

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: GOD is here.

Week 1: The 3 Greatest Words

GOD is here. Getting this sentence wrong will lead to a half-full life or a barely-there life or no life at all.

LIFE KILLER #1: god is here

GOD becomes god—small, unexceptional, uninteresting.

When you hear the name, GOD, what pops into your mind?

But what if we remember just how truly big GOD is, a GOD so awe-inspiring that His presence makes every other blessing unnecessary for our peace, hope and joy?

LIFE KILLER #2: GOD will be here

Thinking GOD's presence as something that will be instead of something that already is.

Question: "What does your faith mean to you?"

LIFE KILLER #3: GOD is there

We assume that a GOD like that would not want to hang around people like us.

Sin has the build-in power to push people apart. Sin separates us from each other. And it has the same effect in our relationship with God.

PSALM 73. Asaph's lyrics are surprisingly trans-parent. He admitted how angry he felt that the lives of people who did not follow GOD's rules flourish while he suffered. (**Psalm 73:22**).

But then Asaph remembered to think much of GOD. **Psalm 73:25.** When Asaph thought of heaven, he thought of GOD. A GOD so good that He made heaven, heavenly.

PSALM 73:25. Asaph didn't desire anything besides GOD. Asaph's desires taught me that I would never be satisfied with temporary blessings. I would always crave more. Nothing short of the eternal GOD would be enough for my soul. **PSALM 73:26.**

Where did Asaph find his strength? Simply from being with GOD. And since that portion would last forever, Asaph discovered the same source of unquenchable joy.

Asaph busted out into a happy dance and invited you to join him in his joy, **PSALM 73:28**.

The commands to praise, magnify, worship, exalt, lift up, and glorify GOD all urge us to ditch our dinky versions of **god** and think much, much more highly of **GOD**.

I invite you to join me on a journey to unwrap the ultimate present Jesus died and rose to give you. I invite you to put your hope in the promise that . . . GOD is here.