



The Wonder of Celebration: Celebrate God in Worship

Listen! Sometimes we are part of a crowd that responds to something with explosive affirmation and adoration and amazement:

- An incredible performance of Handel's Messiah.
- Doug Flutie's Hail Mary Pass.
- A standing ovation for a retiring teacher.

Why talk about this? We need to think about this because we don't consistently respond to God this way.

- We often respond to God with a stifled yawn.
- We often view Sunday morning worship as something to be endured.
- We often dread the thought of heaven—eternal boredom with a harp....

Major Idea for Today: We adore God...because He is incredible.

- We respond to God with genuine adoration...because He is the most perfect Being Who could possibly exist.
- Twenty one perfections of God:
 - Omnipresent:
 - Omnipotent:
 - Omniscient:
 - Holy:
 - Eternal:
 - Infinite:
 - Simple:
 - Unity:
 - Self-existent:
 - Truth:
 - Just:
 - Good:
 - Righteous:
 - Free:
 - Unchanging:
 - Majestic:
 - Wise:
 - Love:
 - Gracious:
 - Wrathful:
 - Jealous:

- **A Perfection Examined: The good Giver.**

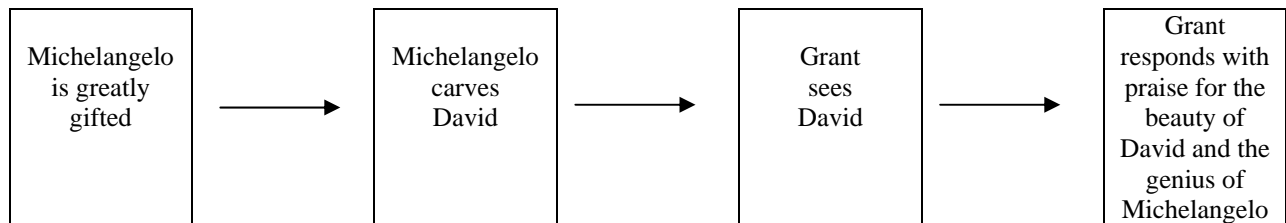
- Question: In my heart of hearts do I think God is good?

- **A Perfection Examined: The just Judge.**

- Question: In my heart of hearts do I think God is just?

Idea Repeated: We adore God...because He is incredible.

For Instance:



- Grant did not respond to Michelangelo and David before he experienced the statue.
- If we are not responding to God with adoration it is because we have not known Him as He actually exists.

So What?

- Read: Knowing God by JI Packer. You will never be the same.
- Reflect: on God as a God of goodness.
- Write: 20 ways that you have experienced the goodness of God in your life.

Inspiration: Denali (The Great One) and Isaiah 40:12-20.

“Walking Papers”

The Big Idea: We adore God...because He is incredible.

Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today.** Get on the web and order *Knowing God* by J I Packer. Read it.
- **Monday.** Make a list of 20 ways that you have experienced the goodness of God in your life.
- **Tuesday.** Look up and write down a short definition for each of the 21 attributes listed on the first page of today’s outline.
- **Wednesday.** Think about how people in the Bible responded when they experienced God “up close and personal.” Start with Isaiah 6.
- **Thursday.** Reflect on this question: Do I really think God is foundationally and continually good?
- **Friday.** Reflect on this question: Do I really think God is foundationally and continually just?
- **Saturday.** Read: Acts 9:1-19 for tomorrow.

“God is infinitely more incredible than the Doug Flutie ‘Hail Mary’ pass—more incredible than anything we have adored and applauded in our lives.”