

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Acts 7.

Psalm 145:5-7 "I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles.

Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness.

Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness." (NLT)

I think it was evident in my recent writings of my love for the natural beauty of Alaska. To see the tiny islands around Sitka, the majestic mountains everywhere, or travel up the fjord to the glacier was just amazing. And as wonderful as it was to see that country, not just once in my life, but now a second time is humbling.

But what is even more humbling is to see the goodness of God become more evident in my life and ministry every day. Yesterday in worship, I asked our church family to send me a text of something God was doing in their lives. Why? Because I think it is important for us to be able to see the ways God is at work in our lives that we might join in with the psalmist in declaring the goodness of God.

I shared that when we don't see God at work, maybe the reason is we take the credit for the works of God, thinking we are doing mighty things, rather than God doing a mighty work through us. That we want to get the glory, rather than giving the glory to God. That we push the working of the Holy Spirit into a position of the silent partner, never being recognized for the work the Spirit is doing.

Ask yourself how you see God at work in your life. Is He changing your heart to be more kind toward others? Is He giving you more boldness to share the word of God with others? Is He helping you be more financially responsible? Is He helping you to love and forgive those who have hurt you?

The psalmist says, "Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness." Will you join in the chorus of praise, or remain silent because you have nothing to share?