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MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/16 21:43

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Saints,

Lou Sutera is honest with the hearers sharing how desperately wicked society has become around us. His main point is showing how little esteemed God is and how society and sadly Christians have "humanized God" to make Him as we are. Revival is utmost and necessary to see God as He truly is! This message is a clarion call for the need and urgency we should have.

Humanizing God

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Re: MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera - posted by allhavsinned (), on: 2008/1/16 23:24

Very good! This certainly puts the finger on one of the major problems today.

Greg, do you know when this was preached? It may be 20 years old or so but it is just as or even more relevant today.

Truly getting to grips on a right view of God will lead us to a closer relationship with Him and able us to reflect Him better

I'll have to get hold of the AW Tozer book 'the knowledge of the Holy' as Mr Sutera recommends.

Thanks again Greg for this sermon.

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EDIT Tozer's book is readable here...

http://www.heavendwellers.com/hdt_knowledge_of_the_holy.htm

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/17 6:52

Shocking Honesty..

Reviewed by: sermonindex

It is hard to hear the brutal honesty shared from this dear brother. Points about rock music is very truthful. The Church must realize we are watching and admiring people who are going to hell and the wrath of God hangs over their heads. May we pray and be set apart!

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Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/1/17 7:55

Quote:
-----The Church must realize we are watching and admiring people who are going to hell and the wrath of God hangs over their heads.

This quote reminds me of one my uncle (by marriage) made years ago about the TV. It went something like this: "Can you imagine what God would have told the Israelites in the OT if they would have had TV and were being entertained by the Moabites, Philistines?"

ginnyrose

Re: MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/1/17 7:55

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Re: MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera, on: 2008/1/17 8:11

Daryl,

Thank you so much for this. If I was to say 'good word, bro' it would be an understatement. You spoke right to the heart of my need to recover healthy emotional integration across the whole breadth of my living. I know when you read this you'll pray for me, but believe that I have already received 'the word' and it would be another understatement to say it could not be more timely. It is spot on.

As I write, I realize that my inability to express myself verbally in the past, which led to my crying instead (so many times), made me look emotionally unbalanced. But praise God He knows the real truth about the knots we find ourselves trying to untie, and He knows how to bring us to the place of allowing Him to cut the knot, or, ourselves becoming disentangled through our obedience, with the least amount of additional trauma.

Like all the best words from God, this has caught me unawares, but AMEN! And another thank you.

Re: Emotions - posted by BVO (), on: 2008/1/17 8:25

This might be a little off the main thrust as I haven't listened to the message yet, but as manipulation of emotions was mentioned (and I am headstrong against much that is done to that end), I remembered something that Denny Kenaston said concerning the Holy Spirit and the Charismatic movement. Many get so wrapped up in the experience that they become addicted to the experience that it carries too high a place (maybe even taking the place of God), but warned that you will certainly have emotion when the Holy Spirit comes upon you so let's not ignore that. I look forward to the message, and thank Geg for his recommendations. These featured sermons have introduced me to people I never heard of and am glad I "met". Lord Bless and thanks Barry

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/17 9:00

Quote:
-----To all who read this, God's Words can not, no *must* not be read with a monotone understanding, a non-emotional voice, He created us in His own image and delights in His creation!

Must not? Is God not sovereign? I recall that Edwards read "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" from the manuscript in a monotonous, gravel voice. While it is true that God created us in His image, and delights in His creation, does this delightfulness qualify a transitory emotion of soul? There is a way to rejoice in God without exhibiting a pseudo-charismatic ebullience of emotion. Not that expressing emotion is wrong, mind you, like strong weeping or explosive joy. If these outbursts are the *result*, I agree that we shouldn't interfere...but if they are being exhibited to merely kick-start revival through music or the foisting-off of something familiar via the soul, I believe it should be called out and labeled for what it is.

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The Holy Spirit is not hampered by emotion, nor is He slave to emotion. It is the other way around; emotion can be the outward manifestation of the Holy Spirit brooding. Emotions caused by the Holy Spirit working is one thing - the emotion spoken of here (in the sermon) is a kind of soulishness that masquerades as the antechamber of Holy Spirit revival. It purports to be the cause and not the result, the head and not the tail.

