

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** Isaiah 55:7-9 “Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. ‘*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*”

**Quote:** “Godliness means responding to God’s revelation in trust and obedience, faith and worship, prayer and praise, submission and service. Life must be seen and lived in the light of God’s Word. This, and nothing else, is true religion.” J. I. Packer

**G**od is beyond man’s ability to understand Him. From His self-revelation in the Scriptures, we see but a glimpse of Who He is. David wrote, “Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And *His greatness is unsearchable*. One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.<sup>1</sup> I have often said to my students that we might as well attempt to describe the force of Niagara Falls using an eyedropper, or the brightness of the Sun using a flashlight, or the heat of a forest fire using a stick match, or the destructive power of a hydrogen bomb using a fire cracker, or the distance to Alpha Centauri using inches as to try to describe Almighty God with words.... Yet it is with human words that God graciously reveals what He desires for us to know about Himself— *for now! There is coming a day when we shall see Him as He is!*

The atheist, the agnostic and the apathetic “believer” have something in common—wrong conclusions about God. Growing knowledge of the true and living God demands nothing less than awe and adoration. May we encourage those who have become complacent to the gift of saving grace, as well as those who know nothing of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, to go to His Word. It is through the Word of faith that “spiritual corpses” are regenerated and the complacent and the callused are rejuvenated.<sup>2</sup> It is through the Word of faith that we learn more of God’s amazing

grace that saves the sinner and sanctifies the saint — “You are My witnesses,’ says the LORD, ‘And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior.’”<sup>3</sup> Oh that the incomprehensible God of grace might grant to all men knowledge of their desperate need and His merciful provision in the Lord Jesus!<sup>3</sup>

The Bible gives us a glimpse of the impact that the sense of God’s presence can have upon men. “Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.”<sup>4</sup> Job said, “I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”<sup>5</sup> Daniel recalled, “No strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.”<sup>6</sup> Ezekiel fell on his face. In a vision of the Lord, “sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,” Isaiah cried, “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”<sup>7</sup> Of his vision of Christ on the island of Patmos, John recounted, “And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right

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hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.’”<sup>8</sup> Oh that we, too, might gain a clearer vision of God that would draw from us reverential trust that is worthy of Him. There is coming a day when God the Son will return for all who are placing their faith in Who He is and what He accomplished when He entered the realm of time and space. He will have “on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”<sup>8</sup> Then every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess the Lord for Who He really is— “the King of glory, the Judge of all the earth, the LORD Who is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works.”<sup>9</sup> Will you bow in adoration or in alarm before Christ’s judgment bar?<sup>10</sup>

1 Psalm 145:3-4 2 Romans 10:8-10; II Cor. 5:17-21; John 17:17 3 Isaiah 43:10-11; I John 5:20 4 Exodus 34:8 5 Job 42:6 6 Daniel 10:8 7 Isaiah 6:5 8 Revelation 1:17-18; 19:16 9 Psalm 24:10; Gen.18:25; Psalm 145:17 10 Acts 17:31; Romans 14:10; II Cor. 5:10