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God-Service

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Paul wrote, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17). He is NOT urging us to attach a label or verbal formula "in Christ's Name" to everything we do or say. Rather, our words and deeds must rest upon His authority — said and done with a view to serving Christ. The principle is illustrated in following verses. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord." "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." Servants, obey your masters "fearing God" — "as to the Lord" — "for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Vs. 18,20, 22-24).

Obligations grow out of relationships: husband and wife obligations coming with marriage; parental obligations, with children; social and civic obligations because we are a part of society and citizens of government. Patterns of conduct (mores, or moral standards) are developed thusly; and existed before 1,500 B.C., when God gave the Ten Commandments to the Jewish people. But while the Ten Commandments did not originate morals, they gave them new dimensions. They said, God is back of all this — do this "as unto God." The recognition of God is the basis for all true morals.

Rom. 1:18-f. shows us that recognition of "eternal power and deity" imposes two obligations: to glorify and be thankful — look up to, and feel a dependence upon, God. We repeat, the recognition of God is the basis for all true morals. But conversely, the denial of God is the basis for all sin. Refusing God, man exalted him self.

He "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator" (v.25) so God "gave them up" (vs.24, 26,28) to stew in their own juice.

Leave God out of the picture, and morals become situation ethics; religion becomes only a social development. There is no sin — only social maladjustment; and there is no hope for anything more than this crass world. No wonder unbelievers who try to reason it out show a "despair syndrome."

But sin is "against God." It is "against society" and **more** than that. When Joseph was tempted Potiphar's wife (Ex .39:7-9) he replied, "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" He understood that his obligations were **deeper** than those of honor and fairness among men. When David recognized his sin with Bathsheba (2 Sam. 12:7-14) he said, "I have sinned against Jehovah." Later, in his psalm of contrition he prayed to God, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight" (Psm. 51:4). Jesus has the Prodigal say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight..." (Lu. 15:21).

God-service goes much deeper than external conduct. Samuel could tell Saul (1 Sam. 15:22) "to obey is better than sacrifice." The external offering, without the heart, was nothing. This is a fundamental principle of God-service, as true in the Old Testament as in the New (Psm. 51:16-17 Hosea 6:6; Amos 5:21-24). It does not negate obedience, but shows the true meaning of obedience "as to the Lord."

Activities

Sunday June 4, 2023

10:30 AM Worship Service

Announcements: *Ryan Baker*

Scripture Reading: *Ben Richardson*

Psalms 1:1-6

Song Leader: *Jonathan Baker*

Memorial Leader: *Kim Howell*

Memorial Ass.: *Bobby Lawson*

Memorial Ass.: *Lee Phillips*

Memorial Ass.: *Ralph Sadler*

Lesson: *Chuck Richardson*

The Parable Of Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

Who Do We Say God Is?

6:00 PM Worship Service

Announcement: *Ryan Baker*

Scripture Reading: *Ben Richardson*

Colossians 3:18-25

Song Leader: *Ben Richardson*

Lesson: *Chuck Richardson*

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Memorial Leader: *Kim Howell*

Wednesday June 7, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Study/Worship

Announcement: *Chuck Richardson*

Auditorium Teacher: *Scott Mixon*

Song Leader: *Scott Mixon*

Lesson & Invitation: *Randy Baker*

Special Studies

Vacation Bible School

June 26-30 @ 10AM

“Walking In The Light”

A Look At Daniel’s Life

Daniel 1-6

Special Works

Memory Work, Faith Builders, & Defense Builders

Drill Class Sunday’s at 5:20pm [for all ages]

Scripture(s) For The Week

Matthew 25:1a (NASB) “Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable

Matthew 25:24-30 (NASB)

24 “And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’

26 “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. 27 Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. 28 Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’

29 “For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. 30 Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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