

11-25-17 A.M. Service

OUR GOD IS GREAT AND MARVELOUS

Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

We have been going through the book of Revelation in our Sunday School hour and lately I have been reading through the book of Revelation over and over, trying to glean truth from the book to share in our Sunday School class. One of the verses that are gem verses in this book is Rev. 15.3

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Moses wrote many songs in the Bible. Psalm 90 was a famous song of Moses, and he also write a song praising God after they crossed the Red Sea.

This past week we celebrated Thanksgiving. As we think about our Lord and how great He is there is probably no greater expression of praise than what we find in this text.

HE IS SAID TO BE GREAT AND MARVELOUS

He is Marvelous so very Marvelous. Marvelous is the Biblical word for Awesome! As I was thinking on His greatness, I realized that so often we go through life never giving God the credit He deserves.

The greatest fault we have when it comes to God is that we never realize just how marvelous He is. **OUR GOD IS MARVELOUS.**

This Morning I Want to spend some time just thinking and meditating together on how great and Marvelous our God really is.

OUR GOD IS GREAT AND MARVELOUS.

I. We Should Marvel At His Wisdom and Knowledge. HE KNOWS EVERYTHING.

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!

Romans 11:34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

How many examples we can read in the Bible of God's infinite wisdom and knowledge?

From Joseph being able to interpret Pharaohs dreams. to Jesus telling Nathaniel he saw him under the fig tree.

The Scripture is packed with examples of how God knows all things.

One simple example was when Jesus entered Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday. He told His disciples to go to a small village called Bethpage and they would find an ass tied with its colt, loose them and bring them to him. You try that sometime. Go into a village and see a brand new Chevy Camaro convertible, 0 miles on it with the keys in it and say I have need of it and see what happens.

Another example in Scripture.

We read where Saul went to see Samuel because he lost his Father's Donkey. Samuel told him:

1. Two men will meet you.

I Sam 10:2 when you go by Rachel's Sepulcher.. two men will greet you and say the donkeys you have been looking for are home and your father is worried about you.

2. Three men will meet you.

I Samuel 10:3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

3. Then a company of Prophets will meet you.

I Samuel 10:5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

I Samuel 10:6 And the spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

As I read that I thought:

God knows everything even the details and there are no surprises with God.

The amazing thing is that we never give God the credit that He deserves.

Nor do we even understand how marvelous He really is.

The problem we have when it comes to God is that we often measure Him by the men that teach who He is.

I while back I meet a young man who told me a horror story about his father who had been a missionary on the mission field. This man became unfaithful to his wife, abandoned her for another woman and also abandoned his 7 children.

If we measure God's greatness on the bases of the moral character of the men who are commissioned to represent Him, we are going to come up wanting.

This young man asked me if what his father did was right. I said it was not right.

SAD HOW PEOPLE MEASURE GOD BY HIS PREACHERS. I often wonder why God chooses to use lips of clay to proclaim His perfect infallible word? Maybe He does so to be merciful on the hearers. If He didn't there would be no recourse. But because you are receiving the Perfect Word of God through imperfect vessels, but you receive it as it is, the Perfect Word, you will receive a greater reward.

I would like to introduce People to God. It is a fearful thing to represent the Lord, because like Moses of old how often do we fail to sanctify the Lord in the sight of His people.

Don't always measure God greatness by the men who represent Him.
How few preachers could say be followers of me as I am of Christ yet we should all be able to say this.

Oh how men who are supposed to teach other men the things of God come so far short of His greatness. Don't measure God's greatness by the faults of His servants.

THINK OF THIS.

What more worthy thing can you do in this life but to let people get a glimpse of God through you. Yet many times we fall short of this goal.

THIS IS THE ULTIMATE THING THAT EACH OF US CAN DO IN THIS LIFE.
OH WHAT MORE MEANINGFUL THING COULD YOU DO IN YOUR LIFE?

Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Matthew 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

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.

Think though how the name of God can be blasphemed because of people who misrepresent Him.

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? WE FORGET HOW MARVELOUS GOD IS!!!

1. Consider His infinite Wisdom: He knows all things.
2. He is able to do all things.

God knows the future like it is the past.
God knows what will be said before it is said.

Consider in this little story about Saul going to see Samuel.

Lost his fathers donkeys. God let that happen and brought it to pass.
Then they couldn't find them.

The servant says.

God put it in Saul's servants heart to suggest going to see Samuel.

God already told Samuel that Saul was coming.

Then when he goes to see Samuel, Samuel tells him all these signs will take place just so Saul can get a glimpse at how powerful God is.

Why all the drama with Saul? I think Saul should have been impressed by what God knows yet later he forgot Him when he became King.

When we fail to marvel at his wisdom and knowledge we actually can think that we can do something without God knowing about it. That is what Saul did later when he became King.

Imagine, when we lie, steal, cheat, commit abominable sins, Manipulate, Deceive. We act like God does not know about this.

Think of Ananias and Sapphira who lied to the church and manipulated and wanted everyone to think they gave their all when they did not.

Did they really think God could not see? He did not know?

We should Marvel at His infinite wisdom, we should also marvel at His great works.

