



Sunday Sermon Notes: November 04, 2018

The God Who is MAJESTIC – Psalm 95:1-5

I. When I recognize God's majesty, worship is a natural response.

Ps 95:1-2 – Psa. 95:1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Once I realize it is NOT about me and my little world, I'm invited to higher plane and into a new perspective! When I see God for who He really is, I MUST respond! God's awesome presence and power become something I can't help but respond to! Worship overflows even if I don't know how to worship or even what to say.

- **God's majesty invites a PERSONAL response - I can experience it through my senses and reflect on it with the gift of intellect God has granted me. MY voice is invited to join the chorus. Will it make a difference? Will I be heard over the din of the noise around me? I will be the Lord. It will make a difference to Him. It will change me to participate in honoring God's majesty. Being an active participant**
- **God's majesty invites a CORPORATE response – "Let US shout aloud..." One of the most powerful forces we have is the capacity to stand together in unity and agree that God is indeed majestic. Part of the power of Heaven is the power of praise in one voice.**

II. When we say, "God is majestic", we mean God is great, awesome in power, full of glory and the source of ALL life! There is none like Him!

Psalm 95:3-5; Isaiah 40:12-26

When you look and see God's majesty, you'll be changed by it!

You'll see His majesty in His tasks – Isaiah 40:12-14

Is. 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? 40:13 Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed him as his counselor? 40:14 Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding?

- **You'll see His majesty in the nations**
Isa 40:15-21 – IMAGES OF KINGDOMS OF THE PAST
Is. 40:15 Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. 40:16 Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings. 40:17 Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing. 40:18 To whom, then, will you compare God? What image will you compare him to? 40:19 As for an idol, a craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and fashions silver chains for it. 40:20 A man too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot. He looks for a skilled craftsman to set up an idol that will not topple. 40:21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
- **You'll see His majesty in the natural world – 40:22 – IMAGES OF NATURE**
Is. 40:22 He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
- **You'll see His majesty in humanity – 40:23**
Is. 40:23 He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. 40:24 No

sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.40:25 "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

- **You'll see His majesty in the stars – 40: 26 – PIC OF MILKY WAY**
Is. 40:26 Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

III. Why do I need God to be majestic?

Because we are hard-wired toward worship. My worship, when it doesn't go to God, will be given to whatever I assign as the most valuable – and that's usually me. It doesn't take long to realize I need more than what I can do or be. I can construct a kingdom all my own. It won't take long for it come crashing to the ground. There MUST be something more, something higher, to whom we can appeal. Otherwise, it's all about me and my "majesty."

When I focus on my own "majesty":

- **I tend to be fearful and defensive because I don't want others stealing my spotlight.**

I want to protect what it is mine because it is – inherently! – all that I have. When it's all about me, my heart is afraid because I know there are others who are better, stronger and wiser than I. I cannot be enough all by myself. My majesty isn't very majestic.

- **I tend to spend time in worry that I might not have or be enough.**

If you are prone to struggle with the stronghold of worry, I suggest that you make yourself a worry box by cutting a slot in the top of an old shoe-box. When Satan drives you to worry, write your worry down on a slip of paper. Talk to the Lord and tell Him what you have written down and that you believe He is able to take care of whatever worries you put in that box. You cannot handle them, but you know that He can. Then fold up your worry, drop it in the box, and leave it to the Lord. He promises to give you a peace that can only come from Him.

Will a worry box make your problems go away? Probably not. But what it will do is shift the weight of those problems off of you and back onto God. He is strong enough to carry that burden for you. Let Him.

- **I tend to be demanding and selfish, insisting that my way is best.**

And who better? Don't I deserve it? Shouldn't I be the center? Isn't my plan always the wisest one? Only if God isn't majestic in every sense. When I dictate my plans and restrict God's majesty to protect my own, I become demanding and selfish, wanting more and more of the pie for myself and willing to share less and less of it

IV. God's Majesty isn't limited by what I can see or understand

– Psalm 139 intends for us to see the full counsel of God's majesty. God is infinite and matchless. He is unlimited in creative capacity and authority. He is unrestricted in knowledge and presence. While I might be able to hide from other people, I cannot hide from the God who is both at the highest height and the lowest depth. The Psalmist makes it clear that ALL has come from God! Even those things I cannot see, even those things I will never see, even (especially!!) those things that are formed according to God's kindness.

- **The Majesty of God changes me!**

Once I've seen the majesty of God, I cannot "un-see" it. I've been changed by the touch of His power. Eyewitnesses to majesty – 2 Peter 1:16 - We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

- **I have the privilege of reflecting God's majesty out into the world!**

2 Cor 3:18 - 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.