

Rather than giving a special message for Thanksgiving, I am continuing our series in 2 Corinthians as the message content is a great reason for giving thanks.

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.* 2 Corinthians 4:1 Paul is speaking of himself and those who minister with him. He and his team have anxiety over the condition of the church. They are concerned about the church's response to Paul's correction. They continually die to self to serve the churches. Nevertheless, it is the mercy of God upon all who shepherd the flocks of God to call them to be ministers of the new covenant, a covenant incomparably more glorious than the old covenant. We are called by the mercy of God because none of us is worthy. We do not merit the calling; the mercy of God chooses whom He wills. None of us is sufficient for these things. Our sufficiency is of God (3:5<sup>i</sup>). He holds us accountable because **He is willing to be our sufficiency if we will just look to Him (James 3:1<sup>ii</sup>).**

But do not think that this does not apply to us all. One of the wonders of the new covenant is that all who are in Christ are ministers as well. That is what God desired of the people of Israel (Exodus 19:6<sup>iii</sup>), but the empowerment came with the new covenant (Acts 1:8<sup>iv</sup>). All who are in Christ have a calling to minister by the power of the Holy Spirit. We minister to the Lord in prayer and praise (Hebrews 13:15<sup>v</sup>). We minister to others in acts of service, love, and building up the body (Ephesians 4:16<sup>vi</sup>). Every gift of the Spirit presents a way to minister to the body, the church, building it up until we attain unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God (Ephesians 4:13<sup>vii</sup>).

Though Paul is speaking of himself and his ministry team or perhaps the other apostles of the Lord, the ministry each of us has is because of the Lord's mercy. Because each of us has the great privilege of a calling from God, a ministry, we do not lose heart despite the difficulties we may face. Paul and his associates did not lose heart over the problems in Corinth. We should not lose heart over the problems in our church, or in our family, or in our service to the Lord in whatever form that takes. God's mercy has called us and that means He will empower us with the Holy Spirit to see that we endure and produce fruit (Philippians 2:13<sup>viii</sup>). Success is not seeing what we would like to see happen. **Success is obedience to the Word and the Spirit moment by moment.** Therefore, do not lose heart. God's mercy has called you and His mercy *will* see you through.

*<sup>2</sup> But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.* 2 Corinthians 4:2 Paul returns to the defense of himself and his co-workers. He alluded to this before when he said his team was not like some who were peddlers of the Word of God (2:17<sup>ix</sup>). In other words, those who preach with the motivation of material gain. Paul worked with his hands to support himself while he was in Corinth. That was not always the case in other cities where he ministered, but he must have sensed that they might be inclined to be less receptive to the message of the gospel if they supported him. In 1 Corinthians 9<sup>x</sup> he defended his right to be supported, but he set aside that right in Corinth for their sakes.

His team renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. Paul does not explain what these ways include, but I would guess it was ways in which some people can manipulate people to give (2 Peter 2:3<sup>xi</sup>). If a preacher tells you to give so that God can bless your finances, he is a false teacher. God does promise to repay our sacrifices, and He does

promise we will reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7<sup>xiii</sup>). But that does not mean we can give financially to God for the purpose of getting rich. The prosperity gospel is a way to manipulate the greed within our old nature to justify the love of money by calling our giving a spiritual act when it can be the lust for wealth. I have witnessed an entire congregation manipulated this way. The preacher claimed he was delivering them from selfishness so they could prosper financially. He left the service with his pockets bulging with checks and cash. That is disgraceful and underhanded. It was also the use of cunning and tampering with God's Word.

The preacher should never use what he knows regarding desires within man's heart to manipulate or distort the Word of God. When we misapply the Word of God, we distort who Christ is, for He is the Word made flesh (John 1:14<sup>xiii</sup>). When we misrepresent Him to the world, we squelch the Holy Spirit and give people a reason to reject Christ. That is a frightening thought.

The Greek word translated *tamper with* is used only here in the New Testament. In secular writing of the time, it was used in reference to dilute wine with water. Do not water down the Word of God to make it acceptable to those with a certain mind set. It could also imply contaminating it with ideas foreign to Scripture.

