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## LECTIO CORAM DEO

*Reading in the Presence of God*

An Introduction to Lectio Coram Deo

The Practice of Lectio Coram Deo

- The Eternal Revealed -
- The Internal Response -
- The External Reflection -

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- To Know, Love & Serve Him More -

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"*Coram Deo. Coram Deo* captures the essence of the Christian life because the Christian life is one that is to be lived constantly in the presence of God - before Him, under His authority and for His glory."

R.C. Sproul

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And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-30

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Joshua 1:1-9

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### The Eternal Revealed

- God's Word Reveals Him
- Experience Him as a mystic
- Worship Him for who He is

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### The Eternal Revealed

- God, who are You?
- What does God do? What does He not do?
- What is God saying? and why in this context?

*It is to have a heart and mind humbly asking  
& seeking who He is revealing Himself as.*

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An Example | Joshua 1:1

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God Communicates. or, God is communicative.

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### The Eternal Revealed

v.1 | God is eternal & greater than mankind. He bridges generations. Moses & Joshua come & go - but the Lord remains.

v.2 | God calls. God gives us a place, a plan and leaders. God is a provider.

v.3 | God is a promise keeper.

v.4 | God blesses greatly.

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v.5 | God is present. God strengthens.

v.6 | God commands. God removes fear. God uses people to bless others.

v.7 | God repeats Himself. God is clear and careful. God gives direction.

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### The Eternal Revealed

v.8 | God has our good in mind. God gives success. God's Word is accessible and present day & night.

v.9 | God asks us questions. God repeats again - God is a patient teacher. God is calming. God is present everywhere - wherever we are.

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### The Internal Response

- The Creator informs the created
- Embrace Him as a pilgrim
- Response: Receive or Reject?

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### The Internal Response

- Do I believe, or trust, what God said?
- What does the passage say to me?
- Is there a character, or situation, you resonate with?

*It is to give Him authority to define you and give you identity. It is following and become like Him.*

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v.1 | God is eternal & greater than mankind.  
Moses & Joshua come & go - but the Lord remains.

v.1 | His story is greater than mine. Moses & Joshua are identified as servants.

- Am I living & serving Him? or my own ambitions?
- Am I ok being, and having the identity of, a servant?

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### The External Reflection

- Our King commissions us
- Follow Him as His missionary
- We reveal Him to others by reflecting his transforming work in our lives.

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### The External Reflection

- How do I live differently?
- Does what God say or do line up with, or conflict with the culture around us?
- How do I demonstrate & proclaim His truth & grace where I have presence?

*It is to rely on Him for our meaning in life.*

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### The External Reflection

v.1 | God's story is greater - He remains constant.

v.1 | Am I serving Him or myself?

v.1 | Who does God want me to serve?

- Does God want me to lead someone to His place, His purpose & His blessings - How & Who?
- God's leadership v. the culture's leadership values?

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Eternal Revealed | Know

Internal Response | Believe

External Reflection | Do

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