

And It's Beautiful

*Angels singing, can you hear it? Heaven's symphonies are ringing
Hearts are burning, can you see it? Young and old returning
And it's beautiful, So beautiful*

*The blind are seeing, eyes are opened, Healing for the lost and broken
The beauty of Your love revealing, Oh, it's so beyond me
And it's beautiful, You're so beautiful*

*And I'm on my knees at Your feet, I'm on my knees again, again
And I'm on my knees, all of me, I'm on my knees again, again*

Over a decade ago the Band *Mercy Me* released the song “*I Can Only Imagine*” that took the Christian music scene by storm and recently had a resurgence with the release of a movie of the same title. The composer was expressing his wonder of what heaven might be like. The lyrics above are from the band *Unhindered* that released a song called “*Beautiful*.” This song moves my soul and gives me a vision of what Heaven might be like. Not just when we see our Lord and Savior, but also heaven on earth.

In God’s word we are given many descriptions of what heaven is like, but two come to mind; the visions of Isaiah 6 and Acts 7. In Acts 7:55-56 while Stephen was being stoned by the Sanhedrin we read these words: “*But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.*” I believe when Stephen had that vision he heard Angels sing, heaven’s symphonies ring, saw Jesus standing next to the Father, and it was beautiful.

In Isaiah 6:1-8 the prophet experienced seeing God on the throne, Angels chanting “*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the whole earth is full of His Glory! At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with mist.*” Isaiah’s vision was so overwhelming that he cried out “*Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.*” Then the Lord asked “*Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?*” and Isaiah responded, “*Here am I. Send me!*” This leads to the 2nd verse of the song. When Isaiah saw the majesty of God, there came a burning desire to be used of God, to have a part in God’s glorious work. The blind, lost, and broken people weighed heavily on his heart and he fell to his knees in prayer again and again. There is no greater hunger than the hunger to be used of God; and it’s beautiful.

Every believer of Jesus has a directive to serve others in His name (Matt 28:18-20). If you have had no vision of the majesty and glory of God, if you have never heard his voice speaking to your heart, if you have never cried, “Woe is me! I am undone,” then do not go! Unless you have felt God’s cleansing and restoring grace, do not go. You will have nothing to say. You cannot help anyone by sympathizing with them and sharing their misery. Instead, you must “Go,” knowing you have what they need to hear, which God will speak into their hearts just as He has spoken it into yours. The allure of His love will be revealed and it will be beautiful, so beautiful.

Keep the Faith,

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