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Reading Well: Read Wondrously

Matthew 15:29-31 • Feb 81, 2024

The Power of Wonder

When Jesus healed the people, the crowd "W______ ... and they G______ the God of Israel" (Matt 15:29-31 ESV)

The song "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ends with "Lost in W_____, L____, & P_____."

Lost In Wonder, Love, & Praise

The Bible is a L_____ Letter (& more, but no less).

The Bible is meant to be E_____ (& more, but no less).

The Bible is meant to question M_____ (& more, but no less).

Case Studies

Case Study #1: 1 Samuel 21. Read carefully. What do you see? How is there wonder, love, and praise in this text? Is there more than "don't lie, or people die?"

Case Study #2: Genesis 1. Read carefully. Ask questions about God. What does He love? Do we miss the profound beauty by focusing on procedure?

Case Study #3: Leviticus 10. Read carefully. What is God doing in this chapter? Is there more than "if you slip, you die?"

Answers: Wondered; Glorified; Love; Enjoyed; Me

• Book recommendation: JL Gerhardt, *Look to Love: A Better Way to Read the Bible* (2021).

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