

MEDITATION ON MAGNIFICATION

Psalm 34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

As I have meditated upon this directive, the inevitable conclusion is that the Word of God is the instrument that we must use to “magnify” the Lord.

When we consider the process of magnification, we find, first of all, that the object being magnified looms larger in our field of vision, even though there has been no enlargement of the object itself. As we know, the Lord is immutable (Heb 13:8, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever) and therefore cannot be made larger in any way, except in our own perception. Miraculously, when we examine Him, using the Word, His very being begins to loom large and permeate every aspect of our being. We soon find ourselves filled with all the fullness of God (Eph 3:19) as we immerse ourselves in His Word.

Secondly, when we use a powerful instrument of magnification to minutely examine an object, we are able to bring every element into focus, inviting the deepest scrutiny. We are able to see intricate patterns and details that were before invisible. We uncover hidden facets that increase our understanding of how the object functions. We watch in fascination as a kaleidoscope of shapes and colors explodes with each increased level of magnification. The deeper we probe, the more we learn, as exciting new treasures of information are revealed.

The Word of God is quick and powerful (Heb 4:12); indeed, the most powerful instrument available to “magnify the Lord.” As we diligently look into this marvelous instrument, which is always focused on the Lord, innumerable intricacies unfold to our delight. We soon find ourselves captivated by new revelations and new discoveries about Him. Our knowledge of Him increases, which results in a deeper love for Him, which leads to a hunger to know more and more. We absorb what we can, hurriedly increasing the magnification over and over again, soon to make the most exciting discovery of all.

We discover that the object we are focusing upon is eternal; without end. We also learn that the instrument of magnification itself is likewise, eternal. (Ps 119:89, For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.) What an incredible discovery because we are also eternal beings! How thrilling to think that not only now, but for all eternity, we will be able to fulfill Ps 34:3:

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