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“And as He was already drawing near to the descent of the Mount of Olives, **all** the multitude of the disciples began rejoicing, to **praise God with a loud voice** concerning all the works of power which they saw, saying, “Blessed is the One coming in the name of the Lord,” the King. Peace in Heaven, and glory in the highest! And some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Him, Teacher, rebuke your disciples. And answering, He said to them, I say to you, If these should be **silent**, the **stones** will **cry out**.” ⇒ Luke 19:37-40. Jesus spoke **truth!** ⇒ Numbers 23:19; **understand** Jesus’ words here, literally:

- **be silent:** mute, involuntary stillness.
- **stones:** stumbling block, mill stone.
- **cry out:** scream.

These Pharisees did not choose Jesus Christ as their Lord; therefore, praising Him was not something they did... and this belief made them mute; involuntarily still. Jesus called them: blind, foolish, hypocritical, hell-bound snakes which appeared holy but were filthy and full of death inside (**wow!**) ⇒ Matthew 23:13-33. Why is **praising** Jesus Christ as God so **desperately** important? And: what **made these Bible studying Pharisees evil?**

Earth has enough evidence to show us **God is God** ⇒ Romans 1:20; Ecclesiastes 3:11. Pharisees *also had* the Scriptures to show them, yet they *changed* the meanings of all this evidence... the worst part being: **stealing God’s glory, which is damnable.** This truth holds true for us, and everyone, always. Understand what happens from ⇒ Luke 19:40:

- **Our silence:** we do nothing, or our own thing, instead of worshipping God wildly.
- **Our stones:** our silence allows stumbling blocks the size of mill stones in our life.
- **Crying out:** such stumbling blocks scream louder than everything else in our life... all because of our arrogance keeping us from **praising God desperately**; a foolish trap!

Jesus was actually being kind to the Pharisees (and to us!) by using strong language against them / us: to wake them / us up before it is too late in the eternal torment of hell.

**ANSWER THIS QUESTION:** Does the **desperate praise** of ⇒ Revelation 4:8 seem **a bit too much** for you? If so, your problem of **not knowing God very well** is resolvable. No one can see God fully yet ⇒ 1 Corinthians 13:12, but we can see God in part enough now to be overwhelmed into the awareness of **praising Him desperately**... **if** we use our free will to do so ⇒ Jeremiah 29:13. Being unaware of God *does happen* ⇒ Genesis 28:16; so do **not** get stuck in guilt; instead, **praise** Jesus who came to free you from it!

**Praising desperately** is **also vital to marital intimacy**: God patterned marriage from our relationship with Jesus. In marriage, too, **desperate praise** has to be a heart-cry lifestyle, not a one-time event. Praising our spouse **only when we want to** not only destroys intimacy but **creates a void** our enemy seeks to fill **to damn our marriage**. Life is spiritual warfare with optional outcomes; live so you can answer God asking you: ‘**Did you praise Me desperately?**’ and ‘**Did you model My kind of praise to your spouse?**’

The intensity of these words is nothing compared to their truth, and our opinions of them are less than nothing; **even damning**. Intimacy *requires* us **praising desperately**. ♥