Brother Paul

Re: MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera, on: 2008/1/17 10:16

Brother Paul,

I think you may have crossed a couple of wires in your reading of Daryl's comments. There are quite a few preachers who read their sermons relatively unemotionally, with flat uninteresting voices, and they can do that because the punch is in the words they've written, and the truth of those words, and the message God has given them to deliver will stand by itself. And you're right, we can do that with the Bible also. But, I don't think either you or Daryl believe God's word is delivered to us without passion **on His part**.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/17 10:36

Quote:

-----But, I don't think either you or Daryl believe God's word is delivered to us without passion on His part

Yes, I understand this, and agree. But if we are now comparing emotion to passion, we should make some delineations. I believe these are two separate things; passion doesn't necessarily have to be expressed via emotion. One can have emotionless passion, a great passion for the Word of God and holiness in His church - and not show it externally. The unctio of God transcends human emotion, though I agree that the *effects* of the unctio of God can certainly spur emotions , which, in this case would be the human surface reaction to a deeper spiritual working, a burden, a passion.

All I am saying is I believe there are two types of causes for emotions - the soul cause and the Spirit cause. An illustration we can use is the surface of the ocean. If turbulence suddenly breaks the surface of the water with ripples and currents, the cause can be twofold. The soulish cause in this case could be a structure beneath the surface moving about; a school of fish, a frenzied shark, a submarine. The Spirit cause in this case would be the *wind blowing upon the surface of the deep*. One comes from without, the other from within. I submit that we can read the Word of God without surface emotion and the Sword can pierce its object silently, secretly, fatally. Conversely, we can read the Word of God with great emotion and it be nothing more than sounding brass, the emotional turbulence of a thrashing music-shark, or the emerging submarine of unctioless preaching. Note, these things cause great waves, great foam, great splashes - and only produce a temporary surface aberration.

My only objection to Daryl's post was his assertive teaching that God's Word *must* not be separated from emotion - that t here *must* be emotion in the voice. Perhaps I misunderstood this brother; in any case, I'm sure he will defend his stance and we can thoughtfully engage each other with charity and grace.

Brother Paul

Re: MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera, on: 2008/1/17 12:13

Quote:

-----One can have emotionless passion, a great passion for the Word of God and holiness in His church - and not show it externally.

My first response to this as I read it was *you're kidding!* You may believe that nothing of what you're passionate about shows through in your actions or emotions, but it cannot be true that there is no difference between having a passion and not having a passion, in the way it affects a person's outworking of their life.

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Amen. I think what we are all saying, is that there can be emotional hype which does not engage the deep inner man, which can produce words and actions which are not based in a reality of engagement with God. None of us want this kind of emotional show, which as God sees the heart, finds it out of communion with Him at a deeper level.

My prayer first from a long time ago now, was that my emotional life should be like Jesus'. That how He felt about things would be how I felt. That I would care as He cared. Feel for others as He felt. And that this would cause me to respond as He would respond, if He were there in Person, dealing with the same needy people.

If we take the Word made Flesh as the example of how our emotions should be engaged with our living.... this is all that I am after but nothing less either... no good British 'stiff upper lip' stuff.

Quote:

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I'm sure it will be edifying for us all. :-)

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/17 12:46

Quote:

-----My first response to this as I read it was you're kidding!

Have you heard Art Katz, Zac Poonen, T. Austin Sparks preach - or read the tone of Paul's and Peter's epistles? If you must speak of an external show to validate one's passion, then I opt for *sobriety* and self-control. Let these be the all-encompassing trademarks of passion for a mature saint. Not shouting, shaking, not flamboyance, not luxuriating in and stopping to dynamic music, nothing at all that caters to human emotion, whether it be ear-candy, eye-candy, or mind-candy. However, I also understand that you can have all those things I just mentioned and it be from God as well! We need to guard ourselves from over-correcting the wheel and arbitrarily judging the other side as well. I say let God be sovereign, and let us all walk in the Spirit.

The great saints of God in the past understood sobriety. The Word of God alone is sufficient without appealing to emotion to kick-start a service, and the fruit of these old saints remained, and God sent revival. Contrast this to today, where we have all kinds of emotional theatrics and dynamic functions and appeals and electric, soul-hot tantalizers for 30 years now and our present generation is as cold and compromising as ever a generation was.