Kent Hughes gives a list of ways in which God's Word is tampered with today. Men can intentionally distort God's Word for gain, *but it is far more common for the evangelical preacher to edit God's Word: 1) by removing the text from its context, and using it to say whatever the preacher likes, 2) by moralizing the text, so that it is reduced to an ethical maxim that fits any religion, 3) by using the text to promote hobbyhorses, and 4) by dogmatic insistence that the text says things it does not truly say. This homiletical hocus-pocus has subtle roots such as the desire to be clever and popular or synthetically relevant or intellectually respectable or to make the gospel more acceptable. But most often God's Word gets watered down by the preacher's laziness. He simply will not do the hard work to engage and preach a text in its context.*<sup>xiv</sup>

**There is nothing more important than correctly conveying the Word of God** (2 Timothy 2:15<sup>xv</sup>). We are born-again by the Word of God (1 Peter 1:23<sup>xvi</sup>). It is the sharp two-edged sword that divides between the soul and spirit (Hebrews 4:12<sup>xvii</sup>). Truth is the belt in the armor of God (Ephesians 6:14<sup>xviii</sup>). It brings conviction that leads to repentance and is therefore the way of life. It is our daily manna. We dare not substitute anything else for it. The explanations of man may help us understand the Word, but they are not a substitute for the Word.

**God's chief means of communicating with us is through words.** He is the author of all languages, and He created them that we might know Him. We are told in Scripture that if we want to be spiritually successful in life, we must meditate on the Word and give ourselves completely to the Word (Psalm 119:97<sup>xix</sup>; Joshua 1:8<sup>xx</sup>). We are told to memorize it, which is hiding it in our hearts (Psalm 119:11<sup>xxi</sup>). Jesus said that man does not live by bread alone - the physical is not all there is to us - but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4<sup>xxii</sup>).

The software that I use for Bible study lets you know how many people have underlined a particular passage. The first half of the verse has been underlined by over 2600 people. But no one underlined the last half that speaks of the integrity of the minister which is essential. When I was studying for the ministry, someone shared with me that I cannot call people to higher place than I am willing to go. Paul lived his

message. He openly proclaimed the truth which contrasted with those ways he renounced in others. So, before God as his witness, he asked them what their own conscience declared about him. I hope we could write to the entire church of this city and ask the same? He was originally with them a year and a half. He was certain with God as His witness, that what he had spoken and the way he had acted was always truthful and sincere. Even when he was opposed, he acted no differently. By the mercy of God may all of us be able to say the same about our ministry to the Lord and one another. Integrity is a powerful witness of a transformed life.

*<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 2*

Corinthians 4:3 Paul returns to the veil analogy in the previous chapter. 3:14<sup>xxiii</sup> tells us the veil is the hardening of the mind being a hindrance to receiving the gospel. Here in 4:3 Paul says the same hardening applies to all who are perishing. When people cannot see the obvious, it is a spiritual issue. I look at the current divisions in our nation and am amazed that so many cannot see what is staring us in the face. It cannot be just political. What causes people to choose that which is obviously to their detriment or cling to decisions that have been proven to be harmful. It is a spiritual war. Hardened hearts do not want to see the truth. They do not want the veil to be lifted.

*<sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2* Corinthians 4:4 If we looked at this verse alone, we would think God is unfair to blind the eyes of some and not others. But in context we see that they have already hardened their hearts. If we want an excuse to not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the god of this world will gladly give us one (2 Thessalonians 2:10,11<sup>xxiv</sup>). If we are resisting the grace that God is offering us day after day and refusing to see what He is showing us when He lifts the veil a bit to let a little light in, then we will cling to the lies of the deceiver so that we can continue to live as our own lord (Isaiah 65:1,2<sup>xxv</sup>). But if we think we are our own god, we do not realize we are enslaved to the god of this world (John 8:34<sup>xxvi</sup>). Self-deception is aided and abetted by Satan's deception.

In the case of Saul of Tarsus, he was blinded by the indoctrination he grew up under. He thought he knew the truth until that day the light of the truth blinded his physical eyes revealing to him the condition of his spiritual eyes. That was the lifting of the veil for him. Then he devoted his life to opening the eyes of others so they might turn from darkness to light (Acts 26:18<sup>xxvii</sup>).

*"The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God"* is a beautifully descriptive expression. Light dispels darkness. In Scripture light is truth and revelation of what is real. Gospel literally means good news. Glory is the outshining of inner perfection. In our day we would express it as, "the truth of the good news of the wondrous expression of Christ! He is the likeness of God!"

