

PARSHAT TETZAVEH  
EXODUS 27:30-30:10  
HAFTARAH I SAMUEL 15:2-34  
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*Haymaking in Éragny*  
Oil on canvass by Camille Pissarro

TO SEE THE EARTH AGAIN

1. Make holy garments for your brother Aaron for glory (כְּבוֹד) and for beauty (תְּפִאָּרָת)... (Exodus 28:2; also Exodus 28:40)

Only twice in Torah is כְּבוֹד used as applying to human beings; both are in Parshat Tetzaveh. Only three times in Torah is תְּפִאָּרָת. Twice in Parshat Tetzaveh; once at Deuteronomy 26:19, “God made you for praise, for a name and for תְּפִאָּרָת.

2. The fierce power of imagination is a gift from God. Joined with the grandeur of the mind, the potency of inference, ethical depth, and the natural sense of the divine, imagination becomes an instrument for the holy spirit. (Rav Avraham Kook, *Orot HaKodesh*)
3. Poetry is an illumination of a surface, the movement of a self in rock....The imagination loses vitality as it ceases to adhere to what is real. (Wallace Stevens, *The Necessary Angel: Essays on Reality and the Imagination*)

4. He [Ahasuerus] showed the riches of his glorious (כְּבוֹד) kingdom, and the splendid beauty (תְּפִאָרֶת) of his excellent majesty, many days, one hundred and eighty days. (Esther 1:4)
5. Parshat Tetzaveh – Moses; Esther – God.
6. Who knows but that you have come to your *malchut* for such a time as this. (Esther 4:14)
7. I am the necessary angel of earth  
Since, in my sight, you see earth again  
Cleared of its stiff and stubborn man-locked set...  
(Wallace Stevens, “Angel Surrounded by Paysans”)