

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Am His And He Is Mine # 56

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up To Thee # 359

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August Cleaning – Mike & Karen

CLOSING HYMN

Yesterday, Today, Forever # 283

In 1895, the pastor and writer, Andrew Murray, was in England suffering from a terribly painful back, the result of an injury he had incurred years before. One morning while he was eating breakfast in his room, his hostess told him of a woman downstairs who was in great trouble and wanted to know if he had any advice for her. Murray handed her a paper he had been writing on and said, “Just give her this advice I’m writing down for myself. It may be that she’ll find it helpful.” This is what he had written:

“In time of trouble, say, ‘First, He brought me here. It is by His will I am in this strait place; in that I will rest.’ Next, ‘He will keep me here in His love, and give me grace in this trial to behave as His child.’ Then say, ‘He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me lessons He intends me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow.’ And last, say, ‘In His good time He can bring me out again. How and when, He knows.’ Therefore, say ‘I am here (1) by God’s appointment, (2) in His keeping, (3) under His training, (4) for His time.’”

- Angus Fisher (Nowra, NSW Australia)

AVOID THE EVIL OF DIOTREPHESES

“I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.” - III John 9

Beloved, do not imitate evil of any kind, but especially avoid the evil of Diotrephes, which was pride, ambition, and love of preeminence, which led him into inhospitality to other believers, a critical spirit, and careless criticism of those who minister the Word. It is not unusual for men of the world to criticize and find fault with God’s preachers, but it ought not to be done by believers. These critics, for want of real charges, usually take up little matters and exaggerate them, and this is not the Spirit of Christ.

- Henry Mahan

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” - Phil. 2:10-11

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.” - Heb. 4:9

Bowing and resting are one and the same. Those that do not bow never rest. Those that are enabled to bow, by God’s choice and grace, bow in complete submission, and therefore rest in Christ as their only hope of having righteousness before God. May the Lord be pleased to cause us to bow and rest in the finished work of Christ alone for all our salvation.

- Caleb Hickman (Olay, PA)

BLESSED TO SEE HIS WONDERS

“They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep” - Psalms 107:23-24

Our Lord went into a ship with his disciples to cross over to the country of the Gadarenes. On the sea, we're told of a great windstorm that arose. So fierce was it, that we're told the disciples were in jeopardy. Upon waking our Lord from a deep sleep, our Lord *“arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm”* (Luke 8:24). There are many lessons to be drawn from this, which equate to the life of a Believer. Such trials result in great joy for Believers in Christ. In every trial we are blessed to see our Lord's wondrous grace. Seeing what our Lord did, his disciples *“wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him”* (Luke 8:25). Those who never entered the ship with our Lord know nothing of his wonders. The blessing is for you, that by faith trust Christ for your righteousness and acceptance with God. You may find yourself in deep waters. You may feel yourself in jeopardy in the midst of fiery trials. Yet, remember dear child of God, you are led of his Spirit into each trial for your good. And he has brought you into that great cloud of witnesses, who alone *“see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep”* (Psalms 107:24).

- Eric Lutter (Nixa, MO)

Believers are sinners saved by the free grace of God in Christ, saved by mercy, saved because of undeserved mercy, forgiven of all sin by an act of divine goodness. All who have truly experienced such grace are themselves gracious, merciful, forgiving, loving, and good to others.

- Don Fortner

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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

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM
- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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