

Matthew 6:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Jesus makes shocking comparison: 'And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these' (Greek: οὐδὲ Σολομὼν ἐν πάσῃ τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ περιεβάλετο ὡς ἐν τούτων, 'not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these'). Solomon represented the pinnacle of human wealth and splendor (1 Kings 10:4-7). His robes were legendary. Yet simple wildflowers surpass Solomon's finest garments in beauty. This reveals God as ultimate artist whose creative glory transcends human achievement. The comparison emphasizes value - God lavishes beauty on temporary flowers; how much more will He care for eternal beings made in His image?

Historical Context

Solomon's reign (970-931 BC) was Israel's golden age of wealth and international influence. His palace and temple were architectural marvels. 1 Kings 10 describes his opulence in extraordinary detail. Jewish audiences revered Solomon's wisdom and wealth. Jesus' comparison would shock - nothing could surpass Solomon's glory, yet common flowers do. This subverts values that equate worth with wealth and status. God's aesthetic surpasses human achievement; His provision for nature demonstrates reliable care for people.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's lavish beauty in nature reveal His generous character?
2. What does this teach about true glory and value versus cultural definitions of success and status?
3. If God clothes temporary flowers with such beauty, what does this say about His care for eternal souls?

Interlinear Text

λέγω	δὲ	ὑμῖν	ὅτι	οὐδὲ	Σολομὼν	ἐν	πάσῃ	τῇ
I say	And yet	unto you	That	even	Solomon	in	all	
G3004	G1161	G5213	G3754	G3761	G4672	G1722	G3956	G3588

δόξῃ	αὐτοῦ	περιεβάλετο	ώς	ἐν	τούτων
glory	G846	arrayed	like	one	of these
G1391		G4016	G5613	G1520	G5130

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