



Sunday, July 25, 2010: Hallowed Be Thy Name

Scripture: Psalm 115

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Sermon Notes:

1. This Psalm touches on the central theme of the Psalms, praising God for His steadfast love and faithfulness.
2. Psalm 115 is part of a larger group of Psalms of praise and thanksgiving.
3. Psalms are both prophetic and evangelical.
4. Man's chief purpose in life is reflected in this Psalm: to enjoy and to glorify God.
5. V16. Man was given dominion over the earth by God.
6. V14-15. May the Lord give you increase, you and your children.
7. God's name is not hallowed because His throne is not recognized. The problem is idolatry.
8. V8. We reflect what we worship.
9. Humanity has fallen because it has exchanged the glory of God for images, and the truth of God for a lie (Romans 1).
10. Adam believed the serpent's lie over God's truth and obeyed the serpent. Adam was thus guilty of idolatry.
11. Idolatrous Israel worshiped the golden calf even at the foot of Mt. Sinai, where God's presence shook the mountain.
12. This Psalm denounces idolatry.
13. Our idols are those things we rely on for our security and comfort.
14. Some of the idols we may hold to are: self-promotion (e.g. Naaman), ambition (e.g. Augustine), theology (e.g. James' and John's false view of God).
15. Right theology guards us from idolatry and the worship of false gods.
16. Our city is full of idols which need to be exposed by the light of God's glory.

17. We've been redeemed from sin and death and idols.

18. We must not let our lives be ruled by idols.

Application Questions:

1. How does worshiping the creature undermine God's truth and steadfastness among the world? (Cf. Romans 1)
2. Do we hold that God is steadfast? What idols do we serve?
3. Does the idol of self-promotion lurk in our hearts?
4. Do we seek the approval of others? Is reputation an idol?
5. Does our knowledge puff us up, or does it make us companions in the suffering of Jesus (cf. Revelation 1:9)?