

General Topics :: Wow This is it!

Wow This is it! - posted by Ignitemysoul (), on: 2007/1/18 0:05

After a long time like 6 or 7 years I think I am finally getting a handle on what our approach to God should be! What as christians should our motivation and focus be in our relationship with the lord.

Most of the christians that I have ever known personally are using God to serve themselvs in some way or another! God wants me to live a good life, or be successful. Heaven forbid if they go through any tough times, they then wonder has God forgotten me? Is he punishing me?

God has shown me this! We think that the world revolves around us, when in reality it revolves around God! The greatest thing in all the world is God himself, his majesty, holiness, purity, all his many atributes! Their is no bigger news, no one can even begin to compare to the lord.

We first need to seek the lord and ask/allow God to reveal to us some understanding of who he is, the magnitude of his holiness and all that he is. THEN we can make sence of the proper responce we as wretched sinners need to make to such a God that we serve.

To repent of all unrighteousness not just as a one time event, but a perminent condition of new character as new creations. What is important is that trough you others can come to know this awesome God through the testimony of your life. Then God will be glorified. And he indeed is worthy to be so! His being glorified by your life becomes your chief concern, since it is revealed to you that nothing else in the world is more important than that!

Also in heaven our reward is God himself. What gift or blessing is greater than God. Their is nothing greater than God! The reality of Gods awesome unspeakable greatness is starting to permeate my every moment. We need to be reminded of the God we serve! I am sencing that this is very pleasing to him and is indeed what he wants every follower of his to know. But most know not since they ask not!

What I would like to do is " test the spirits" and see if I am being unbiblical or deluded. I am posting this here since I do not know anyone fit to answer the question!

Re: Wow This is it! - posted by enid, on: 2007/1/18 2:16

I don't know if you have ever read the sermon 'Sinners in the hands of an angry God', by Jonathan Edwards, but he deals with this in that sermon.

As for being 'unbiblical or deluded', you'll have to ask someone more versed in the scriptures that I myself am.

But scripture does tell us in Rev 4v8-11 of the worship of God that goes on in heaven.

How much more us feeble beings?

God's glory was paramount to the Puritans, as you can see in their writings.

It was paramount to the apostles Rom 11v36.

It was paramount to Jesus, John 17v4-5.

It was paramount to God Himself, Isaiah 42v8

Glory to God.

God bless.

Re: Wow This is it!, on: 2007/1/18 5:56

Ignitemysoul said

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Amen! Your right on the button with all this!

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The first question in the Shorter Catechism (of the Scottish church) is:

Q What is man's chief end?

A Man's chief end is to know God and enjoy Him forever.

I hope this comforts you greatly, as it has me. :-D

Re: Wow This is it! - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2007/1/18 7:11

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I would say you are half right here:

Quote:

23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.
24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.*
26 My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
{b27{/b For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.
28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.
Psalms 73:23-28

I'd say He is the only consideration here and hereafter. After all, how can one put Him first, without loving the world as he does (John 3:16-17). Loving others is like unto loving Him (Luke 22:37-40), and therefore not a replacement for loving Him, and yet is indivisible from loving Him.

Oh how I love seeing someone coming into the simplicity of Christ:cry:.

Re: Wow This is it! - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/1/18 7:36

1. My goal is God Himself, not joy, nor peace,
Nor even blessing, but Himself, my God;
Â'Tis His to lead me there--not mine, but His--
At any cost, dear Lord, by any road.
2. So faith bounds forward to its goal in God,
And love can trust her Lord to lead her there;
Upheld by Him, my soul is following hard
Till God hath full fulfilled my deepest prayer.
3. No matter if the way be sometimes dark,
No matter though the cost be oft-times great,
He knoweth how I best shall reach the mark,
The way that leads to Him must needs be strait.
4. One thing I know, I cannot say Him nay;
One thing I do, I press towards my Lord;
My God my glory here, from day to day,
And in the glory there my great Reward.

Re: - posted by Ignitemysoul (), on: 2007/1/18 8:31

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enid wrote:

I don't know if you have ever read the sermon 'Sinners in the hands of an angry God', by Jonathan Edwards, but he deals with this in that sermon.

I have heard of the sermon. I've posted this in the past but about 2 years ago or so I was bugged one night very restless and after everyone went to bed I felt this urge to try to lookup this sermon on google. At this point I had only heard of it! So I found it right away in typed form and being very long and being late I was like lord what in the world do you want to show me if anything! So I went to the end of the sermon and almost fell off my chair!

Therefore, let every one that is out of Christ, now awake and fly from the wrath to come. The wrath of Almighty God is now undoubtedly hanging over a great part of this congregation. Let every one fly out of Sodom: "Haste and escape for your lives, look not behind you, escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed."

This is very much like a dream I had probably 5 or 6 years before this night! Where in the middle of the night I am this person who is sent to awake a entire village that there is a fire coming and they need to wake up Now and flee or they will be consumed by this fire! They had no time but only a split second to do so or it would be too late! This was a town set in between two rolling hills!

Re: Wow This is it! - posted by beenblake (), on: 2007/1/18 11:50

Dear Ignitemysoul,

You have indeed been blessed. Jesus has revealed to you much truth, and it is biblical. Christ Himself was quoted as saying in Luke 9:23(NIV) "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

As Christians who "come after" Jesus, we must take up our cross daily. Daily!! On the cross, Jesus gave His life to us so that we may have life. In return, when we take up our cross, we give ourselves to Jesus so He can work in us. Everyday we must give Jesus our heart, mind, body, and soul. This is true love. This is what we have been created for. We live for God!!

Paul confirms this in Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship." We need to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice

to God. When we do this, Jesus is free to work in us. He is free to change us and transform us. And this is a daily process. We must die daily!! Paul said this in 1 Corinthians 15:31.

When we do this, when we offer everything to Jesus, He can work in us.

Do not work for God!! Let God work in you!!!

John 15:4 (NAS)"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me."

When we give everything to Jesus, when we give up all control, all thoughts, all opinions, all possessions, all sins.....then Jesus truly becomes our Lord. He reigns as King over us. Then, Jesus is free to rule over us and use us for His good pleasure. Then we are made Holy and used as instruments for His good work. When this happens, God is glorified and people are saved. When this happens, our light, Jesus Christ, shines.

Praise the Lord that He has revealed all this to you. May He continue to bless you. May you be filled with His grace and His peace. May Jesus truly be your Lord.

In Christ,
Blake

PS...Have you heard of Oswald Chambers? You should read His daily devotional called "My Utmost for His Highest." I think you would like it.

Re: Wow This is it!, on: 2007/1/18 14:35

only the Holy Ghost can reveal such as you've received, a Gift. The Gift of Faith, which leads to sanctification.

I will praise Him with you right now.

You are under no delusion, you are under the Blood.

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Re: Wow This is it! - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/1/18 15:33

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

-Mary Lathbury