

File: Resolution from Church

**BMA of America Proposed Resolution
On Beholding the Majesty of God
First Baptist Church • Cave Springs, Ark.**

Whereas, the Scriptures are filled with robust, soul-piercing revelation of the triune God in majesty (Exod. 15:11) as He is utterly unique in His transcendence, since He is infinite (Job 11:7-9), eternal (Psa. 90:2), and unchangeable in His being (James 1:17, Exod. 3:14), wisdom (Psa. 147:5), power (Rev. 4:8), holiness (Isa. 6:3), justice, goodness, and truth (Exod. 34:6), and

Whereas, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 9:10) and the Apostle Paul prayed that the church in Colossae would increase in its knowledge of God (Col. 1:9-10), and

Whereas, the Baptist Missionary Association of America stands in great need of growing in our fear of the Lord and knowledge of Him, and

Whereas, the Lord of hosts is jealous for His own glory, refusing to share it with any false gods (Isa. 42:8), and dishonored when His people turn to sources outside of His divine revelation in order to analyze or understand the greatest need of a pagan and godless culture (II Tim. 3:16-17), and

Whereas, God will not hold those guiltless who take His name in vain (Exod. 20:7) by thinking less of Him than they ought, knowing less of Him than they ought, and loving Him less than they ought, and

Whereas, lack of awareness of the majesty of God is the root cause of so many serious issues churches and denominations, even our Baptist brethren, face in the 21st century (Psa. 115:8), including, but not limited to, the lack of trust in the sufficiency of Scripture, being pro-LGBTQ+ lifestyles; having women preaching to and teaching/exercising authority over men in the church (I Tim. 2:12), ignoring sexual abuse and covering it up, a lack of concern for evangelism, purporting a man-centered theology, and lacking biblical church discipline and concern for regenerate church membership in local churches, and

Whereas, our triune God is honored and glorified by His people when they humbly adore Him for who He is and seek to adjust their lives in all ways possible to conformity of His will as revealed in His Scriptures (John 4:23-24), and

Whereas, the chief end of our existence is to glorify this great and holy God and to enjoy Him forever and ever (Psa. 145:1-3), now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the messengers to the BMA of America Annual Meeting, assembled in Waxahachie, Texas, April 27-30, 2020, (sic) acknowledge our desire to worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness as He is revealed in the Scriptures; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon all BMA churches, pastors, departments, agencies, leaders, laypersons, and associations to repent of any and all ways that God has not been honored, through sins of blatant disregard of His Word or sins of ignorance or neglect of His Word; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon all BMA Baptists to behold the Majesty of God in humble reverence through means of prayer and Bible intake, both corporately and personally, and having an intentional local church focus on preaching the majesty of God in regular Sunday services as well as special emphases throughout the year on beholding God together; and be it finally

Resolved, That we warn churches and individuals who do not take the majesty of God seriously that not only will there be adverse consequences in this life, but also in the one to come.

Unanimously Approved for submission in the Regular Business Conference of First Baptist Church, Cave Springs Arkansas of March 8, 2020; Michael Battenfield, Pastor; Gaylene Vanhook, Church Clerk