I say the church needs a long-overdue dose of honest-to-goodness Puritanic sobriety and quietude, a return to clean, sound doctrine where the Word of God alone provides all the dynamics needed to quicken believers into a throbbing, vital relationship with God. If we have this, the emotions that result from such a vibrancy will be justified. The cries of Edwards' listeners as they clung to the gallery-posts came about from a silent and sober plunge of the sword; no rock music was needed, no drum beat, no dynamic imploring from the pulpit, no emotional appeal whatsoever.

I understand that Jonathan Edwards was a very grave man in the pulpit, as were many holy saints of old in the past. A person out of tune with God might accuse such ministers as being bland, boring, uncharismatic, nothing inviting to hold youth. This is because we've been slowly conditioned by today's culture which has bled into and assimilated with the church. Today, we *must* have something to grab the emotion, and we need this element *along* with the Word, whereas I believe the Word alone is sufficient when it is preached from a clean conscience, with purity, sobriety, love, following righteousness with a holy fear of God.

Re: MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera, on: 2008/1/17 13:04

Paul said

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Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/17 13:14

Quote:
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Absolutely, as long as we're talking about the waves caused by the wind and not the shark.

Re: MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera - posted by SimpleLiving (), on: 2008/1/17 13:33

This message is on my list for this evening. I can't wait to get home! Thank you for the recommendation, brother. It sounds like it will get me on my feet and then cause me to hit my knees.

Re: MUST HEAR: Humanizing God by Lou Sutera, on: 2008/1/17 13:39

Hi Paul,

Quote:
-----Sure, as long as we're talking about the waves caused by the wind and not the shark.

For the purposes of this discussion, and the way you separated the examples in your earlier post, yes we are.

I just want to bring one scripture to bear, which has blessed me many times in my deep desire to reach toward God and be apprehended by Him. I believe you will understand. This was more in line with my original thinking.... rather than that emotion is a merely superficial display unrelated to the depths of the inner man.

The wind of the Spirit catching the sails of the bark of our life is a valid picture of movement, captured in a famous hymn 'I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,' but I had more in mind the heaving of a sea which didn't show any white crests, where the contours of the lengthy dips and peaks are large and pregnant with power. I know I didn't say this.... but, it is that connection between the deep knowing of God, and how it drives us to be and to become, which I had in mind, as in

Psalms 42:7
Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts:
all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

So, you can see how our imagery was at variance, as the whole matter of *creating an atmosphere* in which though much exhibition of the flesh, people are deceived into believing they have been connecting with God, was far from my mind, and has nothing at all to do with my response to Daryl.

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2008/1/17 13:57

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the Lord has been speaking to me about this very thing. He showed me that the reason we seek entertainment so much is because we have become BORED WITH CHRIST. now some people will argue with that last statement, but if we were really honest about why we lack much prayer and bible reading, it is because these things do not REALLY interest us as much as they should.

when the Lord showed me how easy it was to watch sports for 2-3 hours a night, but i was only spending 30 minutes with Him a night. that's idolatry in my life. He began to break my heart and habits and since then i have been challenged to

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TRULY seek Him and pray for revival (mine, family, church, nation, world). and do you know what i've found? that the things that i used to watch and love have slowly faded away and my love for the Lord and His heart has so increased.

phil

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/17 14:01

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-----I had more in mind the heaving of a sea which didn't show any white crests, where the contours of the lengthy dips and peaks are large and pregnant with power.

Yes, amen, sister. This is the image of the sea that comes to mind. The peaceful still - but also the lengthy dips and peaks, the swells pregnant with power - as you said it so perfectly. There needn't be whitecaps erupting to demonstrate the awesome and profound power of the ocean, but in an instant there can be, as the wind mysteriously changes course and begins to blow.

The reason I think the "soulish" waves are so noticeable and make such big impressions is due to the backdrop of the sea when they occur. In the midst of a glassy stillness, a whale can suddenly jump and make a tremendous splash and everyone gasps! It's so noticeable, shocking, thrilling. Contrast this to a storm-surgened sea with gigantic billows and breaking caps, cobalt spray erupting, violent waves crashing against the rocks. The entire sea is broken, the entire sheet of glass in utter chaos. Imagine now a whale jumping, or a shark's dorsal fin slicing the surface, or a submarine emerging. Hardly noticeable! Not so thrilling!

