



SUNDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Passage: 1 Timothy 1:17

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Introduction: There are moments in the Christian life when truth does more than inform the mind—it ignites the heart. This passage is one of those moments. Before Paul ever lifts his voice in praise, he walks us through the depths of his past and the heights of God’s mercy. He remembers who he was, he remembers what Christ has done, and the weight of that grace erupts into worship. His words are not polished theology for the classroom—they are the spontaneous overflow of a soul overwhelmed by mercy. And as we step into this verse tonight, we are invited to feel what Paul felt: that when grace is truly seen, worship is the only fitting response.

I. The King Eternal — God’s Sovereign Rule Never Ends

- A. God’s reign is without beginning or end

Every king who has ever lived has faced the limits of his reign. Time has always dethroned them. Pharaohs died, empires crumbled, crowns were buried with their wearers. But there has never been a time when God was not King.

- B. God’s reign is steady amid earth’s shifting sands

Political movements come and go. Nations rise and fall. Churches grow and struggle. But over it all stands the King whose rule does not change with the calendar.



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II. The Immortal God — Incorruptible in His Being and Power

- A. Everything in creation wears out but not God

God alone is incorruptible—unchanging in strength, wisdom, holiness, and love.

- B. His immortality is our hope of eternal life

Our hope of immortality is not built on technology or human strength—it rests on the unchanging life of God Himself. The God who cannot die is the God who grants eternal life.

III. The Invisible God — Seen in the Face of Christ

- A. His presence is known by His works

His presence is revealed in the order of creation, in the testimony of conscience, in the miracle of changed lives, and most perfectly in the face of Jesus Christ.

- B. His person is revealed in Jesus Christ

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared Him.” (John 1:18)

When you trust Christ, you walk with the unseen but ever-present God who said, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

When you can’t trace His hand, trust His heart.

IV. The Only Wise God — Infinite in Understanding

- A. His wisdom stands alone



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True wisdom belongs to God alone. Human wisdom, even at its best, is partial and perishable. God's wisdom is infinite, pure, and perfect.

His wisdom designed redemption's plan—a plan no human could have conceived.

B. His wisdom guides His people

When we lean on His understanding rather than our own, we walk in light. When we try to substitute our logic for His truth, we stumble in darkness.

V. The Response of Worship — Glory to the King Forever

A. True doctrine leads to true worship

Doctrine that doesn't lead to doxology is incomplete. Right theology should always lead to heartfelt adoration.

B. The worship of God outlasts the idols of men

Every false god will fade, but the praise of the true God will fill eternity.

C. The pillar of truth must proclaim His glory

The church is the pillar and ground of truth because it holds up this very message—our God reigns.

Conclusion: In the end, this truth does not merely inform us—it transforms us. A God this great cannot be casually acknowledged; He must be wholeheartedly obeyed. The King eternal is not asking for a place in our lives—He is commanding the throne. So let His majesty steady your heart, let His immortality anchor your hope, let His invisibility strengthen your faith, and let His wisdom guide your steps. And as we leave this



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place, may we walk as people who know their King—living with reverence, serving with devotion, trusting without hesitation. For the One who reigns forever is worthy of nothing less than our complete surrender and our continual praise.



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