesus Christ up in all of His beauty, in all of His concern, and in all of His compassion for others. What a difference there would be if every believer IN HOUSTON could see the Lord Jesus Christ as He really is.

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is,” 1 John 3:2.

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