

Made to Marvel

Gary's Teaching: Made to Marvel

Stuart Greaves: Problem of Boredom

Temptation isn't just to sin, but to Competing Marveling. (not necessarily forbidden)

(Rev 13:3-4) THE BEAST ³And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ⁴So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Follow, Worship because they Marvel

(Rev 17:6-7) WHORE OF BABYLON ⁶I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. ⁷But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her

John Marveled, Angel De-Mystified (Understanding De-Mystifies)

Angel refocused to God's perspective

Have our attempts to explain God removed marveling? (Boring?)

How it's supposed to work:

(Ps 36:7-9) ⁷How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. ⁸They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. ⁹For with You *is* the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

He is primary Source of Satisfaction, Pleasure, Understanding

(Jn 4:14) ¹⁴"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

We have to Drink His water.

(Jn 7:37-38) ³⁷On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

We become a tap to the Source. Have to **Thirst!**

Danger:

(Je 2:13) ¹³"For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Ignoring God for Marvels of our own making (believe but not drinking)

Desire, Discipline, Delight

Waiting = opportunity for boredom, competing marvels

(Pr 13:12) ¹²Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

Disciplines guard against a dull heart until desire comes.

(Mt 6:19-21) ¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Principle: Investing treasure directs your heart.

(Lk 16:10-13) ¹⁰“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. ¹¹“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? ¹²“And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? ¹³“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Money is the least of what you have to invest.

Time, Affection, Attention/Focus (Principle of Beholding)

It's always a choice of masters.

How thirsty are you for true riches?

No get true riches quick scheme. Invest!

(Job 22:21-28) ²¹“Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you. ²²Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart. ²³If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; You will remove iniquity far from your tents. ²⁴Then you will lay your gold in the dust, and the *gold* of Ophir among the stones of the brooks. ²⁵Yes, the Almighty will be your gold and your precious silver; ²⁶For then you will have your delight in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God. ²⁷You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, and you will pay your vows. ²⁸You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.