



Promised Beforehand

Discussion: The Completed Image

1. We can fail to notice what is gloriously beautiful even when it's right in front of our eyes. Share an experience or story from your life when you missed nearby beauty that proves this to be true.
2. How does/can the potential of missing obvious beauty affect the Christian's reading of the Bible? What are some verses that could be prayed before the study or reading of God's Word to help us submit to God's message and to combat potential blindness to God's beauty or message?
3. In what ways does knowing God has an intentional, over-arching story in His Word that is rooted and fulfilled in the work of Christ change or affect the way you read the Bible? What affect does it have on the passages that you read less often (such as genealogies, lists of numbers, laws or chronicles, or prophetic books)?
4. In light of God's goal to restore all things, share what difference the hope of a future newness in Christ makes today in everyday living in a broken world. (Be specific- apply this truth to parenting, work, a health reality, a relationship, etc.)