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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ed Kelleher

PM: Harvey Allen

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

**“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting”
Galatians 6:7,8**

“Test all things; hold fast that which is good.” - 1 Thess 5:21

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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

Worship Responsibilities, Not Just Assignments

“Guard your steps as you go to the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil” Eccl 5:1.

The house of God referenced in this verse is the Temple. It would have been the temple built by the author of Ecclesiastes, who was King Solomon, son of David. For the Israelites the place of worship was sacred as well as the worship itself. The seriousness of which an Israelite was to approach God in worship was put on full display by the error of Nadab and Abihu recorded in Leviticus 10:1-7. The first verse of that chapter reads as, “Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. “Nadab and Abihu as sons of Aaron were recently called by God to serve as priest for Israel. They were to serve in the newly built Tabernacle, the elements of which would later be incorporated into the Temple. They were in the proper place with the proper tools but then chose an improper method of worship. The word “strange” from Leviticus 10:1 is translated a variety of terms in the Old Testament. It is a word which is used to make a distinction from something or someone which is approved verses something or someone which is not acceptable in its or their current state. In the case of Nadab and Abihu it was a direct violation of Exodus 30:9, “You shall not offer any strange incense on this altar, or burnt offering, or meal offering, and you shall not pour out a drink offering on it.” These two men did not guard their steps and they offered a sacrifice of fools. Leviticus 10:2 informs the reader of the outcome, “And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.”

Obviously, the worship offered to God by Christians is not something which is done through offerings on an altar, at the Tabernacle or Temple, nor is our worship mediated by another man serving as a priest for us. Methods of worship have clearly changed over time as God has mandated. Other matters of worship will never change. To worship God with a “seriousness”, worship being sacred, observing His commands are such matters. This does not mean we are to be without joy and even smiling in our worship, what it means is that because of who God is our honoring of Him must be something His people do with a proper respect for Him as well as sincerity, and thankfulness. *(Continued on page 3)*

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Don Blackwell, Merrie Christmus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.

- **Amy** is to have exploratory surgery to find the cause of abdominal pain. Pray they find something and can fix it.
- **John Beasley** was fishing, snagged a string ray, and got stung through the wrist when trying to cut the line. He's doing ok, and a complete recovery is expected, but with some pain. An infection is possible, so keep him in your prayers
- **Barbara Reeder**, wife of **Melvin**, is suffering from renal failure.
- **Judy Cornelius** had an episode of extremely high blood sugar.
- **Lauren Beard** requests continued prayer for her family.
- **Traveling:** **Ryan Sheppard** at Guard Advanced Training; **Dawn and Jones** at the Grand Canyon, **Lauren Beard** at a PharmD conference in Houston.
- Also, continue to remember: **Laura Nichols**, **Pat Joyner**, and **Steve Rigney**.
- **Keep ALL these in your prayers**, that the Lord be merciful and pray also that we **all** grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge**.

“For bodily exercise profits little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” - 1 Timothy 4:8

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **What does God Require of us?** Check the bulletin board for member's responses to this question, and add your own.

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” - Galatians 6:9

IF YOU ARE GOING TO SERVE GOD, SERVE!

“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.” - 1 Kings 18:21.

If you've made the choice to serve God—Good! That's what God wants, because by serving, we'll make it to the end. But, then watch out for this one:

“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.” - 2 Peter 2:20-22

Remember! He said we need to take up our cross **daily**—to die to self daily. It isn't done all at once, baptism is the beginning, not the end. Do something for God **each day**. It will build you up. Otherwise, we'll windup as He says.

Worship Responsibilities, Not Just Assignments —(Cont. from Page 1)

Scriptures provides instructions for worship. One such instruction is worship is to be lead by men. The men of the church cannot take this responsibility lightly. Very soon the church here at West Columbia will begin assigning the roles of worship in advance, in order for us all to be better equipped and prepared to lead during our assemblies. Think of it this way: the sermon should not be the only portion of worship which is prepared prior to Sunday. So in a technical manner we will have worship assignments, but what is truly being assigned is one's responsibility to lead. The hope of this is, that by knowing what one must do whether it be leading singing, saying a prayer, serving the Lord's Supper, that time and prayer will be taken at a point during the week to think about what should be communicated and how the thoughts of the congregation ought to be directed. This can also be avenue of discipleship as we can show and teach each other how to lead in the areas in which we are currently uncomfortable in leading. Worship is a time to honor God and encourage one another. We can honor our God more, we can encourage one another to a greater extent, but this is not just a matter of “we can” it is something we must do. If our times of worship are not what they are capable of being this is indicative that in all areas of our faith we are failing to be what we are supposed to be. Worship is not the hardest thing a Christian does. If we cannot do the easy stuff, we will not do the hard stuff.

- **T.J. Bolen**, former Gospel preacher at West Columbia South Carolina

FOR ALL AGES—WANT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY? BE SERIOUS!

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.” 1 Timothy 4:12-13

“THE LURE OF THE GOOD ENOUGH”

Someone has written, "There is no more insidious danger than the lure of the good enough." This is particularly true in the realm of the spiritual. Self-satisfaction is the mother of complacency. Complacency is the mother of sloth. And sloth brings condemnation. Well did Paul warn Christians, **“For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself” (Galatians 6:3)**. One who thinks he knows enough will cease to study. One who thinks he gives enough will not increase his giving. One who thinks he does enough will cease from doing. The feeling that we are "good enough" is the grave of growth. Growth is the law of life. Like Paul of old, we should rather say, **“I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14)**. Like an old Scots preacher, we should pray: "Lord, keep me alive as long as I live." Let us not be seduced by "the lure of the good enough."

- **James W. Adams**, Gospel Preacher