

THINK|13 As The Waters Cover The Sea

Psalm 19, Revelation 4:1-8

Do you walk around in your life with the knowledge that the earth is filled with the glory of God and that the heavens declare it? Do you walk around with the solid foundation that your life and all that is in it is to declare the same glory, to echo what the earth, the heavens and the characters in heaven are all agreeing on?

1. If the whole earth is full of His glory, doesn't it make sense that your whole life should be filled with His glory? Taking a personal inventory, what is in your life currently that does not reflect the glory of God? (think responses to trial, intents of your heart, habit patterns, what you choose to see and hear, those you spend your time with and how you represent God)
2. What do you think of when you think of the glory of God? Does it seem self-serving to think of God as wanting glory? How do you process that?
3. In Revelation, God speaks to His churches and tells them what they need. As an individual in the body or the church, what has God been revealing to you lately that you need? Is it repentance, falling in love with Him again, meeting the needs of other? What is He showing you?
4. What is encouraging to you about God being on His throne and what difference does it make in your life that He will reconcile all things and bring justice to all things? What does that knowledge free you to do when it comes to circumstances or others?
5. God calls His people over-comers. What does that mean practically in your life currently? What has He overcome for you spiritually so that you can overcome practically on a daily basis? Where have you not believed that you, in Christ, are an over-comer and even more than conqueror?
6. Do you live in the mindset that the glory of God is the substance of life? Is the glory of God your great intention for living? Why or why not? What would a person's life look like who was living moment by moment with the driving force that God was to be made much of in every moment? What decisions does that cause us to make when we decide what to include or not include in our lives?
7. We have heard many times, over and over, that gratefulness, once embedded in our lives and growing, will result in much, including praise to God, bringing glory to God and also giving freedom over sin (particularly lust, greed, un-forgiveness, bitterness), temptation, discouragement, depression and self-centeredness. Do you treat the need for gratefulness in your life as an urgent matter? Do you see its value? If one does not treat gratefulness as such, what is that person saying about their satisfaction in God and their willingness to see sin's hold broken in their lives? Would you say they really want freedom?