

# **The Great God of All Creation**

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I. The formula for spiritual success. (Psalm 40:16; Colossians 3:5, 22; Philippians 3:13; Acts 3:36)

A. There are serious minded people who want to know how to salvage something from this world and save themselves from the coming disaster.

B. Be wary of the one who wants to teach you something and wants something out of you for it.

II. Four acts to save oneself from this generation.

A. Magnify God.

1. The basis of all our troubles is that our God is too small.

2. When we magnify the Lord we are not to make Him big but to see Him bigger like when we magnify the stars.

3. The most important verse in the Bible is not John 3:16, it is Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning God..." This is where we must begin.

4. If we saw our God as bigger we would see people as smaller.

a. As we magnify slick personalities, we minimize God.

b. The Holy Spirit does not bless us because we worship each other, not the Lord.

5. God moves according to an eternal purpose and according to His own plan.

6. He is infinite, perfect, and beyond all eloquence.

a. No language is worthy of Him.

b. He is greater than all things great.

7. God ought to become more and more to you, and everything else ought to become less and less.

a. We ought to be in a place God is everything to us.

b. We ought to see Him in everything.

8. There is no division of the Godhead: He is Three and One.

## B. Mortify the flesh.

1. The flesh is not your body like many ancient Christians thought.
2. The flesh is your self-the old man.
  - a. This is your pride, nastiness, your old disposition, your lustfulness, your overbearingness, etc.
  - b. Much of our nastiness is put under the guise of spirituality.
3. If we do not mortify our flesh, our flesh will do something terrible to us.
  - a. We excuse the flesh these days.
  - b. We even magnify it-lifting up the proud.
    - 1) We need to understand how little we are.
4. To mortify is to kill something-we are to be crucified with Christ.

## C. Simplify your life.

1. We have too much.
2. Most people will not go without much.
3. Most people do not live at the center of their life-they live at the periphery.
  - a. Being still and recognizing God's presence is living at the center of one's life.
  - b. We ought to listen more to what God is saying instead of speak to Him so much.
  - c. The further we get from the center of our life, the more speed we get and the less power-like with machinery.
  - d. Socrates: "I never knew there were so many things in Athens that I did not want."
4. If you want to get close to God you must pull the plug on the TV and listen to Him-read the news less and read the Bible more.
  - a. We need to stop puffing ourselves up with nothingness.

b. We must fill ourselves with God.

D. Serve your generation.

1. The Servant David.

2. The Servant Jesus. (Mark 10:45)

3. To be a minister means to be a servant.

4. No Christian has any right to die until they have put the world in debt to them.

a. The Apostle Paul.

b. John and Charles Wesley.

c. David Livingstone.

d. We enter the world in debt but ought to leave it in debt to us.

e. Lazy Christians quit before the whistle blows.

5. We can only serve this present generation. We need to be more than religious sponges. We are called to do things for people. We cannot serve God by proxy - through our money.

**Application questions.**

1. In what ways do the four acts to save oneself from this generation relate to the title of the message: "The Great God of all Creation?"

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2. Which of the acts stands out the most to you? Why is this such an attractive proposition? Which area is God convicting you in the most? Why?

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3. What steps will you take to see God bigger, mortify the flesh, simplify your life and serve this generation? Be specific.

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