Amazed By Him

Tony Mauck · Psalm 148

INTRODUCTION

- Of all the creatures that God created. Only man is capable of voluntarily adoring and praising him and being amazed by him.
- The book of Psalms ends with Psalms devoted to praise.

1 The Praise of Creation and Its Limits

Psalm 148

- Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
- Constellations, stars, can only praise God so much. Sun and moon. And the animals of the field can only praise God so much. They do not choose to worship God.
- Of everything that God has made, man is uniquely capable to choose to praise Him. To speak words of praise voluntarily from our lips and to honor Him by listening to and obeying Him.
- Anthropos is an interesting word. It means the one who looks up into the heights. That's the Greek word for man.

2 Those Who Do Not Retain God in Their Knowledge

Romans 1:28; Romans 1:18; Ecclesiastes 5:10

- Just as they did not see fit to retain God in their knowledge. God gave them over to a depraved mind to do those things which are not proper.
- Let me tell you who is not amazed by him. Those individuals who do not retain God in their knowledge.
- They knew God, the text says, but they did not honor Him as God or give thanks.
- It was the removal of God from their thinking. And that's exactly what many people do.
- The unamazed by God do not retain God in their thinking, but we, as the children of God, are striving to retain him in our thinking.

3 Honor Him and Give Thanks: Our Attitudes Toward Worship

Colossians 2:6–7

- That is going to require some effort. That is going to require some training.
- Those who wish instead to retain God in their knowledge must honor Him and give thanks.
- We who retain God in our knowledge need to watch our perspective.
- As therefore you have received Christ, so walk in him. Rooted in your faith, he says. And the conclusion of that is overflowing with gratitude.

4 Our Perspective About His People

Psalm 32:1

- The way we participate and conduct ourselves among his people, the way we regard his people, not as nuisances.
- Blessed is he who has been forgiven of the Lord, Psalm 32 and verse 1. We are those who have been forgiven by him, and we are to work together despite our differences.
- God wants us to operate as a collective. He wants us to be responsible to one another and serve one another and help one another.

5 My Mission in the World

- When I live out there, God is wanting me to show light to the world.
- That we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.
- The longer I serve him, the sweeter he grows.

6 A Spot in Serving God That Only You Can Fill

Revelation 2:17; Galatians 1:15–16

- I'm the only one that can offer Tony in worship to Jehovah. You're the only one that can offer you in worship to Jehovah.
- I will give him some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, And a new name written on the stone, which no one knows but he who receives it.
- Each one of us sustains a unique relationship to God, a place that only you can fill.
- When he who had set me apart from my mother's womb. And called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his son in me that I might preach him among the Gentiles.
- He had a plan for me, and I'm living that plan, and he has a plan for you.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you realize that you uniquely hold a place in creation of service to God that only you can fill? And will you take that seriously? And will you be amazed by him?

MY NOTES