

God's Largeness and Smallness

What do you think of when you think of God? Is it his omnipotence and power over all things, including his power over you? Is it his omniscience and knowledge of ALL your sins? Maybe you tend to think of his omnipresence and the embarrassing fact that you cannot hide from him, even in your most sneaky ways of being and acting in the darkest of night! Yikes! That thinking may be the reason you are filled with fear, and fear of punishment, when you think of God. Unfortunately, if that is your view of God, you are still in for trouble because God, Who is perfect love, casts out all fear (1 John 4:8) Gulp!!

Read in a certain way, this week's lectionary passages make us want to go the way of fearing for our lives (what with God's booming, scary voice and all! Matt 17:6), and especially when we think of God's "Omni's" noted above!

Fortunately for us, in 2 Peter 1:16-21, Peter has Good News about the Perfect Love of God, and what God does in His Almighty Largeness! Shockingly, he comes to us in Smallness as our Three Personal, Unified and up close Friend - God the Father (2 Pet 1:17a), God the Son (2 Pet 1:16,17b) and God the Holy Spirit (2 Pet 1:21). So enough of the "cleverly devised myths" and fables about God Almighty's true power and largeness (2 Pet 1:16) Though we admit far less than a full comprehension of Him and stand speechless before his matchless incomprehensibility, "we do well to be attentive to this"(2 Pet 1:19) noting that here God is speaking to us personally in His "Majestic Glory" as Father amidst the dust and dirt of everyday planet earth. Here he is, through the Sinless Son, relating with us IN the actual dust and dirt of our humanity so that Peter can say he has seen him with his own eyes! Here He is sharing himself with us in such ways that some of the words we sinful human beings write and speak are said to be of His will and spoken by him through us as we are moved by God the Holy Spirit!

Whoa! A God so Large I'll forever have new things to discover about Him in His Triune Relationship, and a God so Small that the knowledge and experience of His relationship is forever shared and accessible to lil' ol' me!

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