Appreciating True Beauty (Psalm 33:1)

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INTRODUCTION

- Beautiful things are a reflection of the handiwork of our Creator God, who deserves all glory and honor.
- The worship of God. The praise of our Creator. There's really not anything more beautiful on this side of eternity than that.
- I want you to be more glad than you've ever been. To worship the Lord. In your individual life, but with the Lord's people especially.

1 It's About the Things You Think About

Psalm 1:1–3

- So how did David get there? It's in large part due to the things that he thought about. Things he meditated upon.
- But the righteous man, in his law, he meditates day and night. That's how David got there.
- We can't be doing this, that, and everything else to all hours of the night, all weekend long, all week long, and have narry a thought of God and somehow come into this building and turn it on.
- The benefits of meditating on scripture influence your whole day.

2 Praise Is Beautiful, Becoming to the Upright

Psalm 33:1; Psalm 33:8–20; Psalm 138:1–8

- Praise befits the upright. Praise is becoming to the upright. Praise is beautiful.
- It's not only enhancing to our circumstances, but it's enhancing to me. It makes me better. It is becoming to me.
- We can't exalt God any higher than he already is. My praise doesn't make God any higher.
- It is simply an acknowledgement of what is so, who is supreme, who is wonderful, and we are only the better for it.

3 Fellowship With God: Blessings Incalculable

- What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the fact that fellowship is attainable with such an awesome and perfect person.
- We ought to be glad to serve the Lord because I can be in fellowship with such an amazing being despite my sinfulness and unworthiness to be in the presence of such perfection.
- You don't have a calculator big enough to measure what comes from a right relationship with the one who gives you life and breath and who will be your judge.
- He spoke of the unfathomable riches of Christ.

- We should have passion because without God, I am broken, undone, and hopeless.

4 Be Engaged in Worship

- When we come into this building, we ought to be engaged already. Because of things we've already thought about, contemplations and meditations that we've already had.
- One of the reasons why people leave the Lord, I think, is because worship becomes stale. They're no longer glad to be worshiping God.
- We've got to do what we do in this place, we have got to get it out of this building.
- Are you really thinking about Jesus in heaven at the right hand of the Majesty on high? And you're saying, I love you, Lord.

5 Lead Thoughtfully and Passionately

- It's not just the worshiper who needs to be engaged. But the way we lead in worship.
- We need to lead thoughtfully and passionately to evoke a response from the audience.
- Pray fervently, pray passionately. Don't just repeat trite expressions. Talk to God from your heart.
- As leaders make sure that it can be detected that our hearts are engaged in our worship.
- If we lead thoughtfully and passionately, perhaps others will be compelled to say amen.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you in Christ? Are you for sure? Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins.

MY NOTES