

Magnify the Lord

(Psalm 34:1-3)

- Introduction:
1. Why do people love God?
 2. Most often the answer has something to do with what God can do for them.
 3. However, such a motive for love is shallow.
 4. Should not God be loved and praised simply because he is God?
 5. Let's see if we can live up to the challenge given to us by the psalmist to bless, praise, magnify, boast, and exalt God.

I. A Sign For The Times

- A. God has used people to reveal himself to others.
- B. (Ezekiel 24:27).
- C. (2 Corinthians 3:2-3).
- D. How can God use us as a sign today?
- E. How can we bless, praise, magnify, boast, and exalt God?

II. How We Can Be A Sign For The Times & Magnify God

- A. Engage in meaningful worship.
 1. (John 4:24).
 2. The reason many people leave the church is not because of the music or the sermon per se, it's because they felt their worship was meaningless.
 3. Ills. of man on plane in Pittsburgh.
 4. Ills. of "Oh How I Love Jesus."
 5. They went through rituals, but never connected with God.
- B. Make Jesus known to people.
 1. (Matthew 5:14-16).
 2. To know him is to love him.
 3. "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."
 4. Ills. Olympic divers Stephen Fleck German Diver 2012 Olympics.
 5. Ills. Amazing how fast urban legends can spread.
- C. Reclaim those who were once saved.
 1. (James 5:19-20).
 2. Think of the joy we could bring God if we could reclaim the lost to him!
 3. (Luke 15:7).

- Conclusion:
1. Join us in the pursuit to:
 - a. Bless, Praise, Magnify, Boast, and Exalt God.
 2. He is worthy to be praised (Revelation 4:11).