**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Genesis 45:1-15

**Singing:** 226:1-3 – 323:1-2 – 290:1-5 – 304:1-3, 7 – 255:1-4

**Jesus Reveals his Heart**

I. When He reveals Himself II. What He reveals of Himself

I. Jesus reveals His heart in a *personal way*

A. Why did Joseph send everyone away before he revealed himself? (1-2)

B. There are *similar moments* in *history of everyone who is drawn to Jesus*

 1. When Jesus’ reveals Himself it is *private and personal*

 2. As Joseph ordered all to leave so Jesus causes all that hinders to

stand back before He reveals Himself to our soul

a. salvation begins as a *separating work*

b. has Christ been doing this with us?

 • though it is a painful process it is vital!

 • only when we *sense our misery, will we heed the Gospel*

 3. As Joseph revealed himself, so Jesus does to seeking sinners!

 a. this ‘revelation of Christ’ is one aspect of experiential Christianity

 that cannot met omitted or missed

 • consider John 14:21c, 16:13-14

b. this ‘revelation of Christ is often a cause of *misunderstanding*

 • what is it not?

 - don’t look, wait, expect something *mysterious*

- revelation has *nothing to do with something visible or*

 *touchable* but is a *spiritual enlightening* of heart

 • what is it then?

 - consider OT and NT meaning of the word *reveal*

 c. how do I know then *that God is revealing Himself to me?*

 • Luke 24:32 & 45!

II. Jesus reveals what exists in His heart

A. Consider this ‘sacred moment’ when Joseph reveals himself

 1. His ‘pent-up’ heart finally burst open with *emotions and speech*

 2. The brothers’ reaction is *a stunned fear* (vs. 3)

B. Consider this *heart of Jesus* in the words and actions of Joseph

 1. In revealing his name, he reveals his heart

2. In telling not to be grieved or angry, he sought to dis-arm them so

 that they would fall into his arms

 3. What were *ripples in Joseph’s heart* are *fountains in Jesus’ heart*!

 a. He weeps with compassion over *obstinate sinners* (Luke 19)

b. Look into this heart of God as it is opened in Jesus: *God is love!*

 4. Hear His Words to us: *Come near to me, I pray you!*

 a. for I am *meek: gentle in nature and temper*

b. for I am lowly in heart: *I don’t despise sinners*

**Closing: Are you asking, “What must I do?”**

A. Jesus’ answer is straightforward: *Come unto ME!*

 1. Why this distance? Why these fears?

 2. Remain not Cain-like!

 3. Hearken to His and His Father’s voice

 • *Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world*

 *• This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him*

 *• This is faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ*

*Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief!*