

Arenaria bryophylla

*“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin.
Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.
If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today,
and tomorrow is thrown into the fire,
how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith!”
Luke 12:27-28 (NIV)*

*“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care.”
Matthew 10:29 (NIV)*

The highest flowering plant in the world is the Arenaria bryophylla. It grows so high (over 20,000 feet above sea level) that few people ever see it other than skilled mountain climbers. Yet it displays the artistic glory of the Lord regardless of who does or does not see it or appreciate its beauty.

Jesus was making a very important point when He referred to the beautiful flowers that grace the fields around us when we walk in the great outdoors. And when you consider the Lord’s pleasure in flowers as seen in their beautiful garb, you get a much better perspective on how much the Lord is concerned for you and your daily needs like clothing.

Being made in the image of the Creator (Genesis 1:26-27) we have infinitely more importance to the Lord than the beautiful flowers that display His artistry and the birds that daily sing His praise with such beautiful carols. The Lord wishes us to enjoy His handiwork and take pleasure in the diversity of His creative activity. He also wants us to draw lessons about our relationship to Him from observing the world around us.

The greatest lesson He wants us to learn as we enjoy the sights and sounds of the world around us is to keep in mind the fact that He values us infinitely more than the lower levels of creation.

There are countless billions

of beautiful flowers that only the Lord sees. There are billions of songbirds whose music only the Creator hears and enjoys. Yet when He looks upon one of His children and hears their cry for help the Lord is powerfully moved to intervene on our behalf.

If you can, take a walk and look at the beauty of creation, listen to the wonders of songbirds singing. As you do remember that you are so much greater in importance than what you see and hear in the world around you. Rejoice in this lesson from creation and daily thank Him for teaching you just how precious you are in His sight.