

Dive Deeper into Ken's Message, "God's Grand Entrance" from December 29, 2024

1. In Psalm 50:1, Asaph uses three names for God. What significance does each name (El, Elohim, Yahweh) hold, and how do these names progressively reveal God's character?
2. Compare the descriptions of God's presence in Exodus 19:16-20, Isaiah 6:1-5, and Revelation 4:1-11. What common elements do you find, and what do these tell us about God's nature?
3. Why does Asaph include a "pause" or "interlude" after verse 6 in Psalm 50? What spiritual practice might this suggest for our own worship?
4. Hebrews 10:31 says "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." How does this verse relate to the vision of God presented in Psalm 50?
5. In Isaiah 6:5, Isaiah responds to God's presence by crying "Woe to me! I am ruined!" What does this teach us about appropriate responses to God's holiness?
6. Jesus said "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). How does this principle relate to our understanding of stewardship and worship?
7. How does the description of God "shining forth" in Psalm 50:2 connect with other biblical accounts of God's glory (like Moses' face in Exodus 34:29-35 and Jesus' transfiguration in Matthew 17:1-8)?
8. The sermon mentions that in 1 Timothy 6:16, God "dwells in unapproachable light." How does this description align with the way God reveals Himself throughout scripture?
9. What's the significance of God summoning "the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets" (Psalm 50:1)? What does this tell us about God's authority?
10. How does the progression in Psalm 50 from God's majesty to His covenant relationship ("who made a covenant with me by sacrifice" - verse 5) mirror our own journey of faith?
11. Compare the angels' response to God in Isaiah 6 with our own worship practices. What can we learn from the seraphim's example?
12. The sermon connects God's grand entrance in Psalm 50 to communion. How does understanding God's majesty enhance our experience of communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)?