



Sunday, May 5, 2019

MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

I. The **WEALTH** of the Believer (1:1-3:21)

- A. The Christian and His **RICHES** (1:3-23)
- B. The Christian and His **RECONCILIATION** (2:1-22)
- C. The Christian and His **REVELATION** (3:1-21)

Paul continues in ch. 3 with the topic of *revelation*—God’s revealed truths. This chapter can be summed up as a prayer with an *interruption* and *intercession*. He speaks about what was *revealed* to him and what he prays will be *realized* by his readers.

1. What was **REVEALED** (3:1-13)
2. What was to be **REALIZED** (3:14-21)

In the continuation of his prayer he seeks to help these saints **REALIZE** the transcendent truth of God’s love. This is done through the spiritual strengthening of the believer as they grow in their understanding of *“the love of God”* and are changed by it as they are *“filled with all the fulness of God.”*

a. Paul’s **PRAYER** (3:14-19)

Paul’s Prayer contains characteristics that reveal his **PRACTICE** but also his **PURPOSE**. He shows us how to pray and to what end that he is praying.

b. Paul's PRAISE (3:20-21)

i. The Christian's AWE (20)

Q: What captivates or rules your heart? What are you in awe of?

Paul Tripp – ("Awe") Created awe has a purpose; it is meant to point you to the place where the awe of your heart should rest. "Horizontal awe [being in awe of God's creation] is meant to do one thing: stimulate vertical awe [being in awe of the One who created it]."

a) The PERSON of God and His SUPREMACY

This reminds us of WHO God is.

Isaiah 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is no searching of his understanding.*

Cf. Psalm 8, Psalm 103, Psalm 145

Being in awe of God will **move us to action**. What we see here is that having awe of God cannot be hidden. It is obvious to those around.

- 1) Be in Awe of God's Greatness (Psalm 145:3-6)
 - 2) Be in Awe of God's Goodness (7-10)
 - 3) Be in Awe of God's Governance (11-13)
 - 4) Be in Awe of God's Generosity (14-16)
 - 5) Be in Awe of God's Graciousness (17-21)
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Psalm 40:5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* His judgments, and His ways past finding out!

b) The PROVISION of God and His SUFFICIENCY

This reminds us of WHAT God does.

c) The **POWER** of God and Our **SUBMISSION**

This reminds us of **HOW** God does it. He does it through the yielded believer who live in submission to Him.

God's infinite power is most effective in the life of a believer when they cease from their own efforts and rely upon God's power in intentional dependency. This is evidenced in a life of prayer—the yielded believer on his knees worshipping his way through each activity crying out to the Lord to accomplish His will.

ii. The Church's **ADORATION** (21)

a) Glorify God **PERSONALLY**

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth [*to publish and make known*] the praises [*the qualities*] of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:

b) Glorify God **PUBLICLY**

Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come He might shew [*display (through the Church)*] the exceeding [*surpassing/ immeasurable*] riches of His grace in His kindness [*gentleness*] toward us through Christ Jesus.

c) Glorify God **PERPETUALLY**

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



Our **WORTHY WALK** is marked by a life of **PRAISE** living in **AWE** of our great God. It is a life that acknowledges God **SUPREMACY** and His **SUFFICIENCY**, as we live in **SUBMISSION** to His “Power” working in us.

PERSONAL AWE leads to **PUBLIC ADORATION** of God.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must I demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will I most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!