

Adornment

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on how we are to present ourselves before the world. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, then it would seem reasonable that the way we look can set the tone for the way we are received by others. Should we not then look to scriptures to find what is the acceptable appearance for God's people. Let us consider the instructions from the apostle Peter.

1 Peter 3:3

Verse 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;*

It has been said many times that true beauty is not how one looks, but the inward beauty that comes from their heart. The things of our heart are to be true. A person who will act out of the feelings of their own heart, whether it be to do something for another or ask for a favour. These types of actions are how the scriptures teach us we ought to be. We then couple that with a person of humble appearance and you have a person described by Peter.

Let us consider how God looks upon the painting of one's face and the over dressing of fancy apparel in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

Isaiah 3:16-24

Verse 16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:*

Verse 17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

Verse 18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of *their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,*

Verse 19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

Verse 20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

Verse 21 The rings, and nose jewels,

Verse 22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,

Verse 23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

Verse 24 And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty.

Jeremiah 4:30

Verse 30 And *when* thou *art* spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

Ezekiel 23:38-40

Verse 38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.

Verse 39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

Verse 40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,

God is displeased at the making up of ourselves for the purpose of vain beauty to attract others in a physical way. We use clothing and makeup to impress others, when we should be using our personality of good cheer and honesty to impress others.

1 Timothy 2:9, 10

Verse 9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

Verse 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

We see that the New Testament continues to set the way that God's people should appear. Adorning oneself has no saving power in the eyes of God. Now let us finish on this text that God said at the completion of creation he saw everything and it was very good.

Genesis 1:27, 31

Verse 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Verse 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was very good*. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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