Paul may have been combining two Jewish ideas. Adam was made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26<sup>xxviii</sup>). Jewish wisdom literature personifies wisdom and celebrates the glory of wisdom. "For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness" Wisdom of Solomon 7:26. Wisdom is also referred to as the creator, which Paul ascribes to Christ (Proverbs 8:22-31; Colossians 1:15-20), thus declaring Jesus to be all God and all man.

Jesus, the God man, perfectly represents God (Hebrews 1:3<sup>xxix</sup>). If you have seen Him, you have seen the Father (John 14:9<sup>xxx</sup>). That is what those who are blinded cannot

see. The blinded cannot see the wonder of Jesus' life, His words, and His deeds. They cannot see that He died to give them life. They do not even realize they are dead in their trespasses and sins. When someone shares the Word of life with them, they only smell the fragrance of death. They do not think about what they would gain, but instead they ponder what they would lose. They do not see the Lord of love but instead see a tyrant who wants to take away their pleasures. That is what it means to be blinded by the god of this world. And though they might see that they are being self-destructive, they will not turn to the light and see the beauty of the Savior who is holding out His hands to them, longing to set them free. May our eyes always be open to the illumination of the good news of words and actions of our Savior who faithfully reveals to us the heart of God.

*<sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.* 2 Corinthians 4:5 Paul's defense of his ministry is that his message is not about him. His proclamation is always Jesus the Messiah as the Lord, and he and his team are servants for Jesus' sake. Our crucified King gave Himself for us and therefore He is worthy of our allegiance. Serving others was his means of lifting the veil for others by shining the light of the knowledge of Christ.

When a minister's message points to himself, you should see a red flag. Of course, ministers share testimonies from how God has worked in their lives, but those testimonies should always leave us with the impression of how wonderful Jesus is. If we leave thinking what an amazing man or woman, the person has not proclaimed Christ. If the message is how we need to help that minister rather than him or her offering to serve, there should be caution. This is the main contrast between peddlers of God's Word and those who are truly called. The peddler of the Word is out to gain something for him or herself. The servant of God just points to Jesus and offers himself in service to others. Every person who is born-again is to be a servant for Jesus' sake. We are all to serve one another in love, and to build one another up (Galatians 5:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Paul's gospel was that Jesus Christ is Lord. That points to all the predictions of the One who was to come, the Son who would be given, who would crush the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15<sup>xxxi</sup>), the One to whom we could look and live (John 3:14,15<sup>xxxii</sup>). Lord means He is exalted over all. It is to Him that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11<sup>xxxiii</sup>). It is His Lordship that we proclaim, not ourselves. That is the means of the veil being lifted, seeing Jesus for who He is and His glorious position as Lord over all.

*<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* 2 Corinthians 4:6 The very first words of God in Scripture were, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3<sup>xxxiv</sup>). The physical was created that we might understand the spiritual, especially the invisible attributes of God. Those attributes manifested are a revelation of His glory (Romans 1:20<sup>xxxv</sup>). The same creative power that spoke light into existence speaks light to our dark souls. Paul experienced this in a dramatic way, but he knew that everyone who comes into the light comes because of the same gracious shining of the light into our hearts.

We could say that creation was also God's way of revealing His glory. His heart desires that light dispel the darkness in the heart of man. His light is His truth, the revealing of His perfect nature, and that is what God shines into our hearts to give the knowledge of God in the face of Christ Jesus.

We see Jesus loving children and we understand that God loves humanity, especially the most innocent among us (Matthew 19:14<sup>xxxvi</sup>). We see Him driving the merchants out of the temple and we know that God wants our hearts not to be distracted with thoughts of merchandising while we are worshiping to Him (Matthew 21:12,13<sup>xxxvii</sup>). We read of Him patiently correcting the Pharisees know that God wants all to come to the knowledge of the truth, even those who mislead others. We see Him on the cross and realize that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16<sup>xxxviii</sup>). Light shines in the darkness of our souls and reveals the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Paul may have been referring to Isaiah 9:2. <sup>2</sup> *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.* It is an amazing prophecy that foretold where the Messiah would minister and the wonderful names by which He would be called (See Isaiah 9:1-6). Jews referred to the coming Messiah as the Great Light because of this passage (Matthew 4:15,16<sup>xxxix</sup>). Though His ministry was a light to the darkness of Galilee in that day, His words have become a light to the world and His gospel salvation to the nations.

