

The Greatness of the Lord Jesus

Introduction

A. The major obstacle in the life of all believers is our failure to understand the greatness of God, particularly the Lord Jesus, and how worthy He is of our worship and trust.

B. To misunderstand Who God is and our Lord's greatness — distorts and weakens all the other areas of our life. The effects of such error are beyond comprehension.

I. Consider the greatness of His Person. (Extremely brief sample only)

A. He is God, infinitely great in every facet of His existence, John 8:58; Rev 5:9-14.

B. He is infinitely great in the value and worth of His character.

1.. He is the meaning and source of Truth, John 8:1; 14:6; Col 2:2,3; 1 John 1:5.

Comment: Consider the value and worth we place on truth. We recognize and honor truthfulness, veracity, sincerity, honesty, fidelity, authenticity, rectitude, uprightness, faithfulness, incorruptibility, and trustworthiness. The Lord Jesus is what all Truth is all about. It is right that we give Him the honor of which He is worthy. And, He desires that we be involved with Him in Truth.

2. He is the meaning and source of Love, 1 John 4:7,8

Comment: Consider the value and worth we place on love. We recognize and honor affection, tenderness, humanitarianism, friendship, devotion, benevolence, and commitment. The Lord Jesus is what all Love is all about. It is right that we give Him the honor of which He is worthy. And, He desires that we be involved with Him in Love.

3. He is the meaning and source of Holiness, 1 Peter 1:15,16.

Comment: Consider the value and worth we place on holiness. We recognize and honor righteousness, consecration, purity, uprightness, honesty, justice, goodness, morality, purity, integrity, and the keeping of one's word. The Lord Jesus is what holiness is all about. It is right that we give Him the honor of which He is worthy. And, He desires that we be involved with Him in Holiness.

II. Consider the greatness of His ability and work. (Extremely brief sample only)

A. He is the Creator of all things. Is 40:18-31; John 1:1-5; Col 1:16

Comment: consider His wisdom and ability that is reflected in creating all things. It is overwhelming and incomprehensible. Meditate on the vastness of the universe, the complexity of the solar system, the atom, the seasons of the year, the ecology, the design and intricate nature of living creatures as well as our own spirit, mind, will, emotions, body and social relationships. Should He not be honored for His work?

B. He is the Providential Controller of all things, Col 1:17; Heb 1:3.

Comment: consider what it means for the Lord Jesus to maintain all of creation. If it were not for Him, we would, for example, fly off into space, disintegrate, and disappear. He maintains the universe according to His plan. He is the One sustaining such “laws” as uniformity of nature, cause and effect, human rationality, atomic structure, etc., etc. Should He not be honored for His work?

C. He is the Ruler of all nations, and the Author of history, Ps 22:28; Is 9:7; 40:15.

Comment: consider what it means for the Lord Jesus to direct the affairs of all mankind. He is doing so according to the plan of His Father so that glory and honor will come to His name. One nation will rise and another will fall — according to the will of our Savior. Should He not be honored for His work?

D. He is the Redeemer of mankind, Is 49:26; 54:5.

Comment: consider what it meant for the Lord Jesus to be born into our time, space, and humanity through the Virgin Mary. Consider how He limited Himself to our human functions and resources — while remaining God in every way. Consider what it meant to live in a sinful world, to be betrayed, rejected, accused, lied to, abandoned, denied, treated as a criminal and a blasphemer, and to be crucified for crimes He did not do. Consider what it meant for the Lord Jesus to bear in His own body, the sins of all mankind, and to suffer the penalty for those sins — hell itself — all compressed upon Him in the six hours on the cross. Should He not be honored for His work?

E. He is the Savior of all who believe, Is 43:3,11; John 17:3; Titus 3:4-6; 1 John 4:14.

Comment: consider what it means for the Lord Jesus to have the authority to give salvation to all those given to Him by His Father. He alone has the ability, which He has delegated to the Holy Spirit, to transfer the value and power of His Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, and the Day of Pentecost to all believers. He alone can work “in and with our spirit” in the repentance, cleansing, and transformation of the new birth. Should He not be honored for His work?

Summary: When we consider Who the Lord Jesus really is, and the work He has performed — are we not ashamed when we be-grudge Him a little time and attention? Particularly when we know giving Him His rightful place in our life will bring untold benefit, love, joy, peace, power, well-being, fruitfulness, and fulfillment to us personally.

III. The Biblical Response We Should Make in the Light of His Greatness.

A. The First Step: nothing less than honest, total surrender to Him. Rom 12:1,2

B. The Second Step: nothing less than a daily practice of that surrender. Luke 6:46

C. The Third Step: nothing less than the implementation of that surrender in honest and practical choices to please Him in all we do. Col 1:8,10; Heb 13:20,21; Eph 5:10