The Call to Praise Pt. 4

Psalm 34:1-7

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What do we learn about boasting in self versus boasting in the Lord from II Corinthians 10:12-18?

- V.18 as we look for acceptable, must do it vertically (not in relationship with others)
- Deliverance + strength from God (not ladders to nowhere) i.e. measure by where we determine worth, ability, wisdom
- 1 Cor. 1:30, Ps. 147:10, I peter 5:5-7, Jeremiah 17:5-8
- Be careful about minimizing the role of our efforts (modesty in our Need + Praise does not bring glory to god)

There must be Someone beyond ourselves as "we take the floor"

Boast in Mission given you by God and His provision to do that mission

If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness. 31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. 32 In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me, 33 and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and so escaped his hands.

2 Corinthians 11:30-33

"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the and of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Deuteronomy 8:11–14

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"Now therefore, write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it on their lips, so that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel. 20 "For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and become prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.

Déuteronomy 31:19–20

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- B. Draws a Line Between Those Who Praise and Those Who Don't

Why is this trajectory (a heart that looks for God's words/works more than for a good feeling, sees His works, and then responds from a grateful heart in public praise, delighting in others praising the Lord with them) such a dividing line?

- Speaks of a heart already looking to God as great & good--His promises seen as praise worthy
- Content/not creates conviction
- Shows where God is working/shows direction of heart (shows gulf between presence & life of God & absence)
- Fixing gaze on God & worshipping is a way of life
- Attacks center of nature (flesh vs. spirit) who are you pleasing? Where is center of joy?
- Exposes our hearts; if we don't rejoice with them, more sin results (Find fault with them, envious)
- Guilt/shame not sourced merely in people or circumstances around me, God uses guilt/shame to work in believers

"The purpose of praise is not to make God's people feel good but to acknowledge in a communal way the greatness of our God." willem Van Gemeren If this is true, what corrective would this have on our worship services together?

- Not my tastes, preferences, instead that which turns my gaze to God
- Not focused on feelings being in groove but on being redirected to truth of Gød, greatness of God
- Instead of coming needing my needs met (where relevant to me) focus on His presence, what important to Him
- When things exposed as come together, worship of applying truth of God Fight to worship in imperfect situations

Social gospel's message is that "A God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross." H Richard Niebuhr

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What accompanies fears?

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Describe the disposition and actions of the ones described in verses 4-7.

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Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?" 14 He said, "No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" 15 The captain of the LORD'S host said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Joshua 5:13–15

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For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11 New American Standard Bible : 1995 update, 1995, LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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- 3. Not willing to do the work to cultivate encouragement from God