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Message
of
Jesus Christ

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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O Lord! How Glorious Is Thy Name In All the Earth

What would it be like to be in the glorious presence of the Lord, standing with Isaiah before the Mercyseat with "...the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple" (Isa 6.1)? What would it be like to hear the seraphims as they "...cried one unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy [is] the Lord of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory" (Isa 6.3)?

Isaiah experienced who he was in the presence of the glory of the Lord, better said, who he was not and Whose he was. Isaiah realized that his first calling was to acknowledge the glory of the Lord, His holiness and Who **He** is: King of kings and Lord of lords.

Isaiah heard the call of God in verse six, "... Whom shall I send, and who will go for us..." Isaiah then responded, "...Here [am] I; send me" (Isa 6.8). Yes, Isaiah was called to go forth, was commissioned to declare the Word of the Lord God of Israel. However, Isaiah knew that he was called to acknowledge his sinfulness, who he was not, in the presence of the Lord, and to praise the Lord God of Israel for He is mighty to save. It was then he was cleansed and made whole and was readied for his commission from the Lord God Almighty.

Isaiah did not go before the Mercyseat and declare himself and who he thought he was. Isaiah knew, as did Moses, that the Lord God is holy – and none can stand before Him except the Lord cleanses him.

One who is called of the Lord knows that his calling is first and foremost to worship the Lord God. Ezekiel bowed down and worshiped the Lord God by the River Chebar (Eze 3.23). Job, in his pain and grief, knew that God was all powerful and bowed down to worship the Lord – though all seemed so wrong in his life (Job 1.20).

When we ask people if they have repented of their sins and asked Jesus Christ to come into their hearts and lives to be their **LORD** and Savior, some will answer, "I'm a minister," or "My parents are ministers," or "My spouse is

The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of [his] glory.

The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

O Lord! How Glorious is Thy Name in all the Earth. We can do nothing but stand with Isaiah at the Mercyseat and cry:

Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for **mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts** (Isa 6.5)

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

a minister.” We do not hear these proclaiming, “Yes! He **is** my Lord and Savior!” John the Baptizer (John 3.30) made it clear that the Lord must increase, and he, John, must decrease.

The Psalmist writes much about praising the Lord.

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD (Ps 150).

There are many scriptures about blessing the Lord: Psalm 34; 103; 136. Take time to read some.

The apostles knew that their calling was to bless the Lord, to praise Him – come what may. Recall the apostles who sang praises to the Lord Jesus Christ when in prison? They rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for HIS Name (Acts 5.41). Read “Walking in the Light” insert to see more of our Lord’s teachings on singing His praises.

While we write about there being much in the Bible about our need to bless the Lord, worship the Lord, praise the Lord, let us look at what it is to **know** Jesus Christ. When we know the Lord, we begin to experience His great love for us.

Let us begin with Calvary. Jesus came and dwelt among men; He loves us so much that He died on the Cross of Calvary for our sins. There is power in the Blood of the Lamb on the Cross of Calvary to change our lives forever – **if** we confess our sins and ask Jesus Christ to come into our hearts to be our **Lord** and Savior. We often forget the suffering of Jesus Christ for our sins. We often forget to give Him thanks and praise for what He did for us: give us life now and forevermore with Him through all eternity when we confess our sins and ask Him to come into our hearts and lives to be our **Lord** and Savior.

Our hearts are all too often established in this world and in the worldly ways. Too many have been indoctrinated with the NOW, with having it “my way.” All too often, we forget the call of the Lord Jesus Christ upon those of us who have given our hearts and lives to serve Jesus. All who truly know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior mean well, I am sure; however, that is not good enough. There must be a surrendering of our lives to Him Who died for us. There must be a walk of obedience to His every command.

We must read the Bible daily that we may know the ways of the Lord God in Christ Jesus. No, not for knowledge to use for wrangling, but for the quickening, making alive, the ways of the Lord Jesus in our lives. The power

of the Lord God of Israel flows in and through us through the Word of the Lord. Knowing the Bible is knowing the Lord. No, not knowledge about Jesus Christ, but truly **knowing Him** Who is the **Living** Word.

Those who are faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ, many times, struggle with what their “calling” is – and how it is to be lived. This is appropriate for those of us seeking to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. However, we have lost sight of the calling of the Lord Jesus Christ that is to be first and foremost in our lives: to worship and praise the Lord.

If we are purposed in our hearts to serve the Lord, to stand with John the Baptizer who said that the Lord Jesus Christ must increase, and he, John the Baptizer, must decrease, we will begin walking with Jesus as did Stephen in whom the “religious ones” saw “... his face as it had been the face of an angel” (Acts 6.15). It will be Jesus Who is exalted – not us. We will know that our focus is to worship Jesus, to give Him praise, and to bless His holy Name.

It is as we are worshiping Jesus, praising the Lord and blessing His holy Name, that we will fulfill our calling to serve Him. We will begin looking unto Jesus and not ourselves. We will begin like Isaiah seeing who we are not and Who Jesus is.

Once we grasp the holiness of Jesus Christ, we will walk with a heart of thanksgiving, a heart that praises Him for directing our lives, a heart that trusts Him as did the apostles when they were persecuted for His Name sake; we will worship Him as did Job – even in the midst of grief.

Psalm 29 gives us an experience of the power of God in Christ Jesus! Hear the words. He spoke creation into existence (Gen 1.3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24; Ps 33.6)! He speaks and heals our diseases (Ps 107.20; Is 53.5; 1 P 2.24)! It is His Word that gives life unto us, that gives to us strength in Him (Jn 5.24). How glorious to serve a Risen, Living, Lord and Savior!

<A Psalm of David.> Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD [is] upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD [is] upon many waters.

The voice of the LORD [is] powerful; the voice of the LORD [is] full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.