

“The King in His Beauty”

Luke 24:13-35

I. The Reality

Contentment – happiness – seems to be _____

A. We are created in the image of God

God has put eternity into our hearts... *“He has made everything _____ in its time”*
[Ecclesiastes 3:11]

B. Our fellowship with God has been _____

C. We continue to experience deep longing

- Moments of “inconsolable longing” – moments of _____
- Epiphanies: moments when the _____ is pulled back
- “You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you” [Augustine]
- Atheism too reductive – too _____

D. We experience discontent

1. The danger of _____

- “Looking for love in all the wrong places”
- “The sweet _____ of a false infinite” [C.S. Lewis]
- Our best having always leaves us wanting

2. The _____ of discontent

- Our discontent points to something _____ this world
- “All the things that have ever deeply possessed your soul have been but _____ of it – a tantalizing glimpse, a promise never quite fulfilled” [C.S. Lewis]
- Joy, desire, is a _____
- God is “the source from which the “ _____ _____ ” are shot

II. The _____ reality: see the King in His Beauty

Infinity walked among us! [John 1:14] Emmanuel: God _____ [Matthew 1:21b]

A. The Word _____

- We see the risen Lord Jesus on the Road to Emmaus in Luke chapter 24
- The goal of hearing the Word is to see the Word
- *“When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.”* [Luke 24:30-31]
- *“I am the _____ of life”* [John 6:35]
- Jesus anticipates His coming death on the cross
- Anticipated again at the _____, where we see the King in His beauty!
- Where we recognize Him, remember Him anew
- Jesus is the answer to our deepest longings

B. Good reason to keep _____ --His grace _____ our hearts

“They rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.” [Luke 23:33]