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Because God is loyal and faithful

Ps. 27:4 One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the <u>beauty</u> of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple.

The Hebrew word for beauty is **be no am** which means that which brings the most delight. Literally, this is not a physical beauty, but a beauty of character. Every single thing about God is beautiful. He brings joy and gladness. He gives refreshment to our souls. He leads us in the paths of righteousness. He paints a beautiful sunset. He brings comfort to those who are hurting; 2 Cor. 1:3-4 Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our trouble, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Most of all, the LORD's beauty is found in His unconditional, all-encompassing love. God loves every person in this world. He always has. He's so in love with you that He was willing to give the gift of love through the sacrifice of His Son. He took our place; He took our punishment; He brought us hope and forgiveness.

This world seeks physical beauty. We tend to think of "beautiful" people as those who fit into our parameter of beauty, but the LORD is the definition of all beauty. His word, His actions, His provisions, His love, and His grace are all extensions of His beauty. This is why David wanted to seek the LORD, because everything *about* Him is beautiful.

Dear LORD, we want to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD. We want to see all of the beautiful things You do and the acts You bring to pass. We just want to be in Your presence. In Jesus Name, Amen