How blessed we are to have the veil lifted, our hearts softened, and our spiritual eyes opened to see the glory of God! And when we see it, we *see* it all around us every day (Isaiah 6:3<sup>xl</sup>). What we had overlooked before as ordinary suddenly is filled with wonder of the love of God orchestrating our days and directing our encounters with others. And how blessed we are if we can be the instrument that God works through to shine that light into the darkness of the heart of a lost soul. Perhaps that is what Paul is reminding them of. He was that instrument that brought the light when they were in darkness. How could they now question his role in God's work?

I imagine Paul sitting down to write or expound to a congregation the very appeal of God, knowing the Lord He saw on the road to Damascus is working through him. Immortal souls are listening to the words as the Holy Spirit works upon their hearts. Angels are doing their part and waiting for our decision. Heaven and hell are waiting for the response. No wonder then that he did not lose heart considering what an awesome ministry he was engaged in. And while our ministry may not be to that height of greatness, it is just as wonderful a privilege. Therefore, let *us* be thankful that *the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*, has shone in our hearts, for the ministry that has been given to us by grace, and for the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to carry out that ministry. Therefore, we do not lose heart!

I will close this message with a poem written by John Piper:

*“Let there be light!”  
thus spoke the Lord;  
thus we were made  
and thus restored.  
Christ’s conquering Word  
created all;  
our shining hope:  
his sovereign call.  
(John Piper, 1976)<sup>xli</sup>*

Questions:

- 1 Who is called to minister? How can we?
- 2 Why should we not lose heart?
- 3 Review the examples of tampering with the Word.
- 4 What is God's main way of connecting with us?
- 5 What causes the veil to remain?
- 6 How did Paul first experience this?
- 7 Where do we see God's glory?
- 8 What should be the minister's message?
- 9 How do we see God in Jesus' life?

## 10 Review the poem and discuss its meaning.

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### <sup>i</sup> **2 Corinthians 3:5 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,

### <sup>ii</sup> **James 3:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

### <sup>iii</sup> **Exodus 19:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

### <sup>iv</sup> **Acts 1:8 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

### <sup>v</sup> **Hebrews 13:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

### <sup>vi</sup> **Ephesians 4:16 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

### <sup>vii</sup> **Ephesians 4:13 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

### <sup>viii</sup> **Philippians 2:13 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### <sup>ix</sup> **2 Corinthians 2:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God’s word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

### <sup>x</sup> **1 Corinthians 9:11-12 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? <sup>12</sup> If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

### <sup>xi</sup> **2 Peter 2:3 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

### <sup>xii</sup> **Galatians 6:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

### <sup>xiii</sup> **John 1:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>xiv</sup> <sup>1</sup>R. Kent Hughes, [2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness](#), Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2006), 84.

### <sup>xv</sup> **2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

### <sup>xvi</sup> **1 Peter 1:23 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

### <sup>xvii</sup> **Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

### <sup>xviii</sup> **Ephesians 6:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

### <sup>xix</sup> **Psalms 119:97 (ESV)**

<sup>97</sup> Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

### <sup>xx</sup> **Joshua 1:8 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you

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may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

<sup>xxi</sup> **Psalm 119:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

<sup>xxii</sup> **Matthew 4:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>xxiii</sup> **2 Corinthians 3:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

<sup>xxiv</sup> **2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,

<sup>xxv</sup> **Isaiah 65:1-2 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name.

<sup>2</sup> I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

<sup>xxvi</sup> **John 8:34 (ESV)**

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>xxvii</sup> **Acts 26:18 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

<sup>xxviii</sup> **Genesis 1:26 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>xxix</sup> **Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

<sup>xxx</sup> **John 14:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

<sup>xxxi</sup> **Genesis 3:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

<sup>xxxii</sup> **John 3:14-15 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>xxxiii</sup> **Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>xxxiv</sup> **Genesis 1:3 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

<sup>xxxv</sup> **Romans 1:20 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

<sup>xxxvi</sup> **Matthew 19:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

<sup>xxxvii</sup> **Matthew 21:12-13 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

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<sup>xxxviii</sup> **John 3:16 (ESV)** <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>xxxix</sup> **Matthew 4:15-16 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup> “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — <sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

<sup>xl</sup> **Isaiah 6:3 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>xli</sup> John Piper hymn in *The Worshiping Church*, ed. Donald P. Hustad (Carol Stream, IL: Hope Publishing Company, 1990), #716