

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Worship The King # 1

HYMN

Praise The Savior # 51

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cleaning for March – Amber

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Blessed Assurance # 255

DELIGHTING IN GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

A psalmist tells us “Blessed is the man who fears Jehovah, who delights greatly in His commandments” (Psalm 112:1). What are Jehovah’s commandments?

- *The Law’s First Commandment*: “You shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:36-38 / Mark 12:28-30).
- *The Law’s Second Commandment*: “you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:39 / Mark 12:31).
- “On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
- *Jesus Christ’s First Commandment*: “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15).
- *Jesus Christ’s New Commandment*: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another” (John 13:34; cp. 15:12, 17).

– Daniel Parks (Great Falls, MT)

WHO IS PRIVILEGED?

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools." - Ecc 5v1

Recently, as I stood in our churchyard, a woman drove up and began asking questions about the time of our services. I told her and she reflected a moment saying, "Well, maybe we'll come to one of the services."

All I could think to say was, "Yes, ma'am, maybe you will and maybe you won't. If the Lord allows you to come, you will; and if He does not, you won't." Well, she surely didn't understand an answer like that. She had expected the usual answer of preachers today: "I do hope you will attend. It would be a great privilege to have you in the church. I'm certain you would enjoy being here."

Wait a minute! Who is the privileged one? What is "going to church" all about anyway? Is it an effort to get as many to attend as possible by making them think they have done the church and the Lord Jesus Christ a great favor by "deciding" to "go to church?" Then when they show up the preacher spends a great deal of time letting them know that the day would have been wasted if they had not put in an appearance. They fill out cards, are recognized, and bragged on until it seems that the church has just been waiting all these years for their arrival. Now the church can go on. Do you get the picture?

I am not advocating that we should put them in a dark corner and ignore them. But I am saying it is high time that these infrequent "visitors" should know that they are the privileged ones. Why? Here is a group of God's people, who for years have faithfully paid the bills, supported the Gospel of Christ, and maintained a place where God Almighty is the glory and delight of His church. It seems to me that if anyone is to thank someone for being there, then the "visitors" should be the thankful ones.

What I am saying is this. Let's be kind and friendly, but let's quit making people swell with pride by giving them the idea that God is glad when He gets them to "go to church."

- Jack Shanks

NOTES

San Diego Grace Fellowship

*“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”
1Cor 1v23-24*

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM
- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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