

Getting God to Look at You: Repenting of Pride

Isaiah 66:1, 2.

Listen! There is an art to gaining favorable attention.

Why? Each one of us desperately needs God's favorable attention—desperately.

Major Idea: It is the low people who draw favor from the high God.

God's syllogism through Isaiah:

1. I created everything—both heaven and earth. (v 2a)
 - What do you give the God Who spoke creation into existence?

2. What could you possibly build to house Me and please Me—to gain My favorable attention? (v 1)
 - Where do you house a God whose feet are bigger than the planet?

3. To this one I will look favorably—to him who is (v 2b):
 - a. Humble:

 - b. Contrite of spirit:

 - c. And, who trembles at My word:

For Instance: Mary the mother of Jesus. Luke 1:28, 46-48.

So what? Are you a high person or a low person? If you are a high person are you willing to become a low person?

Application for this week: The Walking Papers.

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

The Central Idea: It is the low people who draw favor from the high God.

Following Christ is a daily deal. Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

Today. Take a step toward becoming a low person by recalibrating about the majesty and exaltation and power of our God. What passages could help with this?

Monday: Take a step toward becoming a low person by reflecting on any ways you may be exalting yourself in your speech, your dress, your possessions, your attitudes, your goals, your relationship style, or anything. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any ways in which you are exalting yourself.

Tuesday: Take a step toward becoming a low person by asking God to help you with the practice of contrition—recognizing and feeling your personal brokenness/sin and submitting that to God.

Wednesday: Take a step toward becoming a low person by recalibrating about your own spiritual resourcelessness—read and meditate on John 15:1-5.

Thursday: Take a step toward becoming a low person by listing any arrogant, self-righteous ways that you have tried to gain God’s attention.

Friday: Take a step toward becoming a low person by reading, studying, and meditating on Isaiah 66:1, 2.

Saturday: Take a step toward becoming a low person by asking God how you can be more “reverently responsive” to His Word.

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