CALL TO WORSHIP

Crown Him With Many Crowns #62

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Kevin T.

Wed – Bob M.

WORSHIP HYMN

Abide With Me #75

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lord willing, we will observe His table this morning. We will not have a meal following.
- No evening service.

CLOSING HYMN

Leave It There #353

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes... I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me."

- Psalm 119v71&75

Many years ago, Martin Luther was going through a great and heavy trial for the sake of the Gospel of Christ. He read these verses and cried out, "Strike on Oh Lord, strike on! For I know, now, that thou lovest me!".

What a terrible thing to miss the faithfulness of our Lord by shunning and murmuring at the afflictions He has sent - in His infinite Love and Grace to His child! In doing so, we avoid the blessing. Lord, give us the faith to trust and believe you! To cry out, "Strike on Lord, Strike on!". That we might see your love, faithfulness, and righteousness once more!

THE PROBLEMS WITH THE TELEVANGELISTS

There are several major problems with the televangelists, besides their lifestyle, which seem to dominate the news these days.

They make little or nothing of the local church. God never intended for us to follow national personalities nor worship around a television set. He has established in all places his local assembly of believers under the leadership of a pastor and teacher. The local church is of major importance in worship, in the preaching of the gospel, in the fellowship of God's people, in training preachers, in sending out missionaries, and in administering the ordinances. That which minimizes the local church (or all but does away with it) is not of God.

They minimize the preaching of the word and specialize in music, entertainment, and set decorations that appeal to the flesh. If there are any words in a song that would glorify Christ, they are lost in the glare of lights, the accompaniment of the big band, the showmanship of the singer, and camera shots of the surroundings. But little or no preaching of the word is done; for the time must be given to raising money, lauding personalities, and promoting the leader, whose name and image must be constantly before us.

They do not preach Christ! His name may be mentioned, but he is not their message. Their message is not the inability of man but the importance of men. Their message is not the glory and sovereignty of God but helplessness of their god without the cooperation of the human will. Their message is not how can God be just and justifier in Christ Jesus but how can we use God to promote our health, wealth, and happiness.

The spirit they talk about is not the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit of God does not call attention to himself and his gifts; he glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. "He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it to you" (Jn. 16:14).

I strongly oppose all of these merchandizers of souls and pray for the day when they shall be exposed for what they are—enemies of the cross!

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Philippians 2:12

I will not debate with the free-will works religionist who claims that the above verse of scripture proves that salvation is accomplished by a "work of righteousness" that the sinner does. Paul resolved that argument in the very next sentence of his letter to the church at Philippi. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13) No sinner can "work out," what God has not "worked in." It is impossible for a spiritually dead man and woman to do anything without first being made alive by God. Aren't you thankful that "Salvation is of the Lord?"

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

I once was attempting to preach the Gospel to an atheist. A man who believed salvation by works was listening and soon joined in with the atheist in objecting to the God I preached. The man who believed in salvation by works had more in common with the atheist than he had with me. Why? The atheist denies that God is the ultimate cause of the universe. And the man who believes in salvation by works denies that God is the ultimate cause of salvation. But the man who believes grace really believes that God is the cause of them both. Is there really any difference in the belief of the atheist and the one who believes in salvation by works? They are both united in denying that God is the ultimate cause. They will both find out on judgment day, to their own horror, that God is the cause of both!

- Todd Nibert (Lexington, KY)

For those of you who don't know the Lord, how do you deal with life? Do you go through life confused, bitter, and angry, dealing with questions you can't answer? Do you go through life with a flippant attitude, or believing you have the strength to deal with anything? As for me and I know I speak for God's people, I wouldn't want to face a moment without the Lord for ten thousand worlds like this. "We don't know what a day may bring forth", but we do know who brings it

forth.

- Don Bell (Crossville, TN)

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"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