



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: June 16, 2019

Passage: Psalm 107

Theme: The glory of God is the goal of the grace of God

[1] Psalm 107

- The glory of God is the goal of the grace of God (vv. 1-3)
- Structure
 - Condition
 - Cry of faith
 - God's work of grace
 - Response to grace
- Wanderers (vv. 4-9)
- Rebels (vv. 10-16)
- Fools (vv. 17-22)
- Swindlers (vv. 23-32)
- God's glory (vv. 33-42)
- Exhortation to respond (v. 43)

[2] "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." (Westminster Shorter Catechism)

- Our Christlikeness "both glorifies God and enables our enjoyment of him" (Chapell)
- "In Jesus Christ we have our most complete definition of the glory of God." // Chapell
- Colossians 1:15-17 - the image of the invisible God
- Colossians 2:9-10 - the fullness of God dwelling bodily
- Hebrews 1:2-3 - the radiance of the glory of God, the exact representation of his being
- "In this present age, God restores his glory in us through our union with Christ. By this union what is true of our sins and penalty was placed on him, and what is true of his righteousness and status is imputed to us (Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:6; 2 Cor. 5:11)." // Bryan Chapell, "A Pastoral Theology of Glory"
 - The grace of God is the most compelling motivation for obedience to God in all the world

Jesus glorified the Father by redeeming sinners:

- The woman at the well
- The woman caught in adultery

- Zaccheus - greedy traitor, betraying the nation of Israel to enrich Rome
- Matthew - a tax collector
- The demon possessed man restored to a sound mind
- The thief on the cross - guilty and condemned to death but rescued by grace
- Thomas who struggled with doubt and unbelief
- Peter who kept getting in his own way and denied Christ
- Saul - persecutor of the church and Christ himself

[3] A community resolved to give God praise in response de to his grace (2 Thessalonians 2:13-17; Titus 3:3-7)

The Point:

"Glory comes to us through the generosity of Jesus (John 17:22), and glory returns to him through the faithfulness of his disciples (John 17:10). We find our greatest fulfillment, highest aim, and truest humanity in living for and in Christ." // Bryan Chapell, "A Pastoral Theology of Glory."

Discussion Questions:

1. "Oh give thanks to the LORD for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1)
On what basis do you determine whether you will give thanks/ praise to God? (circumstance, feeling, mood, comfort, etc.)
2. Are you withholding thanks and praise? What implication do verses 1-3 have on our duty and delight to give thanks?
3. How have you experienced the steadfast love of God? How has he "delivered you from [your] distress"? (vv. 6, 13, 19, 28)
4. Which of the four types of people do you relate with most: the Wanderer (vv. 4-9), the Rebel (vv. 10-16), the Fool (vv. 17-22), or the Swindler (vv. 23-32)?
5. "The glory of God is the goal of God's grace." How can you give glory to God in response to the grace he has shown you?
6. Are you prone to try and repay God for his grace to you? How does this Psalm instruct us as to the proper response (What kind of sacrifices are commanded in v. 22)?
7. What does this Psalm teach us about the kind of people that make up the Christian community? How should this shape our disposition toward those in the community we are trying to reach?

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