

began, and that it will last long after the world has ceased to be, then there can be no doubt whatever that I shall desire to respond to such love as this, by conformity to what I know to be His will. Such love as this captivates my affections and through them controls my life.

(3) God's elect are "holy and blameless," because they admire these virtues as divine beauty.

Blamelessness and holiness are characteristics of God, manifested and illustrated in the life of Jesus Christ. These were *the beauties* of the Son of God.

If we admire them in Him we shall imitate them, both intentionally and unconsciously. We cannot but admire the beautiful; and it is quite as natural for us to desire to be beautiful as to admire it. This is that property of our moral nature that sin has diverted into the shallow channel of fashionable manners, dressing and accomplishments, and perverted into vanity.

We ought to desire to be beautiful, noble, attractive spiritually; and when we see that in Jesus, the Son of God, the truly attractive, beautiful and noble is manifested, we shall inevitably imitate the manners and follow the example of Him in whom we have been chosen that we might be conformed to His image.