

Holiness

Part 8

A Transforming Passion for God

1 Peter 1:14-17 & Isaiah 6:1-8

Introduction:

Coram Deo:

The Transforming Power of Being Seen by & Loved by God (Joe, last week)
and
The Transforming Power of Seeing & Loving God (Today)

I. A Definition:

Passion:

The attentive mind, committed choices, and expressed emotion
that arise *naturally*
out of that which we *highly* value or enjoy

II. A New Desire

By Definition:

Passion (even for God) cannot be pretended,
But it can be wholeheartedly pursued.

Thomas Chalmers 1780-1847 - "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection"

"A moralist [one trying to change his behavior] will be unsuccessful in trying to displace his love of the world by reviewing the ills of the world. Misplaced affections must be replaced by the far greater power of the Affections that grow from the Gospel."

"There are two ways in which a practical moralist may attempt to displace from the human heart its love of the world - either by a demonstration of the world's vanity, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon simply to withdraw its regards from an object that is not worthy of it; or, by setting forth another object, even God, as more worthy of its attachment, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon - not to resign an old affection, which shall have nothing to succeed it - but to exchange an old affection for a new one."

C. S. Lewis - "Weight of Glory"

"Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

III. Growing a Passion for God by Magnifying the Person of God:

A Brief Survey of Isaiah 6:1-8

Godly Passion. . .

A. Begins with a Right & Growing View of **God**. vv. 1-4

Which. . .

B. Produces a Right & Diminishing Estimation of **Ourselves**. v. 5

Together. . .

C. Portraying a Right & Expanding Understanding of **Grace**. vv. 6-7

All. . .

D. Creating a Right & Instinctive:

1. Availability for **Service**. v. 8

2. Expressiveness in **Worship**. whole passage

1 Peter 1:13-21

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.