

I. When An Individual Gets Consumed (1-2)

“I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.”

“I am undone...for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” - Isaiah

“There is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.” - Jeremiah

“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” - Peter

“When I saw Him, I fell at his feet as though dead.” - John

II. How an Individual Gets Consumed (3)

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.”

Humans are awe-factories. We are built for awe. Specifically, we were created to find our awe in God. Because we are distracted, unfocused, undisciplined, and impatient, we give our awe to unworthy and inferior things. We place awe on people, events, material possessions, accomplishments, and sensual pleasures. When we fixate our awe upon the immeasurable, unsearchable worth of God's character, ways, and power, we will live increasingly consumed by Him.

III. When A Generation Gets Consumed (4-5)

“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.”

The big-picture of Christian mission and ministry is summarized here. The current generation, who was invested in by the previous generation, intentionally pours the Kingdom into the next generation. This generational transfer includes communicating and exemplifying the nature, character, glory, power and acts of God.

IV. When Ministries Get Consumed (6-7)

“They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. 7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.”

Speaking. Declaring. Pouring forth the fame. Singing aloud.

These activities describe multiple layers and means of imparting the knowledge of the glory and goodness of God to others. The plural “They shall” indicates it's not just a one-person show.