

“What Our Attitudes Toward the Word of God Say about US” (Various texts)  
GCC, Morning Worship, 5/7/23

## **Introduction**

- A. The Word of the Living God is LIVING and ACTIVE (Heb 4:12–13)
- B. The common denominator of every revival, Reformation, revitalization, and time of Refreshing is attentive ears and open hearts to the word of God (Isa 8:20; 1 Thess 2:13; cf. 2LBC 1:10)

## **I. Dangerous Attitudes**

- A. “I like the word of God when it makes me feel good. I HATE it when it doesn’t” (1 Kgs 22:1–19)
- B. Sadness because the Word of God calls me to give up something I want to keep (Matt 19:16–22 and then Jesus’ commentary in vv. 23–30)
- C. A desire to *justify* and *defend* myself (Luke 10:25–29, esp. v. 29)
- D. “Rage and murder” (Acts 7:54)

## **II. Transforming Attitudes**

- A. “Cut to the heart with God-fearing, God-honoring guilt coupled with a desire to be saved and helped (Acts 2:36, 37)
- B. “A willingness to do whatever it takes to repent and glorify God” (Luke 19:1–10)
- C. A willingness to be purified and revived by the word of God (Psalm 19:9–14)
- D. A Teachable Heart (Psalm 141:5)  
<sup>5</sup> Let a righteous man strike me-- it is a kindness; let him rebuke me-- it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it. Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds. (Ps. 141:5)

## **III. The Wounds Inflicted by the Law will be Bound up and Healed by the Gospel (Hos 6:1–3)**

### **Questions for reflection, prayer, and meditation:**

1. Why must our attitudes toward the Word of God constantly be recalibrated?
2. How do we recalibrate our attitudes toward the Word of God?
3. How can we use the input of pastors and the brethren to help us recalibrate our attitudes toward the Word of God?
4. Do you want God to repent of the circumstances He’s sovereignly placed you in? Or do you want to repent of your prideful responses to His sovereign decree?
5. To which “dangerous” attitude are you most prone?
6. Discuss a time in which your vulnerability to (i.e., openness to) the Word of God brought transformation in your life.
7. What has God promised will accompany the wounds of the Law (see Hos 6:1–3)? How does this make us hopeful in receiving the rebuke of the Law?