CALL TO WORSHIP

Hoe Great Thou Art #37

SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN

Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken # 185

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lord willing, we plan to have a meal following the service next Sunday (May 7th). Bring a prepared dish of your liking, as the Lord has prospered you this coming week (1 Cor 16v2).

CLOSING HYMN

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say # 225

Sir Philip Sydney was a military man years ago in England. After being shot in the thigh in 1586, the surgeons roughly searched the wound and finally cut out the bullet. Some of his soldiers were standing by and pitied their beloved leader for the immense pain he was in. His reply, "Though I groan, yet I bless God – I do not grumble! God allows his people to groan, though not to grumble.".

I pray the Lord would make me thankful for the <u>allowance</u> of groans and keep me from the <u>unbelief</u> that provokes and provides for grumbling!

THEY WERE EXPENDABLE

In World War II it was said of certain P.T. Boats and landing craft, "THEY WERE EXPENDABLE." The word "expendable" means, "Supplies or equipment expected to be used up or destroyed in service of a mission; equipment or men considered replaceable and therefore to be sacrificed to gain an objective or accomplish a purpose."

Read that definition again and see if it does not apply to the PROPHETS of the Old Testament and to the APOSTLES of the New Testament who were all (except John) put to death in the cause of Christ and the gospel! Does it not apply to the faithful MISSIONARIES who have left their home and country to labor in the gospel and to GOD'S SERVANTS (whomever and wherever) who are committed to His gospel, His glory, and His church and who care little for earthly possessions, worldly comforts, name recognition, and memorials?

"THE EXPENDABLES" know that they are expendable!

"THE EXPENDABLES" know for whose purpose and mission they are sacrificed!

"THE EXPENDABLES" count it an honor and privilege unsurpassed to be used of God wherever He pleases.

"THE EXPENDABLES" know that while they are expendable, replaceable, and to be sacrificed here on earth, in GLORY in Christ they are un-expendable, irreplaceable, and forever glorified!

WHY DO WE GATHER TOGETHER WITH THE SAINTS?

Multitudes attend (what men call) "church services" all over the world. Many go because it is a habit; others go believing it will save them. Many go because it makes them feel better about themselves, like the Pharisee who "thanked God he wasn't as other men".

But why do we, you and I attend? What are our reasons? What is our motive?

- 1 We gather together to hear the Gospel of the free grace of God in Christ, not just to hear preaching that has no substance to it.
- 2 We come to worship God, to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Unbelievers cannot worship, they don't know Christ nor God. They can come and listen, but cannot worship.
- 3 We attend because we have a need, we need Christ, to hear of Him. We have a hunger and a thirst and only the gospel of Christ can satisfy us.
- 4 We also attend to support and be an encouragement to other believers, and we need the support and encouragement of our brethren.

May God make us as one who would not discourage or hinder anyone who comes to hear the gospel.

- Donnie Bell (Crossville, TN)

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

April 30th, 2023

Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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