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There is not much that need be said by way of conclusion. But let me sum up.

‘You’ used wrongly (boosting man) and the failure to use ‘you’ when it should be used (preaching) are the two sides of the same coin. Today, alas, we have a surfeit of the former, and a dearth of the latter. As for our reception of the word read or heard, until we make personal appropriation of Scripture, we can never feel its power. Keeping God at arm’s length – failing to hear his voice speaking to us, to me, in Scripture – is fatal.

As I have tried to argue, far more than appears at first glance is involved in the seemingly innocuous question my correspondent put to me. Ultimately, the person, name, attributes and work of God himself are at stake. The world elevates the creature; believers must exalt the LORD God Almighty, and exalt him alone:

There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O LORD, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God (Ps. 86:8-10).

Oh, the depth of the riches and [of the] wisdom and [the] knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?’ Or ‘who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?’ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen (Rom. 11:33-36).

And Paul, addressing believers, presses home the point:

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God

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in your body... Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 10:21).

The misuse of 'you' ruins all this. This misuse, however, is common and on the rise. Determined action to rectify this grievous development is required, and required urgently.