

The Shudder of Awe - is Mankind's Highest Faculty

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, d.1832

*How shall I sing that Majesty which Angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie. Sing! Sing, Ye Heavenly Quire!
Thousands of thousands stand around, Thy Throne, O God Most High
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise -
But who am I?*

*Enlighten with Faith's light my heart. In flame it with Love's Fire.
Then shall I sing and bear a part with that Celestial Quire.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with my best fire and light.
Yet when Thou dost accept their gold -
Lord, treasure up my mite.*

-John Mason, 1694

Warm Your Hearts

When you find a chillness upon your souls, and that your former heat begins to abate, ply yourselves with warm clothes, get those good books that may acquaint you with such truths as may warm and affect your hearts."

-Thomas Watson, 1686

A Celebration of Worship

For the Children of God in Covenant at

River City Reformed Church

August 13, 2017

*For the LORD Himself will descend from Heaven with a shout,
with the voice of an archangel, and with the Trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the LORD in the air.
And thus we shall always be with the LORD.
Therefore, comfort one another with these words.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Thessalonians 4

HYMN

Wondrous King All Glorious

Hymnal 166

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

PRAISE

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner Free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And leap, ye lame, for Joy!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The Honors of Thy Name.

Praise To The Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the Elements madly around thee are raging,
Bids them all "Cease", turns them from fury to Peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging!

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheds still His Light, chases the horrors of night,
Saints with His mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His Temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad Adoration!

To God Be The Glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the Glory; Great Things He has done!***

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, **plant it deep in us**; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today, In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see, Your Majestic Love and Authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail - Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and **renew our minds**; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us -
Truths unchanged from the Dawn of time, That will echo down through Eternity.
And by Grace we'll stand on Your Promises, And by Faith we'll walk, as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your Church is built, and the earth is filled with Your Glory!



Our Elders are eager to be of service,
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"Run, as if to win the prize."

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"I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which cost me nothing."

BENEDICTION

The End of the Commandments is Love

What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to **love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, (Deut. 6:5) and our neighbor as ourselves.**

The duty called for is love, yes, the strength of love, 'with all thy heart.'

God will lose none of our love.

Love is the soul of religion, and that which constitutes a real Christian.

Love is the queen of graces; it shines and sparkles in God's eye,
as the precious stones on the breastplate of Aaron.

What is love?

It is a **holy fire** kindled in the affections, whereby a Christian is carried out strongly after **God as the Supreme Good.**

What is the antecedent of love to God?

The antecedent of love is **knowledge.**

The Spirit shines upon the understanding, and discovers the beauties of wisdom, holiness, and mercy in God; and these are the loadstone to entice and draw out love to God;

such as know not God cannot love Him;

if the sun be set in the understanding, there must needs be night in the affections.

Wherein does the formal nature of love consist?

The nature of love consists in **delighting in an object.**

[**The lover's delight in His beloved**] Aquinas.

This is loving God, to take delight in Him. 'Delight yourself also in the Lord' (Psa 37: 4),
as a bride delights herself in her jewels.

Grace changes a Christian's aims and delights.**How must our love to God be qualified?**

(1) If it be a sincere love, we love God with all our heart.

'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.'

God will have the whole heart. We must not divide our love between Him and sin.

The true mother would not have the child divided, nor will God have the heart divided;
it must be the whole heart.

(2) We must love God *propter se*, **for Himself, for His own intrinsic excellencies.**

We must love Him for His loveliness.

. . . Hypocrites love God because He gives them corn and wine: **we must love God for Himself;**
for those shining perfections which are in Him. Gold is loved for itself.

-Thomas Watson

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT: 5:00 PM, WHAT IS BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY?

WHAT IS REFORMED? *Adoption*

LISTEN ON THE RADIO: Saturday evening at 7 pm, and Sunday morning at 9 am. 88.5 FM

Ladies Study meets this Tuesday: 10:00 am, Pastor Bob's house

A Prayer for Holy Desires

*O God of Prayer, teach me to pray,
I confess that in religious exercises
the language of my lips and the feelings of my heart have not always agreed,
that I have frequently taken carelessly upon my tongue
a name never pronounced above without reverence and humility,
that I have often desired things which would have injured me,
that I have depreciated some of my chief mercies,
that I have erred both on the side of my hopes and also on the side of my fears,
and that I am unfit to choose for myself, for it is not in me to direct my steps.*

*Let Your Spirit help my infirmities, for I know not what to pray for as I should.
May Your Spirit produce in me wise desires by which I may ask right things,
then I shall know You hear me.
May I never be fervent for temporal blessings,
but always refer them to Your fatherly goodness, for You know what I need before I ask;*

***May I never think I prosper, unless my soul prospers,
or that I am rich, unless I am rich toward You.
Or that I am wise, unless wise unto Salvation.***

*May I seek first Your kingdom and its righteousness. May I value things in relation to Eternity.
May my spiritual welfare be my chief request before You.*

*May I be poor, afflicted, despised, and have Your blessing,
rather than be successful in enterprise or be admired by my fellow man,
if thereby these things make me forget You.*

*And cause me to seek my happiness in Your favor, image, presence, justification, and service.
For the sake of Your kingdom and Your glory, Amen*

Making Good Use of Right Preaching

Thursday, April 11, 1706

I was at Rev. Owen's funeral. Mr. Henry preached. My conscience smote me for my unprofitableness under so good a teacher. I was very much affected and serious, and resolved well that night. I was affected with the thought of what account he would give of me. *If he (Rev. Owen) knew my heart, what must he say but this:*

“ . . . I have delivered my soul. I am clear of her blood. I have delivered Your errand, and made full proof of my ministry, and not shunned to declare Your counsel to her. . . .

I have shown her that You have appointed a day, in which You will judge the world in righteousness, by the man whom You have appointed, whereof You have given assurance to all men, in that You have raised Him from the dead -
this ought to have given her a lively view, by faith, of another state.

To humble her, ***I have told her*** that unless we be converted, and become as little children, we shall not enter into the kingdom of God.

To take her off her self-dependence, ***I have shown*** that we destroyed ourselves, that our help is in God; that it is only Jesus who saves His people from their sins.

To quicken her to zeal, ***I have insisted*** on it that the kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and that the ***violent take it by force;***
that we must not walk in the broad way, and think to go to Heaven.

To induce her to the love of God, ***I have convinced her*** that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; the strongest motive to love God - and that all true Christians behold His glory, as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.

Finally, to leave her inexcusable in resisting the motions of Your Grace, ***I have shown*** the danger of it; ***warned her to take heed how she heard;***
shown that today if we do not hear God's voice, we shall harden our hearts.

I have told her that ***Your people long for Your coming, and say, Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly -***
and that all Christ's people are a willing people in the day of His power.

Lord, I am free of her blood.”

(But surely, if Mr. Owen continues anything of that kindness he had for me on earth, in his glorified state, he wishes my happiness, and desires my abundant sanctification, and return from my backsliding, and that, by the abounding of iniquity, my love should not wax cold.

Truly, I own I have been unworthy such a minister; Lord, lay not my unprofitableness to my charge.)

And now at last, most merciful Father, **teach me to profit** by what I have heard.

-Mrs. Hunt