

Sermon Notes 09.01.2024 – Growing in Grace – Worship is Our Offering to God

Approaching God

Hebrews 12:18-29 For you have not come to *a mountain* that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, **19** and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which *sound was such that* those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. **20** For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED." **21** And so terrible was the sight, *that* **Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."** **22** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, **23** to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, **24** and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel. **25** See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will* we *escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven. **26** And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN." **27** This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. **28** Therefore, **since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; 29 for our God is a consuming fire.**

The Grace of God – We Know that Everything is From Grace – From God – From God's Grace

James 1:16-17 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. **17** **Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights,** with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

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1 Chronicles 29:12-14 "Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. **13** **"Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.** **14** "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? **For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.**

Grace

Jesus was Full of Grace

Luke 2:40 The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and **the grace of God was upon Him.**

We Receive Grace from Jesus

John 1:16 **For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.**

Salvation is Through Grace

Acts 15:11 "But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are."

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

We Are Built Up by His Grace

Acts 20:32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Romans 12:6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

Powerful Ministry is by Grace

Ephesians 3:7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

We Should, "... regard the patience of our Lord as Salvation" & Grow in Grow in Grace

2 Peter 3:17-18 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Everything We Receive from God is His Grace – Our Worship is Us Giving Back to God

Colossians 3:15-17 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

A Life Lived as Worship – It Is All of Him – It Is All of God's Grace

Worship is the Answer of Our Heart to God's Grace