

*“And why take ye thought for raiment? **Consider The Lilies Of The Field**, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, ‘That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.’ **Matthew 6:28-29 KJV***

Beauty is not always perceived on first glance. I remember as a child, walking in the Amazon jungle, my many discoveries of color and curiosity, but I learned that many things I overlooked at first, later became greater wonders of detail and color! It is so with the field lilies. At first glance they are no more impressive than clover. But upon closer inspection, they reveal the infinite attention to detail of our Creator. Jesus is saying, “Don’t judge a book by it’s cover.” Solomon was the richest man that ever lived! Silver was no more important than dust. Yet all his glory was material; the beauty of the field lily is from God’s own hand! From this we learn that our true worth is not based upon what man esteems worthy, but upon what God values. *“Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. There is Joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”* It is not the angels which rejoice, but He who created their number! We must begin to see things from God’s perspective if we ever hope to enjoy the Beauty of Holiness!



The lily’s grace upon the stem,
Imparted from the God of men,
Doth teach, toil not for gain of men,
But for that Treasure found within. –CGP

We toil, worry, suffer, and cry with meager profit withal, when instead we could concentrate on the pursuit of God. *“But seek ye **FIRST** the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and **ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED** unto you.”* When gold is your desire, brass will not do. Are you arrayed with Solomon’s glory or the Righteousness which is by faith in Christ?

*“For by Grace are ye saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **GIFT** of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His Workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” **Ephesians 2:8-10 KJV***