

Sermon Notes

Jan 20/19 – John 2:1-11

Hope Revealed 3: Bringing Joy to Our Emptiness

Summary: Human beauty, accomplishments or special occasions can be joyous, even glorious occasions. But that human glory is fleeting and it fades away. Seeing God's glory gives us the assurance that God is with us, that he will never leave us nor forsake us and that, with God, in the end, everything is going to be alright. Jesus's divine glory was revealed as he hung on the cross to give us all those promises, plus the promise of resurrection life. Therefore, we bask in his Jesus' glory.

Core Idea: As Jesus' new creation people, we bask in his glory best revealed to us on the cross and we anchor our lives in Jesus' promise of resurrection life.

Intro: A picture of human glory.

- A. Moments of human glory are important because they are _____ from God and we need to treasure them.
- B. We need something more than human glory in our lives. For human glory is fleeting and it _____.

I. We need to bask in the glory of God

A. What is God's glory?

- 1. _____ and heavenly radiance
- 2. The loftiness and majesty of God

B. Why is God's glory important? (Exodus 33:12-23) Seeing the glory of God is important because it _____ us that

- 1. God is with us
- 2. God will never leave us nor forsake us
- 3. With God, everything is going to turn out alright in the _____.

II. God's hidden glory

A. Jesus

- 1. Has the same glory as God. Therefore he is _____.
- 2. That glory is usually _____

B. The wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)

- 1. Wedding celebrations
 - a) were 7 day feasts
 - b) It was a very serious & shameful breach of hospitality to run out of _____
- 2. The exchange between Mary and Jesus
 - a) Jesus - "My time has not yet come."
 - b) Mary - "Do whatever he tells you."
- 3. The miracle
 - a) Jesus told the servants to fill 6 large stone water jars with _____
 - b) Then he told them to take some of the jar contents to the master of ceremonies
 - c) Who declared that it was very good _____
 - d) Jesus dealt with an embarrassing social situation by providing a miraculous solution that was both _____ and of high quality.
 - e) This was a miracle of _____
- 4. "My time has not yet come."
 - a) Later in his ministry, Jesus said, " _____ the time has come for

the Son of Man to enter into his glory.”

(John 12:23)

- b) Jesus is looking ahead to that moment when he will be lifted up on a _____ to suffer and die, and he is saying ‘My divine glory will be fully revealed then.’ (John 12:31-32)
- c) through my crucifixion people will have the _____ that I, God, will always be with them; and that I, God, will never leave them nor forsake them; and with me as their Messiah, their Lord, their Saviour and their God, everything is going to turn out alright in the end.’

5. How does Jesus on a cross reveal his glory?

- a) Because that was the _____ in human history when everything was changed
- b) Before Jesus went to the cross the world was bearing the weight of its own _____
- c) The world was also in bondage to a tyrannical, _____ oppressor

6. On the cross,

- a) Jesus broke the _____ of the evil oppressor
- b) Jesus initiated a new _____ where people have new life with freedom, forgiveness and joy.

c) Everyone in this new creation expands it by loving their neighbours with self-giving

_____ from Jesus

- d) Jesus give us the promise that he would share his _____ with us through the miracle of resurrection

III. Application - What does this all mean for us?

A. Human glory

- 1. we can enjoy and _____ God for those fleeting moments of human glory
- 2. But we don't _____ for those moments of human glory

B. Jesus' glory

- 1. As Jesus' new creation people, we _____ in his glory best revealed to us on the cross
- 2. and we _____ our lives in Jesus' promise of resurrection life.

C. We don't have to

- 1. Worry
- 2. Fear _____
- 3. Fear dying or death

IV. Conclusion: Action step

- A. To make a plan today to set aside _____ to bask in Jesus' glory
- B. Receive his love, his _____, his direction, his words of encouragement.
- C. Jesus is the revealed _____ who brings joy into our emptiness