His Magnificence

Psalms 145:3-4 KJV & MSG

God is magnificent, He can never be praised enough. There are no boundaries to His greatness. Generation after generation stands in awe of your work, each one tells stories of your mighty acts. (MSG-Version)

Read Ps. 145:5-7

- David determined his self-worth and value by God’s creative magnificence.
- David viewed his enemies and his relationship battles through the eyes of God’s Celestial Magnificence.
- God is incomparably and inconceivably above us in understanding. I call this an infinite mystery.
- The vast grandeur magnificence. Of God provokes us to respond in humility and deep homage.
- God’s magnificence should be our gauge for determining our depth of repentance, worship, and prayer. Read Ps. 147:3-4. Let’s look a little deeper at the magnificence of our God.

1. Our sun is a star. It gives off more energy in one second than mankind has produced since Adam and Eve.
2. The sun produces energy by nuclear fusion. It converts hydrogen into helium. We cannot grasp the energy and power we are talking about.
3. Over 1 million earths can fit into our sun. And all of this energy and power was created by God’s magnificence. This is why David said He determines and counts the number of stars. He calls them all by name. For Great is our Lord in Majesty and in Power. His understanding is inexhaustible and boundless. By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made. Let everyone stand in awe of Him according to Ps. 33:6.
4. The Magnificence of God tells us there are over 100 million stars in our Milky Way, just like our sun.
5. Our nearest star is 30 trillion miles from planet Earth.
6. There are an estimated 200 trillion galaxies in the universe.
7. It would take 28 billion years to travel our universe and scientists say every day the universe is expanding. David says in Ps. 19:1, the Heavens declare the glory of God and the Firmament shows His handiwork. Look at Is. 40:25-26. To whom will You liken me....

There are 3 aspects of God’s Magnificence I want you to see.

1) The magnificence of His creation and glory as it relates to you.
   a. Read Ps. 147:4 but now look at vs. 3
   b. Read Job 37:1-5

In all of God’s magnificent creations He postures His real focus on the human race.

A. The magnificence of His creation says, if the universe is inside of Me, am I not big enough for your relational problems?
B. Will you not trust me for building relationships with difficult people in your life?
C. For I am big enough to know you and I am small enough to love you.
D. The magnificence of God’s creation is telling us tonight God is in full control of all current events.
E. And that the Book of Revelation is not a scary boogie man book but a book of comfort. God’s magnificent greatness shows us Jesus controls how long demons can do what they are doing in our country. God is showing man in Revelation His own extreme debauchery and yet God still rules in the magnificence of His Creation.

2) The second aspect of God’s magnificence is called the Magnificence of God’s heart.
a. David was a man after God’s own heart according to acts 13:22.
b. God’s heart was to desire to dwell with a sinful humanity by His redemptive Spirit.
   i. David said in Ps. 22:6, I feel like an insignificant worm and the Magnificence of God’s Creation wants to fellowship or dwell with me. This is God’s heart for you in His Magnificence.
   ii. Ps. 8:3-4 says when I consider Your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, the stars, which you have ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of. This is God’s heart. It’s a Magnificent Love we cannot comprehend.
   iii. The magnificence of God’s heart is you giving Him yours in exchange for His heart. So you can grow in relational love with others.
   iv. Read Prov. 23:26
   v. Read Prov. 3:5-8, Read Ps. 139:23-24

So just how we let God search our hearts to give us His heart. Song of Sol. 3:7-9 and Ps. 63:6

A. We get the Magnificence of God’s heart in a place of prayer you go to every day and shut out the rest of the world.
B. It’s called a palanquin bed. David in Ps. 27:5 calls it a pavilion, a secret place, God’s tabernacle – where He shall hide me high upon a rock. Why? It’s the only place I can receive God’s heart.
C. The palanquin bed is the only place to receive:
   a. God’s heart
   b. God’s way of thinking
   c. God’s way to fight those who hurt you. It’s giving God a broken heart for His heart.
   d. Our ideologies, our weapons, and relationship resolutions should all come from God’s heart in the palanquin bed.
D. God’s heart is to dwell with man and to cause man to know and become like Him. Jer. 24:7, Ps. 132:4-5, Lev. 26:11-12, Rev. 21:3

God’s heart controls your eyes, your ears, what you wear and how you respond to temptation.

1. So the first Magnificence of God we see is in His Creation or creative glory and power.
2. The second is the Magnificence of God’s heart.
3. The third Magnificence of God is the Magnificence of Calvary.

Read 2 Cor. 5:14-21

God’s creative magnificence, God’s heart that we receive in the palanquin bed of prayer and intimacy is supposed to provoke us to long suffer in relationship evangelism.

God’s heart through the palanquin bed helps me to bring all of my issues to God so I can carry His cross to love and reach others. We are motivated through the magnificence of this kind of love to fight through: a) offenses b) hurts c) fears d) and rejections so we can relationally give of ourselves.

Read Song of Sol. 5:6-7

- More soldiers die putting their armor over their wounds than they do on the battlefield.
- They are trying to fight without God’s heart.
- The exercising of your will stops God’s will because God cannot empower something He is not in control over.
• When I give control to God for my mind, will, and emotions I now have given Him my heart.
• This is the magnificence in His Creation, His Heart, and Calvary.

The Magnificence of Calvary is:

a) God using our longsuffering relational servanthood to reproduce yourself in others.
b) It’s allowing your wounds to become scars that you bear in your body for the Lord Jesus Christ.
c) It’s putting somebody’s name up on your cross like Jesus did Simon of Cyrene because God’s Magnificent
   Greatness and Heart and Calvary compels me to give of myself.

His Magnificence

Should compel us:

1. To go deeper in searching for His heart for love
2. For a greater commitment to my local church.
3. To building strong relational love in our homes, at church and in soul winning.

DLR/ag