

Intro: Hallelujah! Passover. Jesus & Disciples after Lord's Supper.

Thesis: The LORD is to be praised by His people forever b/c of His Works

I. The LORD's Work

- A. **Great. Powerful. Wondrous.** Faithful. Trustworthy. Just. Gracious. Merciful. Eternal.
- B. **Promises Keeper. Keeps Covenant. Promises made. Promises kept.**
- C. **Provider.** Food and needs. Land. Inheritance. **Salvation & Redemption.**
- D. **For the Nations.** All peoples. We will inherit. On Mission. He will grant them.

APPLICATION: Study His Works. Delight in what He's done and who He is.

ILLUSTRATION: Knowing what you love. Loving what you know. The more you know Him the more you can Love him and Praise Him. The more you see and recognize. Appreciate.

But you can study for the sake of studying. For the sake of knowledge. For the sake of the learning process itself. So you can argue with others. And gain knowledge/understanding as a crutch/comfort.

1 Cor. 8:1 - *"Knowledge Puffs up. But love builds up."* I don't care about all that Theology stuff. I just want to Love Jesus. I get it. When you study just to know from a place of Ego, Fear or Obligation; that produces pride. But when you study/learn from a place of Love - to Know God more, His Love more, it proceeds Love for God and Love for others which is the Building Up of you and others as believers.

II. Our Work

- A. **Sinful. Weak. Useless.** *Philippians* - "rubbish". *Isaiah* - "filthy rags".
- B. **Respond to Him & His Work.**
 - 1. **Praise. Thanks.** Admire. Adore. Acknowledge.
 - 2. **Fear. Love.** Do those go together?

ILLUSTRATION: Ocean. Powerful waves. Riptide. Current. Fun. Healthy fear/respect. Don't test it.

ILLUSTRATION: Mountain View. You love it. Awe inspiring. But you respect. Some can't enjoy.

ILLUSTRATION: The Cross. Reeves. Ultimate culmination of grace & judgment. Fear & love.

- 3. **Grow by Grace** through faith/fear/wisdom. Learning. **ILL: "Immature".** *Eph. 2. Saved by His works not our own, to do good works by His grace as we are changed.*
- 4. **Live in Peace & Joy Forever! We will.** And we are growing into that by faith.

ILLUSTRATION: B-2 Stealth Bomber. 44 hours continuous flight. Huge. 15ton (30k.lbs)bombs.

"DUDE." But then to know that your in there, you feel safe.

ILLUSTRATION Football. Beast of a player. Our team. Hug, rejoice & high five. But not opponent!

APPLICATION: Fear of the LORD

- 1. Keeps us from Living in *Denial, Secrecy* or *Complacency* toward our own sin = **Repentance**
- 2. Keeps us growing in *humility, need, weakness, dependence, Prayer, Help, Trust, Love, mercy* = **Faith**
- 3. Keeps us in a state of *AWE, gratitude, Thanks, wonder, Praise, Love!* = **Worship**

FEAR of the LORD which finds its concentration and fulfillment in the Cross of Jesus is what empowers Repentance, Faith and Worship in the Believer.

REEVES:

1. *"When the awesome magnitude of Christ's forgiveness, the extent to which he has gone to atone for us, and therefore the terrible gravity of our sin become clear to us—as they do best at the cross—the right, loving reaction is so intense, it is fearful... the deepest and most powerful change of heart toward a true fear of God comes at the foot of the cross, where our sin and God's judgment and grace are supremely revealed."*
2. **John Bunyan (Pilgrims Progress) taught that "the cross simultaneously cancels the believer's guilt and increases our appreciation of just how vile our sinfulness is."** He called *It a "blessed confusion,"* made of sweet tears, in which God's grace and kindness shown to you at the cross makes you weep at your wickedness. You simultaneously repent and rejoice. His mercy accentuates your wickedness, and your very wickedness accentuates his grace, leading you to a deeper and more fearfully happy adoration of the Savior.