CALL TO WORSHIP

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God # 36

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Bob M.

Wed- Kevin T.

HYMN

More About Jesus # 326

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As our Lord is pleased, Brother Angus Fisher will be here to preach the Gospel to us this Wednesday. He is pastor of Shoalhaven Gospel Church in Nowra, NSW, Australia.

His feet are beautiful [Isa 52v7], I recommend we come hear the word our Lord has given him for the hour.

CLOSING HYMN Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name # 81

"Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you." - 1 Cor 11:2

The child of God partakes of the Lord's Table and is baptized just as it was delivered to us. Why do we do these things?

We observe the ordinances of our Master for three reasons. One, Christ commanded them. Two, Christ performed them on our behalf. And three, as children greatly loved of our Father, we want to obey Him. The new spirit in us is willing by His power and joyful to do so because Christ was willing and joyful to do so for His people. What an easy yoke!

ABRAM AS AN ANTI-TYPE

If you read about Abram and Sarai going to Egypt in Genesis 12v10-20, there are some stark contrasts between our Lord Jesus Christ and Abram.

- The reason Abram went to down to Egypt was because HE was in a famine.

- Christ came down because HIS PEOPLE were in a famine. (Luke 6v21, Isa 55v1-3)

- Abram went down in disobedience and unbelief.

- Christ came down in obedience and full of Faith. (John 6v38)

- Abram's wife was so lovely he had her tell a lie and be separated from him.

- Christ's bride was so hideous, yet He bought her and draws her near in Truth and by Truth! (Hosea 3)

- Abram told Sarai to say she was his sister, not his wife.

- Christ comes and declares we are His bride, and He is our Husbandman. (John 3v29, Eph 5v32, Ruth)

- In these actions, Abram became rich.

- Christ became poor [made His people], that we might become rich [made His righteousness]. (2 Cor 8v9 & 5v21)

- Abram did all this to save his own life.

- Christ willingly laid down His life, that we may live. (John 10v18, John 10v10)

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

MOST of the time when I get up to preach, I have the full expectation that the message, that blessed me so much preparing, will certainly bless those that hear it! That the roof will lift from the praises and the carpet will be soaked in tears of joy! I pray I could have that expectation **EVERY** time I preached!

PRAYER WARRIORS?!?

A friend of mine from my military days called and asked me, "Kevin, I know what a warrior is, but what is a "prayer warrior"?".

I responded, "I am not sure. Someone praying I suppose... Who are they battling against?".

He said, "Seems to me like that are banding together against God till He caves in, surrenders, and does what they want.".

I asked another question, "How do you think that battle will go for them? If they are ganging up on God to get Him to do something?".

His response - "If God lives up to His name, not too well for them!".

<u>Child of God</u> - let us never forget WHO it is we are praying to! WHO it is that sent the very providential thing that brought about our petition. I pray that we can ask for mercy for our sin of unbelief, grace to be thankful regardless of the providence before us, and faith to see our Redeemer accomplishing His perfect intercession for you and I right now!

"<u>Prayer warrior</u>" - to attempt to indebt God, to twist His arm, to coerce His will that has been determined before time – is not profitable! **Just surrender**!

PRESTIGIOUS POSITION?

A person recently told me I would have a better spot in Heaven because I held a "prestigious position" (pastor). Being a pastor, preacher, teacher, or deacon **will not** carry any different reward in Glory than those that give, pray, listen, visit, or any other position in serving our True and Living God! Christ is the exceeding great reward for every one of His sheep! That is not only great news to His children, but our only desire – His presence!

"The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." – Psalm 16v5-6

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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Sunday - 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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