

Who is Like You?

VBS opening sermonette

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Opening Illustration: “Let the little children come to me...” VBS, the attributes of God, and an object lesson.

Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?

Exodus 15:11

I. Introduction—Who is like you?

- A. A question so important that the author (Moses) asks it twice!
 - 1. Why is this question so important?
 - a. Because the primary responsibility of every created being (and especially every Christian) is to wonder at the greatness of God.
 - b. Because we are tasked with taking the gospel to every nation. In order to do that we must be able to describe...to explain this God. That is, to the extent that such explanation is possible.
- B. What would be your answer to this?
 - 1. Is there anything to you that is as wonderful, awesome and majestic as God?
 - a. Ex: We use expressions like, “Oh, this is like Heaven!” Is anything but God really like God? It depends on what you mean.
 - b. The simple answer is that ultimately nothing is like God except for God.
 - c. There are, however, ways that we are like God, but to an infinitely lesser extent.

II. Majestic in Holiness—There is nobody like Him in His character.

- A. What does this say?
 - 1. The verb (רָאָה) means, “To show oneself glorious splendid.”¹
 - 2. What does this communicate to us?
- B. What does this tell us?
 - 1. That God is single most beautiful Being in the universe.
 - 2. That God’s holiness is what sets Him apart in this resplendent splendor.
 - 3. There is only one reasonable response to this---Cry out, “Who is like You?!!”
 - a. ILL: This is a rhetorical question!!

III. Awesome in glory—There is nobody like Him in His greatness.

- A. What does this say?
 - 1. The verb (פָּרַח) here means “to fear”. The idea here is the fear that is reverence.
 - a. ILL: The natural fear in a roller coaster.
 - 2. The noun here (תְּהִלָּה) refers to “praises”.
 - a. How can God be feared in His being praised?
- B. What does this tell us?
 - 1. God is not safe, but He is good.
 - 2. God is not one of us...He is infinitely (and frighteningly, and gloriously) higher than us.
 - 3. The automatic and necessary response to this is to cry out, “Who is like you?”.

¹ Langensheidt pocket Hebrew dictionary

IV. Working wonders—There is nobody like Him in His deeds.

- A. What does this say?
 - 1. The verb here is a participle. It describes what God is by expressing what God does. He is a “doer.”
 - 2. The noun here reminds us that God does things that amaze us and baffle us. He does wonders!

- B. What does this tell us?
 - 1. This reminds us that:
 - a. God has done wonderful deeds.
 - b. God is doing wonderful deeds.
 - c. God will do wonderful deeds.
 - 2. There is one main response to which this calls us!
 - a. We must throw our hands up and our heads back and exclaim, “Who is like you?!”

V. Conclusions—Do you know this God?

- A. Is this the God that has been described to you?
- B. Is this the God that has been displayed to you?
- C. Is this the God that has been delighted in by you?