

Scripture: Isaiah 57
Singing: 120:1-3 – 115:1-4 – 446:4 – 232:1-3

GOD'S PROMISE TO ENCOURAGE THE DOWNCAST HEART

- I. Let My greatness not discourage you
- II. Let My condescension encourage you
- III. Let My promises revive you

I. Thus saith the LORD: Let My greatness not discourage you

- A. God doesn't hide His infinite greatness
 1. He showed it purposely to Isaiah (Is. 6:1-5)

 2. God reinforced Himself what Isaiah saw to all: 15a

 3. This truth of God is as a hot searing fire (Heb 12:28-29)
- B. Getting to know God's in His holiness/greatness always humbles us our heart
 1. What is a humble and contrite heart?

 2. Though it is good to be humble and contrite *before* God's greatness, it is not good to be discouraged *about* God's greatness

II. Thus saith the LORD: Let My condescension encourage you

- A. God does not hide Himself in His high – holy place
 1. Hear His astonishing & encouraging revelation: 15b

 2. How can God dwell in glory and dwell with a sinner?
 - a. this mystery is revealed in Jesus' coming (John 1:1, 2, 14)
- B. Let Jesus' condescending gentleness and reassuring promise encourage you
 1. But I am not humbled and broken enough though I feel my sins

 2. Consider what He says and not what you feel:
- C. Though we every reason to feel grieved and humbled for committed sin, we have not reason to be discouraged: *God delights to dwell with us in Christ*

III. Thus saith the LORD: Let My promises revive you

- A. God not only promises to dwell with us, but to heal & restore: 16-19
 1. though God is angered with our sins, He delights in putting away anger!
- B. Eat in 'meditation' each crumb of the heavenly manna of His promises