Introduction:

A. (Slide #2) Do You Remember “Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs?”

1. A Queen longed for a daughter; she had a child that looked like “white snow!”

2. Soon after the queen died.

3. A year later, the king married a woman who was beautiful on the outside but was EVIL on the inside!

4. The evil queen had a magic mirror; she would ask it every day, “Who is the loveliest lady in the land?” “Who is the fairest of them all?” The mirror would say, “You are, your Majesty!”

5. However, as Snow White grew -- with delicate and fair skin and long black hair -- the mirror said, “Snow White is the fairest of them all!”

6. The stepmother became furious and was mad with jealousy; she began to plot to kill Snow White because she was more beautiful that the stepmother.

7. The wicked queen conspired with a greedy servant to take Snow White into the forest and to kill her. The greedy servant became fearful and left her in the forest.

8. The next morning Snow White awoke, searched around and found a small cottage that belonged to 7 dwarfs. She stayed with the 7 dwarfs.

9. The wicked stepmother dressed as an old peasant woman and put a poisoned apple in her basket, found the dwarf’s cottage; connived to get Snow White to open the door; gave her the poisoned apple, and she fainted.

10. The wicked stepmother fell in the quicksand on the way home.

11. The 7 Dwarfs returned from working in the mine, found Snow White passed out with the poisoned apple at her side; they could not revive her; they put her in a crystal coffin; they visited her every day.
12. A prince found her, kissed her, and broke the evil spell! She and the prince married and she became the queen!

13. This story was published by the Brothers Grimm in *Grimms’ Fairy Tales* in 1812; it was made into an animated film in 1937.

B. Sometimes I Wonder If The World Ever Learns Anything!
   1. The world’s idea of a princess today -- selfish, mean, hateful, jealous, vicious; do anything that makes them happy; insult and accuse others; say anything they want; do not care how much they damage others or relationships.

   2. Today you see those who think they are the most beautiful and some the world flaunts as the most beautiful being some of the vilest and evil people you can imagine.

   3. Sometimes I see young men and women who are attracted to some of the most ungodly people around them; “What are you thinking?”

C. (Slide #3) Today: “Who Is The Fairest Of Them All?”

I. (Slide #4) The Godly Woman’s Beauty!
   A. (Slide #5) Song Of Solomon:
      1. Solomon wanted every attractive woman he saw! He had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

      2. He tried to woo a beautiful Shulamite wife to be his wife; he totally failed! Why?

      3. This young woman and wife was so in love with her husband and they were so engrossed in their intimacy sexually.
         a. The Shulamite’s husband’s affection for her: “Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove’s eyes.” Song of Solomon 1:15
         b. “Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove's eyes behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats, Going down from Mount Gilead.” Song of Solomon 4:1
         c. Song of Solomon 4:7 “You are all fair, my love, And there is no spot in you.”
         d. Song of Solomon 7:6 “How fair and how pleasant you are, O love, with your delights!”
4. God intended for intimate relations to occur between a husband and wife in marriage!

5. Girls and women may be physically attractive; they may be in sexual relationships outside of marriage; they are NOT “fair;” they are fornicators! (Thank God they CAN be forgiven if they repent!)

B. (►) Pr. 31:10-31
   a. 10 “Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.”
   b. 11,12 “The heart of her husband safely trusts her;…… 12She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.”
   c. 23 “Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.”
   d. 26 “She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.”
   e. 28 “Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her;”
   f. 30 “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.”

C. (►) I Tim. 2:10 “but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.”

D. (►) I Pet. 3:4 “rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”

E. NO WONDER Solomon cautioned his son about the danger of those who have outward beauty but inwardly are so corrupt!!! Pr. 6:23-26 “For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life, 24To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress. 25Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids. 26For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.”

II. (Slide #6) Jesus -- The Fairest Of Them All!
A. (Slide #7) He Was NOT Some Adonis; He Was Not Some Hunk!
   1. Is. 53:2 “For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.” [NIV -- “He had no beauty
or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.”]

2. Jn. 1:11 “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”

B. (►) What Drew People To Jesus?

1. (►) His actions:
   a. (►) His teaching:
      1. From 12 years old and older! Lk. 2:46,47 “Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.”
      2. He taught authoritatively! Mt. 7:28,29 “And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”
   b. (►) His compassion:
      1. On the widow of Nain. Lk. 7:13
      2. 10 Lepers: “Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13And they lifted up their voices and said, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’” Lk. 17:12,13
   c. (►) His miracles:
      1. Jn. 3:2 “This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.’”
      2. After numerous healings in Capernaum, “But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.” Mt. 12:15
      3. Mt. 14:13,14 “When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.”

2. (►) Divine affirmations:
   a. At His baptism by the Father and the Holy Spirit -- Mt. 3:16,17 “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”
   b. At the Mount of Transfiguration -- “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” Mt. 17:5

3. (►) His Love!
a. Jn. 11:34 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”
b. Jn. 15:12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
c. Eph. 5:2 “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
d. I Jn. 3:16 “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.”

C. (►) “Fairest Lord Jesus!”

Verse 1:

“Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

Verse 2:

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Verse 3:

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Verse 4:

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.”

Words: Written by German Jesuits in 17th Century; published in 1677; translated from German to English by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873.
Music: Arranged by Richard S. Willis, 1850.
III. (Slide #8) A Christian’s Beauty!

A. (Slide #9) (►) Seek The Beauty Of God As You Worship!

1. Ps. 27:4 “One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.”

2. Let worship be a time when you think about the beauty of the Godhead and seek to imitate them!

B. (►) The Call Of Scripture:

1. Phil. 4:5-8 “Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.”

2. Eph. 5:1,2 “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

3. Phil. 2:15 “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,”

4. Mt. 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

5. I Jn. 3:16 “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

C. (►) Why Seek To Imitate The Godhead? “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,” Phil. 3:20
D. (►) Our Challenge: “Let The Beauty Of Jesus Be Seen In Me!”

Verse 1:

“Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All His wonderful passion and purity,
May His Spirit divine all my being refine,
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

Verse 2:

When your burden is heavy and hard to bear,
When your neighbors refuse all your load to share;
When you’re feeling so blue, Don’t know just what to do,
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you.

Verse 3:

When somebody has been so unkind to you,
Some word spoken that pierces you thro’ and thro’,
Think how He was beguiled, spat upon and reviled,
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you.

Verse 4:

From the dawn of the morning to close of day,
In example in deeds and in all you say;
Lay your gifts at His feet, Ever strive to keep sweet,
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you.”

Words: Verse 1 -- Albert W. T. Orsborn, 1916; Verses 2-4 -- George L. Johnson, 1934
Music: Tom M. Jones, 1927
(Slide #10) Conclusion:
A. The World Glorifies External Beauty But Puts Very Little Value On The Internal -- The Heart!
   1. When God sees such a heart, He does not respond “You are the fairest of them all.”
   2. He responds with tears!

B. God Glorifies Internal Beauty!
   1. How are you doing with your heart?
   2. When God sees a beautiful heart, He replies “You are fair! Well done!”
   3. May our goal be to be absolutely beautiful internally!!!!