

6.6.21 | The View from Above Sermon Series | Revelation 4 & 5

Section One – The View From Above – The Worship Centered Life

1. Read Revelation 4:6-11.

A. In what ways does this passage teach us about God?

B. What is significant about the living creatures and elders?

2. Read Psalm 148 & 119:105.

A. What are some of the ways we can praise God?

B. How does the Bible help us keep God in His proper place in our lives?

3. Read Hebrews 9:23-24

A. What is the relationship between the Garden of Eden and the Tabernacle?

B. How does the similarity of purpose of the Tabernacle & Garden help guide our life?

4. Read Genesis 2:9

A. Some say life is about choices. What are some of the significant choices facing you today?

B. How do our choices reveal the place God has in our mind and heart?

Section Two – Going Deeper

1. Apologetics: Many (if not most) Christians have probably never considered whether God is worthy of worship. God being God, it probably seems a silly (if not blasphemous) question. However, in a debate between a theologian and an atheist (Christopher Hitchens) years ago, the latter claimed that God was an egotistical maniac because of how the former talked about God deserving to be worshipped and humanity having been made for His glory. The atheist said that God sounded like an attention-starved teenager—a divine narcissist; that He's vain. How would you answer that charge?

Section Two – Going Deeper part II

Q. 20. What was the providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created?

A. The providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created, was the placing him in paradise, appointing him to dress it, giving him liberty to eat of the fruit of the earth; putting the creatures under his dominion, and ordaining marriage for his help; affording him communion with Himself; instituting the Sabbath; entering into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience, of which the tree of life was a pledge; and forbidding to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

- Westminster Shorter Catechism

Like myself, have you ever put yourself in Adam and Eve's position, when they were enchanted by the serpent?

- We would like to think that we would have performed righteously.
- I am not happy with the fact we have this sin, of theirs, handed down to me.
 - "It's not my fault that they sinned. Why should I pay for their mistake?"
 - Then I think of my own sin which brings about the same death (Rom 6:23).
- But were you surprised to learn, in Sunday's message, that their failure was really one of improper worship? i.e., Any moment that God is not central.

God-centered:

It is hard when we are asked to consider areas of our own lives that are not God-centered.

- We have this Tree of Life in the center of the garden; recall the New Testament reality:
 - Tree of Life = Salvation in Christ
 - Within this center of the garden = The Tabernacle = the Body of Believers
- Worship is not style. As Pastor Grimm stated, “It is not subjective, but objective”.
 - People that go to a particular church because of it’s music/worship style, might be missing the other 99%. For example:
 - God – The triune God = the object of our worship.
 - God’s Instructions (Scripture) = The Light of our path.
 - Personal and group Bible studies
 - Small groups, etc.
 - The participation in the Body of Believers = Finding your spiritual gift(s).
 - This is likely something that you enjoy and will fit you naturally.
 - Ask the pastoral staff to help you get started.
 - Participation in the world around us. All that we do, should be in the Name of Jesus Christ. (Mark 9:41)