

WORSHIP

*Let everything
that has breath
praise the Lord.*

*Worship the Lord
with gladness;*

*Come before him
with joyful song.*

— 2024 —

Worship

Sermon Discussion Questions – February 11, 2024

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 8:1-9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

I Samuel 17:45-46 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

Jeremiah 32:17 O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.”

Psalm 121:2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Proverbs 19:21 You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail

James 4:14-15 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased."

Colossians 1:15-20 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth.

John 1:8 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and[a] is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John 14:9 Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

Warm Up: Pastor Paul used an Aladdin reference in his message and said it was one of his favorite movies growing up. What was one of your favorite movies when you were a kid?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Paul started his message with the point:
We worship God because He is supreme.
What makes God supreme? What does God's supremacy mean to you in your life?
2. Read Psalm 8:1-9. How do we see God's supremacy in these verses? What do we learn about worshipping God in these verses?
3. Pastor Paul used this quote from Thomas Carlyle:
Wonder is the basis of worship; worship is transcendent wonder.
What brings you wonder when thinking of God and His supremacy?
4. Excerpt from Pastor Paul's message:
As David comes to grips with the supremacy of God, the authority and superiority of our Creator, He then realized how significant it is that God cares for such small insignificant humans living on this tiny earth. And we have all experienced this before. This humbling moment when someone significant gives you attention you don't feel you deserve.

Have you ever had a humbling moment when you felt God cares for you and what is happening in your life? What was that like? How does that change the way you see God and His supremacy?

5. Pastor Paul made the point:

Acknowledging God's supremacy through worship helps us take our right place in creation.

How does taking your right place in creation help you with control of the things around you?

How does giving control to God impact your daily life? What does giving control to God look like for you?

6. Excerpt from Pastor Paul:

The whole trick is keeping the truth up front in daily consciousness. The big idea here is that it's easy to talk about worship at church. It's easy to give praise on a Sunday morning when we are surrounded by other worshipers. Yes, sometimes we remember to live thankful lives – sometimes we remember to call out to God first in our time of need. But it is difficult to live a lifestyle of worship. How many of us have a daily practice of giving thanks to God and others? How many of us take time even weekly to take in the beauty of God's creation? Many of us often forget to acknowledge the small ways God is working in our lives each day.

What do you do to keep the truth of worshipping God throughout the week, not just on Sundays, as a part of your daily consciousness?

3. Read Jeremiah 32:17, Matthew 19:26, Psalm 121:2, Proverbs 19:21, James 4:14-15, and Revelation 4:11.

How do we see God's supremacy in these verses? What do we learn about God in these verses?

Next Steps:

Excerpt from Pastor Paul's Message:

So what does God's supremacy mean to me? I would suggest God as supreme means I slowly and intentionally put all things under his dominion. Good things. Difficult things. Scary things. Exciting things. That's his design. If God is supreme and therefore everything in my life includes Him, how does that impact my relationships, my desires, my behaviors, and even my daily rhythms? Those are the questions that we each have to wrestle through this week. How can we "keep the truth (of God's supremacy) up front in (our) daily consciousness" this week and let's see how the Creator of the Universe can become more and more personal and powerful as we elevate his greatness and authority more and more. Let's pray.

What things are you holding that you need to put under His dominion? What do you need to do to let go of those? What can you do this week to keep the truth of God's supremacy up front in your daily consciousness?