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Magnificence & Obsession

Define Magnificence

Noun

- the quality or state of being magnificent; splendor; grandeur; sublimity: the magnificence of snow-covered mountains; the magnificence of his achievements. Synonyms: stateliness, nobility, majesty impressiveness of surroundings: the magnificence of Versailles. Synonyms: sumptuousness, luxuriousness, opulence Antonyms: poverty, squalor

Define Obsession

Noun

- the domination of one's thoughts or feelings by a persistent idea, image, desire, etc. the idea, image, desire, feeling, etc., itself. the state of being obsessed. obsessed. the act of obsessing. today many things and peoples can be an object of obsession...I will not go there instead let us look at the object of true obsession in the person of Jesus. In this last days it will be a life changing experience for us to see Him for the majesty that He is so we may turn our obsession in thinking of Him as the domination of our thoughts and desires. How do you think that would be? Let us journey together into that place of understanding so we might together be raptured in His presence.

Many places and structures are defined as magnificent. Many will visit Versailles in France for its many beautiful paintings and structures and designs Done by famous artists. Gold and glitz and pomposity display what the renaissance area call magnificent. The Louvre in Paris is another such place. So many places in Paris will qualify as magnificent.

But to me there are places where the panoramic view of God's creation can really be called magnificent. The mountains In Arizona and the mountains and dessert of Saudi Arabia. The mountains of Ararat even in the winter specially. God's creation in its grandeur can take your breath away.

But Jesus is my only magnificent obsession. It should be yours too as we journey in these next sessions together to see the magnificence of this Man God who came two thousand years ago on earth to show us the love of Father God to a world He loves. Many in His time did not see His magnificence, they were looking for a king to rule them in the way kings ruled in their day. So, they missed His majestic presence and exchange Him for a thief instead and killed Him.

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Our goal in this journey of magnificent obsession for Jesus is to convince people that the knowledge of God is:

1. The most powerful and pleasurable reality anyone can experience.
2. The most costly treasure to pursue, but the most valuable and lasting one.
3. The most neglected issue in the kingdom (zeal for Jesus will seem like an error to many).
4. The most attacked truth—Satan attacks the truth about Jesus in an unrelenting way.
5. The most emphasized truth of the Holy Spirit in the generation in which the Lord returns.

Let us allow our spiritual capacity to expand. Give time to experience and encounter this magnificence to enter the most divine obsession you have ever known.