

Why God Should Be Praised

(Ephesians 1:3)

- Introduction:
1. Paul tells us that we are to "bless" God.
 2. This word is the word from which we get the English word, "eulogy."
 3. Therefore we are to eulogize the living God.
 4. How would you eulogize him?

I. The Works Of God – Inspire Awe In Us

- A. (Psalm 8:3-4)
- B. When we consider the things he has done, we can't help but feel awe struck.
- C. The creation (Genesis 1-2).
- D. Jesus raises the widows son (Luke 7:11-18).
- E. Jesus restored the ear that was cut off (Luke 22:50-51).
- F. The raising of Lazarus (John 11).
- G. "I Stand In Awe" – You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words, too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp your infinite wisdom, who can fathom the depth of your love? You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above. And I stand, I stand in awe of you, Holy God to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of you.

II. The Ways Of God – Humble Us

- A. (Psalm 119:15; Micah 7:18).
- B. When we consider the character and attributes of God, we can't help but feel humbled in his presence.
- C. Longsuffering (2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 18:21-22).
- D. Holiness (Habakkuk 1:12-13; Colossians 2:9; 1 Peter 2:22; Isaiah 6:1-8).
- E. Justice (Genesis 18:25; Luke 23:42-43).

III. The Word Of God – Challenges Us

- A. (Psalm 119:97).
- B. When we consider the commandments of God, we can't help but feel challenged.
- C. Love your enemies (Matthew 5:44).
- D. Avoid fleshly lusts (1 Peter 2:11).
- E. Control your tongue (James 3).
- F. Control your attitude (Ephesians 4:31).

- Conclusion:
1. When we consider the works, ways, and word of God, we will have plenty of material for which to praise him.
 2. By meditating on the works, ways, and word of God, we will be challenged to do better.