

Attributes of God 1 The Majesty of God

Purpose: To inspire the students to meditate on the Glory of God in their lives.

Objectives: By the end of this devotional the students will:

1. Be reminded of how big God is and be more willing to trust Him in their lives and ministry.
2. Note some troubles and claim God's majesty over those troubles

Key Verses: Isaiah 40:12-31

I. Introduction

Share one or two things that trouble you about life, things that cause you to lose heart, if but for a moment. Then ask the group to pull out a piece of paper and write down two or three things that are currently troubling them. Now, let's listen as I read Isaiah 40:12-31 and think about these things in the light of what I read.

II. Spiritually Myopic

Now, look at your list once again. How big are the problems? We are so prone to spiritual nearsightedness. What causes myopic vision in your spiritual life? (Allow this to go for a couple of minutes)

In Psalm 78, the writer is recounting Israel's history up to the time of David. He recounts the great things God did for Israel, but they easily **forgot** the Lord and the great things He did for them (verses 11, 42). We, like Israel, can so easily forget the great things God has done for us or others, and focus on the "here and now."

This is one of Satan's greatest attacks against us, to have us forget, or to keep us from knowing God.

III. How do we keep our vision clear

- Study the attributes of God ("My people perish for lack of knowledge..." Hosea 4:6). You could read Bill Bright's book (or watch the video) God - Discover His Character. (to order, log onto www.campuscrusade.org)
- Memorize verses on God's nature and character that apply to specific areas of vulnerability in your life. If the issue is "provision," then refer to Matthew 6:25-34.
- Fellowship (and exhortation) of the saints (Hebrews 3:12,13). Jim Elliot, the missionary slain by Auca Indians in South America, exhorted his fellow Bible college graduate who was waiting for a special word from God before going to any mission field, "You don't need a special word from God, you need a kick in the pants! He's already called you to go."

- Walk by faith, not by sight (Hebrews 4:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:7).

IV. Closing

Tell a story of someone who missed an opportunity, was injured, etc, because they were so nearsighted that they missed the answer that was staring them in the face, but they couldn't see it.

The following is a suggested story.

"Too Busy" by Pastor L.E. Brown

Waiting to be interviewed for a job as a wireless operator, a group of applicants paid little attention to the sound of the dots and dashes, which began coming over a loudspeaker. Suddenly one of them rushed into the employer's office. Soon he returned smiling. "I got it!" he exclaimed. "How did you get ahead of us?" they asked. "You might have been considered if you hadn't been so busy talking that you didn't hear the manager's coded message," he replied. "It said, 'The man I need must always be on the alert. The first one who interprets this and comes directly into my private office will be hired.'"

The message is clear: Too many Christians are so consumed with "their own thing" they miss Him and His will and suffer needlessly as a result. Focus on God, see His greatness, live in His presence, and experience His power.

At times when you may doubt God's ability to handle a difficult situation, read Exodus chapters 1-20. God is aware of what you are going through, He is in control, He loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life, He will be glorified.