

“The King in His Beauty II”

“Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts,
would know that they do want, and want acutely,
something that cannot be had in this world.”

There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you,
but they never quite keep their promise.”

[C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*]

I. The problem

Coveting: “The primary disturber of human _____ and the main cause of discontent and self-imposed _____” [Samuel Johnson]

II. False roads

A. A distorted view of _____

“There’s no more reliable way to ensure your future discontent than by enshrining happiness as the _____ of life” [Randy Patterson]

B. Restless pursuit of the “next thing”

- Looking for _____ in all the wrong places
- Postattainment disappointment

C. Cynicism

“Life stinks, and then you _____”

D. Pragmatism

E. Distraction

The soul-lobotomy of wall-to-wall _____

III. Divine discontent

The incomplete _____ of this life will never satisfy our hearts

IV. The deeper reality: our true home

A. Heaven is a _____

“Our Father refreshes us on our journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home.” [C.S. Lewis]

B. Heaven is a _____

- “In His presence of joy” [Psalm 16:11]
- “Heaven enters whenever Christ enters, even in this life” [C.S. Lewis]

V. The deepest reality: the King in His beauty

Jesus’ beauty _____ from every page of Scripture

“Let not your hearts be troubled” [John 14:1]

VI. The two blessed obsessions

A. The first thing first

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your _____” [Psalm 34:3]

B. The second thing follows

“Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us _____ his name together!” [Psalm 34:3]