KNOWING GOD

LESSON 18

Title: The Majesty of God

Text: Isaiah 40:12-28

1. Review:
   1. When we say God is holy we mean He is free from all impurity and defilement; He is wholly pure.
   2. The English word *holy* is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *halig* which means *well, whole*.
   3. God has made holiness the moral condition necessary to the health of the universe.
   4. Holiness is imputed to us by faith in Jesus Christ and is seen in us by others in as much as we submit to the Spirit of God.
2. Introduction: Nine times in the Psalms the majesty of God is mentioned and countless other time His majesty is referred to without actually using the word. Majesty = greatness of and splendor of quality or character.
3. God: both personal and majestic.
   1. God is not just force, influence, or power; He is personal and desirous of personal relationships.
      1. The book of Genesis shows us that God is not distant and ignorant concerning what happens on earth.
      2. God spoke with Adam and Eve in the Garden. (Genesis 3:8)
      3. The Lord came down to see the city and the tower of Babel. (Genesis 11:5)
      4. Right from the beginning of His written revelation God makes it clear that He takes personal interest in the affairs of man.
   2. Like us God is personal; but unlike us, God is great.
4. How to establish a majestic view of God.
   1. Remove from your thoughts of God limits that would make Him small. This ties back to a thought we communicated at the beginning of this series: we must begin to have thoughts of God worthy of what He has revealed about Himself.
   2. Compare God with powers and forces which you regard as great. It is amazing how quick we are to recognize the greatness of another man but how slow we are to recognize the greatness of God.
5. The word majesty, when applied to God is always a declaration of His greatness and an invitation to worship.
   1. Psalm 48:1––“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.”
   2. Psalms 95:3,6––“For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods…O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.”
   3. Unless we see God as majestic our worship of Him will be weak and flabby.