

Beholding God's Glory: God's Righteousness

Psalm 143:11

Introduction:

Daniel 11:32 — The people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

Why is God's righteousness so important?

Everything God does is righteous — His righteousness motivates everything.

It motivates God's punishment of sin — Isaiah 10:22

It also motivates God's forgiveness of sin — Psalm 51:14

What is God's righteousness?

Leviticus 19:35-36 — to be righteous means to fit reality.

For God to be righteous means He does what fits reality.

The reality is that God is holy — infinitely glorious.

So when God sees His infinite glory— what should He do?

Answer: do everything to display His glory.

Psalm 143:11 confirms this.

Is this really God's purpose for everything He does?

Why does God create? Isa 43:7

Why did God part the Red Sea? Psa 106:7-8

Why does God punish? Eze 28:21-23

What was God's purpose in the Cross? John 12:27-28

Why does God save people? Eph 1:5-6

Why does God lead, pardon, help us? Psa 23:3; 25:11; 79:9

What is the purpose for the Second Coming? 1Thess 1:9-10

What is the purpose of heaven? Rev 21:23

Why is this good news for us?

Our highest joy is beholding God's "Wow!"

So it's incredibly good news that God's purpose is to do everything to display His "Wow!"

What if you are feeling none of this?

Turn to Jesus as you are. Confess your hardness of heart. Ask Him to forgive and change you. He will.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

In the past how did you define God's righteousness? Do you agree that God's righteousness means that He does everything He does to display His "Wow!" Why or why not?

Does it make sense that God's righteousness motivates both His punishment of sin and His forgiveness of sins? Why or why not?

What do you think is the most loving thing God could do for you — honestly?

How does it help you to see that God does everything to uphold and display His glory — His "Wow!"?

What is the state of your heart? Is it soft towards God and feeling "Wow!" at His glory? Or is it hard and not feeling much?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