It is because of the broken backdrop, the chaotic canvass in its entirety, that these sporadic and superficial occurrences no longer generate applause. This, I believe, is the difference between the waters of spirit and soul. So much nowadays, like you said, passes for spirit emotion in church, when all it really is is a school of fish stirring the surface. I know how it goes, as in the past I've preached the fish to the surface, I've whistled the whales to leap majestically in the midst of still waters, and as everyone oohed and aahed I marvelled at a storm that was not.

Brother Paul

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Brother Daryl,

I do feel strongly that the Sutera's experienced "genuine revival" and yes it was more more of a "sovereign" work that they were involved in. Now I am for and been involved in times of breaking in congregations, youth meetings, etc. I thank God for those experiences and times but I believe the Sutera's are aiming for more of a sovereign awakening to come to churches and the nation.

On the issue of music and emotion, I do not shun away from emotions that are consecrated towards God. But music enters some dangerous areas where it gets people off from a "true" picture of God. I **highly** recommend this article by Tozer, TRUE REVIVAL will correct the problems he is painting in the article, and we won't get the revival by working using the wrong methods:

The Erotic vs. the Spiritual

by A.W. Tozer

The period in which we now live may well go down in history as the Erotic Age. Sex love has been elevated into a cult. Eros has more worshipers among civilized men today than any other god. For millions the erotic has completely displaced the spiritual.

How the world got into this state is not difficult to trace. Contributing factors are the phonograph and radio, which can spread a love song from coast to coast within a matter of days; the motion picture and television, which enable a whole population to feast their eyes on sensuous women and amorous young men locked in passionate embrace (and this in the living rooms of "Christian" homes and before the eyes of innocent children!); shorter working hours and a multiplicity of mechanical gadgets with the resultant increased leisure for everyone. Add to these the scores of shrewdly contrived advertising campaigns which make sex the not-too-slyly concealed bait to attract buyers for almost every imaginable product; the degraded columnists who have consecrated their lives to the task of the publicizing of soft, slinky nobodies with the faces of angels and the morals of alley cats; conscienceless novelists who win a doubtful fame and grow rich at the inglorious chore of dredging up literary putridities from the sewers of their souls to provide entertainment for the masses. These tell us something about how Eros has achieved his triumph over the civilized world.

Now if this god would let us Christians alone, I for one would let his cult alone. The whole spongy, fetid mess will sink someday under its own weight and become excellent fuel for the fires of hell, a just recompense which is meet, and it becomes us to feel compassion for those who have been caught in its tragic collapse. Tears and silence might be better than words if things were slightly otherwise than they are. But the cult of Eros is seriously affecting the Church. The pure religion of Christ that flows like a crystal river from the heart of God is being polluted by the unclean waters that trickle from behind the altars of abomination that appear on every high hill and under every green tree, from New York to Los Angeles.

The influence of the erotic spirit is felt almost everywhere in evangelical circles. Much of the singing in certain types of meetings has in it more of romance than it has of the Holy Ghost. Both words and music are designed to rouse the libidinous. Christ is courted with a familiarity that reveals a total ignorance of who He is. It is not the reverent intimacy of the adoring saint but the impudent familiarity of the carnal lover.

Religious fiction also makes use of sex to interest the reading public, the paper-thin excuse being that if romance

and religion are woven into a story the average person who would not read a purely religious book will read the story and thus be exposed to the gospel. Leaving aside the fact that most modern religious novelists are home-talent amateurs, scarcely one of whom is capable of writing a single line of even fair literature, the whole concept behind the religio-romantic novel is unsound. The libidinous impulses and the sweet, deep movings of the Holy Spirit are diametrically opposed to each other. The notion that Eros can be made to serve as an assistant of the Lord of glory is outrageous. The "Christian" film that seeks to draw customers by picturing amorous love scenes in its advertising is completely false to the religion of Christ. Only the spiritually blind will be taken in by it.

The current vogue of physical beauty and sparkling personalities in religious promotion is a further manifestation of the influence of the romantic spirit in the Church. The rhythmic sway, the synthetic smile and the too, too cheerful voice betray the religious worldling. He has learned his technique from the TV screen but not learned it well enough to succeed in the professional field, so he brings his inept production to the holy place and peddles it to the ailing and undersized Christians who are looking for something to amuse them while staying within the bounds of the current religious mores.

