

Appetite for Pleasure

We have a God Given Appetite for Pleasure.

Will God Satisfy? (Competing Pleasures - good and evil)

We are made to Marvel.

Will God Satisfy? (Competing Marvels - good and evil)

(Rev 13:3-4) And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast?”

Marvel produces Worship

(Rev 17:6-7) I saw the woman (Babylon), drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

it’s easy to be Captivated by Competing Marvels

Understanding De-Marvels

What if we stay safely within our understanding of God? (Eph 3:17-19)

Boredom (“Stay Thirsty” - Thirst Stealer)

Is Jesus boring? Should His Church be boring?

His name is Wonderful - Sampson’s parents (Jud 13:18), 1st name (Isa 9:6)

He does Wonderful Works (Psa 40:5, 78:4, 107:8, 15, 21, 31, 111:4, 119:27)

He does Marvelous Things (1 Chr 16:12, Job 5:9, Psa 9:1, 78:12, 98:1, 105:5, 139:14, Joel 2:21, Mt 8:27, 9:8, 33, 15:31, 21:42, 22:22, 27:14, Mk 5:20, 6:51, 12:17, 15:5, Lk 1:63, 2:18, 33, 4:22, 8:25, 9:43, 11:14, 20:26, 24:12, 41, Jn 4:27, 7:15, 9:30, Acts3:12, 4:13, Rev 15:3)

(Ac 2:11) “we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

(Jn 5:20) “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.”

What should His Church be like?

(Ps 36:7-9) How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

(Ps 16:11) In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

We won’t stay Bored: Competing Marvels/Pleasures vs Surpassing Pleasures in Him

(Je 2:11-13) Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory for what does not profit. Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be very desolate,” says the LORD. “For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Choice (Mt 16:24-25) - begins with Self Denial, ends with Pleasure (life)

We Must Learn to Enjoy Him - because He wants to Enjoy us

(Song 1:2-4) ²Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth - for your love is better than wine.

³Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth;

Therefore the virgins love you. ⁴Draw me away!

desire experiences (Ps 34:8), surpassing pleasure, presence (2 Cor 2:14), thirst for intimacy (Song 4:7-12, 15) ⁷You are all fair, my love, and there is no spot in you (Eph 5:27). ⁸Come with me ... ⁹You have ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; you have ravished my heart with one look of your eyes, (response to our desire) ... ¹⁰How fair is your love, my sister, my spouse! How much better than wine is your love, (His pleasure in us) and the scent of your perfumes than all spices! (our presence/worship/prayer before Him) ¹¹Your lips, O my spouse, drip as the honeycomb; honey and milk are under your tongue; (His desire to engage us) and the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon. ¹²A garden enclosed (1 Cor 3:16) is my sister, my spouse, ¹⁵A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, (Jn 4:10, 14)

(Song 4:16) Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its pleasant fruits.

come into Your garden - enjoy me