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“For God Alone”

Class 4

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- **Considering what God has shown us**
- **Confirming our biggest convictions**
- **Clarifying what questions remain**





Question

What one change in your 'quiet times' would bring you the most joy?



Baldwin

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1. Separated

2. Saturated

3. Situated

4. Safe

5. Successful

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Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.” (Psalms 1:1–6 NRSV)

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Psa. 150:1 Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

2 Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

4 praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

5 praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
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“..praise as glad, exuberant yielding and self-abandonment (as expressed in Psalm 150) takes place only when one comes to terms emotionally, psychologically, dramatically, and theologically with the demanding, sovereign reality of God.”

Brueggemann, “Psalms”, p194

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“In the end, Israel goes to the sanctuary in doxology. Israel comes there with old, unresolved complaints that still sob and ache. Israel comes there with hymns of hope and gratitude still to be fulfilled. Israel carries to God’s throne all its old, powerful memories of brutishness and envy. Israel brings with it to the sanctuary the whole Psalter, its awesome account of hurts and hopes that are voiced in God’s presence.”

Brueggemann, “Psalms” p212

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Elijah's Extended 'Quiet Time': 1 Kings 19

- **Challenging circumstances!**
- **Honest prayer, 4**
- **God refreshes him, 5-8**
- **Taken to right place, 8**
- **Rest, 5, 9**
- **Expresses his viewpoint, 10, 14**
- **Encounter with the presence of God, 11-13**
- **Renewed mission, faith and courage, 15ff**

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“You are the honourably wounded, mistakes and all. Through this experience God will take you to Horeb where you will learn something new from him, grow a little more, and return to his service a stronger person.”

Marjory Foyle, “Honourably Wounded”,
p267

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