

Scripture: Is. 40:1-11 & 12:1-6

Belgic Conf art. 1 (5)

Singing: 285:1-4 – 34:1-3, 8 – 394:1-3 – 422:3-4

The Glory of God (4)

Intro: *Behold your God!* (Is. 40:9)

Our faith & confession of our God means we trust ...

- I. That our God exist (**His existence**)
- II. That our God is One, simple and spiritual Being (**His essence**)
- III. That our God is the sum of all perfection (**His excellencies**)

III. Our God is the sum of all perfection

A. As you behold God, bear in mind the Biblical requirement of Hebrews 11:6

1. Keep asking yourself three questions as *you seek God*

2. If you can't answer these questions, let your prayer first be Ps. 32:5a

B. God has revealed Himself in His Names & Attributes

1. God revealed His essence *first by His Names* (Ex. 3:14-16; Is. 42:8)

2. Later proceeded to add to His name, His attributes (Ex. 33:18-34:7)

C. Why does God reveal His attributes (excellencies) to us?

1. Not merely for *knowledge about Him* but to *draw us to Him*

2. He models in Scripture how we are to *make use of His attributes*

- a. meditate upon Ex. 34:8-9 – Neh. 9:6, 17 – Ps. 86:5 – Jer. 32:16-19

- b. consider what attributes are most suited to your present needs

D. What we are *not* to do when we consider His attributes? Ps 50:21

E. Consider God's attributes *devotionally*:

1. Our God is *eternal* (Ps. 90:1; 91:1-2)
2. Our God is *immutable* or *unchanging* in His being (Num. 23:19)
3. Our God is *infinite* in all His attributes (Ps. 139:1-10; Jer. 23:23-24)
4. Our God is *almighty* (Ps. 27:1, 5; Gen. 18:14)
5. Our God is *perfectly wise* (Ps. 104:24; 107:15; 1 Cor. 2:7-9)
6. Our God is *just* (Ex. 34:7b; 1 Peter 2:21-23; Eccl. 12:13-14)
7. Our God is *good* and *overflowing* in goodness' (Ex. 33:19; 34:6-7)

Close: **Behold your God!**

Thus saith the LORD,

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom

Neither let the mighty man glory in his might

Let not the rich man glory in his riches

But let him that glorieth glory in this

That he understandeth and knoweth Me,

That I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and

righteousness:

For in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:23-24