

Real Beauty - 2 Tim. 3:5

by Bernard Fell

True beauty and loveliness come from faith and the power of Christ, not just outward appearances.

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:10, Matthew 5:16, Galatians 2:20, 2 Timothy 3:5

Topics: "True Beauty", "Heart Transformation"

Description

Bernard Fell preaches about the danger of having a form of godliness but denying its true power, likening it to plastic flowers that lack the essence of life and grace. He emphasizes that true beauty and goodness come from a heart transformed by faith in Christ, where noble deeds are rooted in love and praise to God. Through the illustration of a radiant rose perfumed with tender love, he highlights the impact of a life filled with the presence of the Son of God, spreading light and beauty wherever it goes.

Transcript

Having a form of godliness,

but denying the power thereof.

2 Timothy 3:5

I saw a rose the other day

As radiant as a queen;

It never sprang from tiny bud,

Nor graced a garden green.

Gay daffodils, whose trumps of gold

Ne'er danced to springtime's breeze;

And lifeless blooms without sweet scent

Or nectar for the bees.

There is a captivating charm

Much like the plastic flowers;
In outward form gives great delight,
Yet with its moral powers,
The light of heaven never shines
Behind the smiling face:
The life of God is wanting still,
The sweet perfume of grace.
Without the Christ e'en noble deeds
Appear in lifeless form:
The seeds of love must germinate
In hearts redeemed and warm.
True loveliness springs out of faith,
The fruitful ground of praise;
Then deeds of kindness in His name
Live on through endless days.
I saw a rose the other day
Perfumed with tender love;
It shed its fragrance everywhere
With sunshine from above;
It brighten'd many a gloomy place,
With beauty sweet and rare,
And in the face of that dear saint,
The Son of God was there!

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