If my language should seem severe, let it be remembered that it is not directed at any individual. Toward the lost world of men I feel only a great compassion and a desire that all should come to repentance. For the Christians whose vigorous but mistaken leadership has wooed the modern Church from the altar of Jehovah to the altars of error, I feel genuine love and sympathy. I want to be the last to injure them and the first to forgive them, remembering my past sins and my need for mercy, as well as my own weakness and natural bent toward sin and error. Balaam's ass was used of God to rebuke a prophet. It would seem from this that God does not require perfection in the instrument He uses to warn and exhort His people.

When God's sheep are in danger, the shepherd must not gaze at the stars and meditate on "inspirational" themes. He is morally obliged to grab his weapon and run to their defense. When the circumstances call for it, love can use the sword, though by her nature she would rather bind up the broken heart and minister to the wounded. It is time for the prophet and the seer to make themselves heard and felt again. For the last three decades timidity disguised as humility has crouched in her corner while the spiritual quality of evangelical Christianity has become progressively worse year by year. How long, O Lord, how long?

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Re: - posted by brentw (), on: 2008/1/17 20:37

Is this sermon 4 minutes long or did I do something wrong??
Is there a longer version of this sermon??
I was listening and wanting to hear more.
Great message!

I was reading today what John Sung said before he died.. "The work of the future is to be the work of prayer."
In order to see transformation in anything there has to be an INTENSE desire for that thing.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/17 20:51

Quote:
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Re: time - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/1/17 21:38

I don't have time right now to follow up on this thread as I have to leave out at 4am tomorrow and won't be back til Monday. I'll follow up than. God Bless all , bro daryl

The Follow Up to bro Paul - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/1/21 23:33

I'll try to take this slow. Revival comes in three ways, One , an anointed messenger, two a worshipping congregation, three a Sovereign Move of God. There may be spin offs but this is basically the juest of it.
When I see a praise service I watch the worship leader to see if He shuts out everything and enters into worship himself. Notice I said worship leader, a leader is one who leads the way. Now so as not to allow those who might read this to be duped into following someone into the pit of hell, there are some characteristics that follow godly worship, one) a deep sense of reverence toward God two) an anointing that breaks the yoke of bondage three) a liberty in the Holy Spirit -- in other words freedom to be expressive toward God.
What many preachers do is express a strong bias for or against a certain style of music, it's to fast its to slow its to etc....I personally don't care for rocky rolly christian music, but the fact is that God in His soverienty can and does use it and recieves glory from some who praise and worship Him in it. He looks to the heart.

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----- My only objection to Daryl's post was his assertive teaching that God's Word must not be separated from emotion - that there must be emotion in the voice

I believe I made a point that the Word of God must be not only intellectual but also read with emotion, the Word of God is a living thing! Do you realize that not one of Jesus spoke on earth can fail? Every single word He spoke did something physically or spiritually yet to be revealed, now wrap your mind around that one.

Quote:
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With all due respect Paul, every, let me restate that again, every move (revival, awakening) of God historically had great hymns and melodies and praise songs written (in some cases these lead the way, in some cases they came along side of). As to quietness and time of reflection? There is a time for all things under the sun, but it takes a sensitive Leader to navigate these waters.

Now as to the soul, We as the people of God enter sometimes out of our own volition, and like ole Elisha we enter by reason of the musician. In the New covenant God accepts both. I believe that the soul is that part of man that crosses the bridge that links the body and the spirit. Now if we are talking about flesh, the only references made to the flesh are deeds, actual things one is doing that are sins. Well lets look at lust, isn't it interesting that Jesus condemned the judgemental pharisees with this sin. Conscience sins usually finds its expression in judgementalism or accusation or a passing of judgement upon someone without mercy.

Jump starting? No never! A true worship leader? Absolutely! People follow leaders and to make a blanket statement that says all this type of music is good or all this type of music is bad it to place the focus on the wrong thing. First- watch the leadership, second- Am I a worshipper in real everyday life?

To conclude, no one that I know of wants a false anything. But most people I know like butter on thier toast, they don't like it dry. Same goes for praise and worship services, after all most people wouldn't be there if they didn't want to be there. In these days that speaks volumes by it self. I hope I cleared up everything bro. Paul, God Bless bro. daryl

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This is an excellent message! I was really blessed by it. Has any one else listened to this and been impacted by it?