Sunday Morning Starters

(Selected)

***“The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea. Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.”*** (**Psalm 93:1-5**)

**As we gather together on this Lord’s Day, ask yourself the following:**

*What really matters?*

*Is it what you get, or what you give?*

*Is it how you feel, or how you are?*

*Is it how you are helped, or how you help?*

*Is it how it is said, or how you hear?*

*Is it why they came, or why you came?*

*Does what really matter start with others, or does it start with you?*

**9 Attributes of the Almighty**

(by Ken Weliever)

*“What, in your opinion, is the greatest spiritual need in the world today?”*  How would you answer that question?

Dr. R.C. Sproul, the noted author, philosopher and theologian, was asked that question in a conference of religious leaders.  Bill Hybels, in his book, “The God You’re Looking For,” was there and relates what happened.

*“Dr. Sproul paused, then replied, ‘The greatest need in people’s lives today is to discover the true identity of God.’”*   Hybels wrote, *“that he pointed out that most non-religious people do not really understand the God they’re rejecting.  If they did, they would probably call a truce – at least a temporary truce – to make sure the battle was worth continuing.”* As a follow up someone asked Dr. Sproul, *“What, in your opinion, is the greatest need in the lives of church people?”* Srpoul’s answer was the same!  *“To discover the true identity of God!”*  Then he adds, *“If believers really understood the character and personality and the nature of God, it would revolutionize their lives.”*

The point?  We all need to know God.  Not just the skeptic or the seeker.  But also the saved.

In each one of the past two [articles, ‘Can You See God?’ & ‘What’s Your View Of God?’] we have shared nine attributes of the Almighty.

In the third of this three part series,  we share nine more.  They cover 27 qualities from A-Z.  They are Bible-based.  And God-focused.

**Refuge.  *“The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed.  A refuge in times of trouble.  And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.”*** **Psalm 9:9-10** (NKJV)

**Sovereign.  *“Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord?  There is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides Me.  Turn to Me and  be saved, all the ends of the earth!  For I am God, and there is no other.”*** **Isaiah 45:21-22**, NRSV

**Trustworthy.  *“In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.  They cried to You and were saved; in You they trusted and were not disappointed.”***  **Psalm 22:4-5**, NIV

**Unchanging.  *“You Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; they will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed.  But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.”***  **Hebrews 1:10-12**, NKJV

**Victorious**.  ***“I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory; but You give us victory over our enemies, You put our adversaries to shame.”***  **Psalm 44:60-7**, NIV

**Wisdom**. ***“Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand His decisions and His ways!”*** **Romans 11:33**

**Xcellent.**  ***“How excellent is Your name in all the earth”***  **Psalm 8:1**

**Yearning (For Us**).  ***“He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us”***  **James 4:5**, ESV

**Zealous.  *“I am zealous for Jerusalem And for Zion with great zeal.”*** **Zechariah 1:14**, NKJV

French philosopher Emile Cailliet was right when he wrote, *“He who consciously or unconsciously has chosen to ignore God is an orphan in the universe.”*

Prayer with Teeth in It

(Selected)

The old evangelist Bud Robinson is reported to have prayed the following prayer each day: *“O Lord, give me a backbone as big as a saw log and ribs like the sleepers under the church floor. Put iron shoes on my feet and galvanized breeches on my body. Give me a rhinoceros hide for skin, and hang up a wagonload of determination in the gable-end of my soul. Help me to sign the contract to fight the devil as long as I’ve got a tooth – and then gum him until I die.”*