

Meditations from Sunday's Message:

Text: Psalms 135

Points from the Passage:

- I. Praise God for He is praise-worthy!
 - a. For God to command the praise of anything outside Himself would make God an idolater. God is not an idolater.
 - b. God's command for us to praise Him is directing us to praise that which is most praise-worthy. It both honors Him and is best for us.
 - c. God is in no way deficient and needing to be praised. We need to be directed toward that which is praiseworthy so that our affections are directed toward that which is best. (God doesn't need our praise. We need to praise Him.)
- II. Praise God for He is free!
 - a. God is wise and powerful and is never cornered, coerced or manipulated into doing anything He doesn't please to do.
 - b. God is gloriously happy in the accomplishment of all His good purposes.
 - c. God's wisdom, power and goodness make His commitment to doing His own pleasure praiseworthy.
- III. Praise God for even His judgments display His glory.
 - a. God takes no delight in the death of the wicked.
 - b. God's judgments display the glory of His honor – His righteousness, justice, truth and power.
 - c. God is grieved in the death and perishing of the wicked...and God is pleased with the display of His glory and the advance of His renown.

Question for Consideration:

- I. So what?
- II. What are the implications of these truths to your faith and life?
 - a. Do you consider God commanding His own praise a benefit to you?
 - b. Does God's freedom to do as He pleases please you? What is praise-worthy about God's independence?
 - c. Do you consider God's judgments (and His postponing judgment) perfect? Does He ever make a mistake, blow it, go over-board, etc...?