

*Keep me as the apple of your eye;
Hide me in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 17:8*

There are certain verses in the Bible that really speak to me, and this is one of them. How poetically tender David wrote of God's perspective on our lives. We are so special to Him, that he considers us the fruit of His creation and a delicious site to behold!

So much of the time we get bogged down in the depravity of the world which inundates our lives directly or indirectly through the evening news.

I am saddened when I hear other women make statements to me such as, "I used to think I wanted to have kids. But, I'm glad I don't because of the horrible state of the world. It keeps getting worse!"

And it *will* get worse if those of us with strong convictions of right and wrong, and a strong desire to live for Christ don't stand up and make a difference in this world. We are to be a "city on a hill", and a "light shining in a dark place." We are not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good.

I've often thought about how many of us get picked over by "the world", or people in the world who are looking for someone who's better looking, more talented, more successful, or better dressed. How superficial our world is. We can easily start measuring ourselves by the tabloids' standard of beauty and success.

But, God loves and accepts each one of us as we are. He planned our appearance in every detail as much as a master tailor plans the most beautiful and intricate wedding gown. And, God promises to shower us with His love till the day we meet him face to face. It *will* be like a wedding celebration! There'll be music, laughing, and dancing! And the lover of our souls will be enjoying every toe-tapping minute of it!