II. WE SHOULD MARVEL AT HIS GREAT WORKS.

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Not only is God Marvelous because of His knowledge & Wisdom but: God is marvelous because of His Great Works.

There are some people that think that God is this huge knowledge base in the sky that knows all but doesn't really do anything. God not only knows all He is able to do all.

1. THE MOST OBVIOUS OF HIS WORKS IS THE CREATION.

Psalms 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

Psalms 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Psalms 19:1 {To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.} The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

Psalms 19:2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Psalms 19:3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Psalms 19:4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

God's creation speaks.

As you experience the vastness of His creation, the sky, the stars, the clouds, the oceans, the hills, the trees, the animals. How is it that men do not marvel at His greatness?

2. THE GREATEST OF GOD'S CREATION IS MAN HIMSELF.

He is able to work in people hearts and minds to bring about events.

The Psalmist says,

***PSA 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.***

Imagine He had to put it in Saul's servants heart to suggest going to see Samuel.

In the book of Esther we see how He caused the King to have a sleepless night and asked to read the Chronicles of the King, a boring record of events that usually put him to sleep.

While reading the Chronicles he comes across the record of how Mordecai the Jew had saved the Kings life, yet nothing was done to honor him.

Was this just an accident? A coincidence? NO NO NO NO NO NO
Do you really believe that God is involved in all things in your life? HE IS!

God is at work.

**3. GREAT AND MARVELOUS IS GOD'S WORKING IN EVERY DAY MATTERS.
CONSIDER IF YOU LOVE GOD; GOD IS WORKING ALL THINGS OUT FOR GOOD.**

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Do we really believe that? If we believed that then we would spend more time loving Him, obeying Him, honoring Him, and less time worrying about everyday matters, worrying about earthly things, etc..

We say, if only this I would serve God more.
If only this I would do better.
If only I had this.
If only I could do this.
NO NO NO

Do you believe the Bible?
DO you love God?
Are you asking God to work in your life?

THEN GOD IS ORCHESTRATING ALL THINGS IN YOUR LIFE. FOR A REASON.
Don't say that if only this you would do better.

If you are asking God to work in your life to bring Him the honor and glory, than whatever He orchestrates in your life is for that purpose.

It is for your good.
Even if you are not liking it.
What is good for me is not what I always want or like.

DO you believe he is at work?

2 weeks ago I preached on this text.

I Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Is it just by accident that your car broke down?

Is it just a coincidence that you bump into that certain person that always seems to annoy you?

Is it just by chance that you got the job that you have?

Is it just your choice that brought you and your wife together?

Think of this, concerning the abortion issue.

They call it PRO CHOICE TO BE PRO ABORTION.

Is it your choice that brings that baby into the world?

Did you create that Baby?

4. Consider the greatest work in the universe is the work God is doing in His children's life and hearts.

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

REMEMBER IT TOOK 6 Days to create all that is in the universe.

It is taking years to work in your heart and life.

We are a bit like Baalim and blinded to God's workings.

He beat his donkey and even when it started talking he was blinded to it. Can we not hear His voice.. Must He scream..

In everything we should seek to find out what God is trying to teach us.

WE SHOULD MARVEL AT HIS WORKS HE IS ORCHESTRATING.

HE IS WORKING ALL THINGS IN YOUR LIFE FOR GOOD!!!

I. Our God is Marvelous Because of His Wisdom & Knowledge.

II. Our God is Marvelous because of his Works.

III. Our God is Marvelous because of his lovingkindness.

Psalms 17:7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

III. OUR GOD IS MARVELOUS BECAUSE OF HIS LOVING KINDNESS.

Think of God's forgiveness and Kindness to us.

Think of it, we who have been so vile and wicked, we who have rejected Him, we who have not believed Him as we should, we who are so different than He is.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

What forgiveness.

What love.

We do not appreciate it as we should.

Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Matthew 18:22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

It must be that we think we sin so little.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE SIN AGAINST GOD 490 times in a day and yet God forgives that much.

We make light of this forgiveness and what it took for God to forgive us.

What does it cost us to forgive each other? Someone owes us a few dollars and we are ready to take them by the throat.

Someone did us an unkindness.

Someone offended us.

What can someone possibly do against us that has not been done to our Lord?

Has anyone spit in your face lately?

Has anyone beat you or put a crown of thorns on our head?

Has anyone slapped you in the face, put nails in your hands?

Has anyone mocked you and made light of you?

Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Hebrews 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Have you resisted unto blood and then even when hanging on the cross He said, Father forgive them. And He did all this to pave the way for us to be saved.

II Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

And this was his infinite expression of love towards us!

MARVEL AT HIS WISDOM.

MARVEL AT HIS WORKS.

BUT MARVEL MOST OF ALL AT HIS LOVING KINDNESS.

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HOW SAD IT IS THAT WE DO NOT MARVEL AT THE GOD WE SAY WE SERVE.

Is He Marvelous to you?

Invitation: If we reject His lovingkindness.
If we reject such great love what recourse is there?

God has no recourse but to send those who reject this love to a Christ-less eternity which is hell.

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

I Corinthians 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.