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TIME OF REFLECTION

“God cannot be Word-less, for the Word is God. Here then is a God who could never be anything but communicative, expansive, outgoing. Since God cannot be without this Word, he simply could not ever be reclusive.”

~Michael Reeves, president Union School of Theology (Oxford)

“The universe is ‘full of images of divine things, as full as language is of words.’”

~Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), New England pastor and theologian

“One of the appeals of idolatry is...creating our own version of god means we can tame it. A created thing can only do what we allow it to do unlike the true God who isn't manageable. He can't be put on a shelf or told to hush. We want to worship what we can control.”

~Jackie Hill Perry, writer and hip-hop artist

“For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountain of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

~Robert Jastrow (1925-2008), leading astronomer and planetary physicist

“God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself; and is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them.”

~Westminster Confession of Faith II.2. (1646)

“The heavens praise Thee, and their whole might, the sun, the moon, and all the choir of stars, the earth, the sea and all that therein is...”

~From the Greek Liturgy of St. James

“Learn much of the Lord Jesus. For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ.... Live much in the smiles of God. Bask in His beams. Feel His all-seeing eye settled on you in love, and repose in His almighty arms.... Let your soul be filled with a heart-ravishing sense of the sweetness and excellency of Christ and all that is in Him.”

~Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1813-1843), Church of Scotland minister

“The Son is the Father's All.”

~Athanasius (c. 196-373 AD), North African bishop theologian and church leader

Worship through the Word

SERMON – “How Has God Made Himself Known?” – *Pastor Don Willeman*

SERMON PASSAGE – *selected passages (NASB)*

John 1

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Romans 1

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their

foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

2 Timothy 3

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1

²⁰But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hebrews 1

¹God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power....