God Is Big Enough

Tony Mauck · John 20:24–31

INTRODUCTION

- Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe.
- The challenge has always been great. To believe in that which we have not seen with our own eyes.

1 The Major Distraction of the Seen

2 Corinthians 4:17–18

- One of the problems that we have in serving an unseen God is all of this stuff that we see.
- The things that are seen are temporal. The things that are unseen are eternal.
- You're only going to focus your mind's eye on the unseen with training and making those things your habit as you live your life.

2 Displaying Unwavering Confidence in the Unseen

1 John 1:1–3

- Faith in God is considered to be beneath so many. It's a crutch for the emotionally weak.
- And thus we can waver, entertain doubt.
- We have the eyewitness accounts, the trustworthy, reliable, historical words of those who did see.
- If you throw out your creator and you throw out Jesus, you throw out all of these eyewitness accounts too.

3 Sin Is Not Immediately Punished

Psalm 50; 2 Timothy 3:5

- Because it is not immediately on the spot punished, we can believe that wrong things are actually right things, and that God may even approve of this conduct.
- The judgment does not come immediately, it is indeed coming.
- People by the thousands and hundreds of thousands believe error and practice wickedness and think that they are saved when they are not.
- The only way you can accurately measure those things is by the word of God.

4 Our Conception of God Is Too Small

Isaiah 40; Isaiah 45; Revelation 4

- The mental image or conception of God that people have is often not as compelling, not as adequate as it needs to be.

- The observable universe. God created that. He tends to that. And one day he's going to destroy that.
- All the nations of the world? Yeah, they're nothing. Nothing to God. Drop in a bucket.
- These visible threats must not shake our confidence in an invisible but real and still reigning God.

5 The Conception of God Encourages Holiness

2 Corinthians 6:17–18; Psalm 8; Philippians 4:5

- The conception you have in your mind of God is important because it encourages holiness.
- Come out from their midst and be separate. Do not touch what is unclean.
- When people struggle in holiness, it is because they are not perceiving or comprehending that the Lord is near.
- An incredibly large and powerful God who is very and always near to us is important for us to pursue holiness.

6 It Evokes Fear

Romans 3:18; Psalm 73

- Understanding God is a sin deterrent. His presence, he sees what's going on. His judgment.
- People who live their lives persistent in sin do so without fear of God.
- When I started looking at things from a spiritual perspective, he said, then I perceived their end.
- It's a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you ready to meet him if it would be that day? You need to respond to his invitation, his glorious and blessed invitation to come and be saved and learn of him and to be quieted by his love.

MY NOTES