

What I Want to Say to God

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Introduction:

- A. What would I say to God if I were to meet Him face to face?
 - 1. Intriguing question
 - 2. Probably nothing; stunned into speechlessness
 - 3. Very likely be destroyed by the experience - Ex. 33:20
 - 4. Read dozens of answers to this question; tended to fall into four categories:
 - a. Majority were impertinent, blasphemous, or derisive
 - b. A number dismissed the possibility claiming there is no God
 - c. Several quoted Bible texts or religious writers; seriously doubt many of them will remember the quotes when it happens
 - d. A few did what Job did; asked God to defend His words, will, and activities - Job 37:19-20
- B. What would be our purpose in talking to God?
 - 1. We certainly cannot offer God information or instruction - Job 21:22
 - 2. But there are some words we can offer to God.
 - 3. He has wanted to hear these words since He created humankind

I. PRAISE

- A. Rev. 19:5; Eph. 1:12; Psalm 150:6
- B. 2Chron. 5:12-14 - The day Solomon brought the Ark of the Covenant into the temple for the first time
 - 1. Psalm 148:1-13

II. THANKSGIVING

- A. Rev. 11:16-17, 7:11-12; 1Tim. 1:12; 1Thes. 5:18; Eph. 5:20; Rom. 14:6

III. EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

- A. Matt. 22:37-38; 2Thes. 3:5; Jude 21; 1John 5:3
- B. Psalm 73:25; Prov. 8:17; Isa. 56:6-7

IV. DECLARATIONS OF TRUST

- A. 2Sam. 22:1-4; Psalm 37:1-13; 2Tim. 4:16-18

V. CONFESSION

- A. Of sin and the need for forgiveness - Prov. 20:9; 1John 1:8-10; Psalm 32:1-6
- B. Of the Christ - Matt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10

Conclusion:

- A. What do you have to say to the Lord today? Then say it!
 - 1. Words of praise and thanksgiving in song?
 - 2. Expressions of love and declarations of trust in prayer?
 - 3. Confessions of faith in Jesus or confessions of sins needed forgiven?