

An Audience of One
John 17:1-26

Back in the day, there was a show called “This is your life” where someone famous was surprised and shown different events and people from their past and they brought them on the show to celebrate their accomplishments. After each clip, they stated to the person; “This is your life”.

Unlike the show that only showed the good, as God brings to mind the good and bad of our lives before us, we can say “This is your or my life.” But we rejoice because we know that all things work together for the good. We may not be here in this place today if it wasn’t for some of the events that took place. Isn’t it just like God to take that which was meant for evil and turn it around for our good? God looked at the movie screen before we were born and knew the times and events where he needed to intervene. Just because we are living out our lives now, doesn’t mean that this is a first time for God.

Psalms 139 declares how much God knows about us. As it is being read point out what God knows about us?

In a stage play or TV performance we can walk away, but we can’t walk away from this life that we live. Minutes, hours, days and weeks are passing by so fast that it’s hard to keep up with what just happened a few minutes ago. We often move so fast that we forget what we were just about to do, before we’re off to next moment.

Yet there is this ire feeling when you come to realize there are no do-overs, no second chances to do it right the first time again. Oh yes, we get a second chance to get it right but it’s the 2nd, 3rd or 4th time around. As God has given me this revelation, it’s has elevated me to a different level on how I need to think, act and respond to others. There is not a second chance at a first impression.

I shiver at the thought of what may be shown about my life, until I think about the word of God that says, if I repent, then he remembers my sins no more. I believe this means that they can’t be shown...as they are under the blood, they no longer exists.

I don’t know about you, but as I try to grasp the time, it slips through my hands again and again. I am left with this thought; I must find a way to make sure I can do the best with what I have been given. This may simply be what happens as one gets older, seeing others young and old die around us or perhaps I’m finally getting the revelation that we one life to live, looking at life from this elevated state.

Near the end of Jesus’ earthly life, before He ascended to the Father, He prays for Himself and He prays for us; John 17:1 –5; 20-26. Let’s read it.

Theologians and other learned men and women of God may know the primary purposes of Jesus’ life on the earth. What has been revealed to my spirit, is that Jesus came back to get us. He came back to get what belonged to the Father from the beginning. The prayer that Jesus prayed while he was still on the earth is so potent with life giving power, that through many generations, it still comes to seek and save that which was lost.

A sinner sins and we expect them to continue in sin. But when we who have once been enlightened and accepted Jesus as savior and have become righteous, our lives should be a reflection of the life we profess to live to “An Audience of One” No one here on earth has a heaven or a hell to put you in; what they think about

you may be meaningful but it's really about what God thinks and knows. You make the choice before the Audience of One; God the Father.

With Jesus in our hearts, his Spirit living inside of us, and the mind of Christ, we should desire to live our lives as living examples to an audience of one, God himself. He is really the only one that matters. Yes as we live our lives, we have invited many others to share in our story. People come on the scene as various times and stages in our life, some we remember and some we don't. They leave the scene, others come on the scene to stay, and some just pass by very quickly. It's a blessing to have them be a part of our lives to help shape us and mold us. Even the ones who didn't mean us any good, they participated in helping us to become who we are today.

We count so many things and people more valuable than God. We willingly give ourselves over to them for temporary pleasures or fleeting desires and forget about our Lord or putting in 2nd or 3rd. He wants to be first. He doesn't want to settle for 2nd place.

Matthew 6:21 states, where your treasure, there your heart will be also. Jesus treasure and heart was always on the Father. And the Father's heart and treasure was us. Our treasure and heart should be Him. To love, obey and to trust Him.

Your Life Matters, What you do and what you say matters. In order for us to live the kind of life God desires for us we need revelation of God, a revelation of His Presence, a revelation of His Purpose, a revelation of His Plan:

- Peter had a revelation that Jesus was the Christ, the son of God.
- Paul was knocked off a donkey and received a revelation of Jesus. God asked him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me. Paul stated, "Who are you Lord? Jesus then stated, I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts 9:5-6)
- Isaiah received a revelation the day Uzziah died. Is 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Isaiah received his calling and purpose from this revelation.
- Mary, the mother of Jesus received a revelation that the child she would birth, was the Son of God. She acknowledge to the angel Gabriel, Let it be done as you have spoken.
- Anna received a revelation that the baby brought into the temple was the redemption of Jerusalem.
- Simeon was told he would not see death until he has seen the Lord's Christ. When they brought the baby in, Simeon stated "Lord, now you are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all the peoples. A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.

Throughout scripture many people received revelations of God. Many of you here today, have received a revelation of Jesus; this is why you sit here today, why you gave your life to him and why you continue to serve him. You received a revelation of Jesus! Don't take it lightly. It was the work of the Holy Spirit in you that enlightened your heart and mind to be able to receive the word of the Lord.

Luke 24:28-35

Before An Audience of One, the angels who stand before God, worshipping him, cry out Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty.