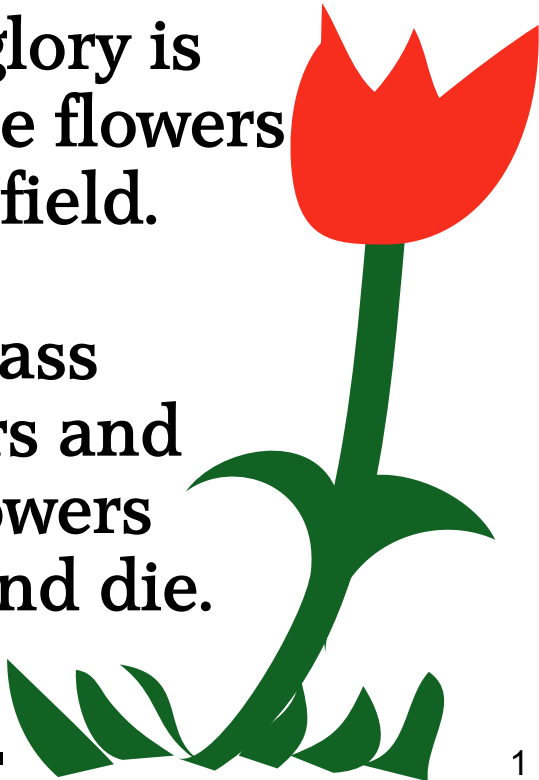


All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fade and die.

But ...



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Seeing that the Scriptures contain such wisdom, insight and truth concerning our everyday surroundings, **let's see what they say about us:**

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."--Genesis 1:27

"God made mankind upright, but man has gone in search of many schemes."--Ecclesiastes 7:29

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."--Isaiah 53:8

Jesus said, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man 'unclean'"--Matthew 15:19 . . .

Therefore, as God's creation we are obligated to His rule and standard for our lives. But since we have rebelled against Him by not submitting to His will and plan but sought to establish our own, then we stand condemned before a holy God.--Romans 8:4

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**"...the Word of our God stands forever."
--Isaiah 40:6,8**

Over 1500 years before Magellan sailed the globe and science confirmed that the earth was round, this same chapter of Isaiah in the Bible declared that God "sits enthroned above the circle [sphere] of the earth and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in."--Isaiah 40:22 And again in another place we see how King Solomon gave a discourse on the water cycle, "All streams flow into the sea, but the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from there they return again."--Ecclesiastes 1:7

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**"Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment"
--Hebrews 9:27**

Yet God, who is rich in mercy, "sent His son to be the savior of the world."--1 John 4:14

"Repent then and turn to God that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."--Acts 3:19-20

"And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again."--2 Corinthians 5:15

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the day not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts."--Romans 13:12-14

Don't believe the devil's lie that happiness and joy is obtained through the material, emotional and self-serving pursuits of life. True life (eternal life) only comes to those who put their hope in Jesus Christ. And he who the Son has set free is free indeed! Christians are not slaves of sin but are servants of righteousness.

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