



THE MESSENGER

JUNE 20, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
TBD

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 11 on Zoom

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing
On hold

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THINKING ABOUT THE WORKS OF GOD

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
Psalm 111:2

What do you think of the works of the Lord? *Do* you think about them? People don't think about God as often as they once did. This is obvious. There was a time when theology (the study of God) was every gentleman's pastime. While that is preferable to what we have today, it falls short of the psalmist's declaration. Studying and considering the works of God must be more than a pastime. It must become the happiest and most persistent pursuit of the Christian's life.

Some take exception. They say that knowing God is the greatest pursuit and can never be achieved by just knowing *about* Him. Jesus himself says, *And this is eternal life, that they may know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.* (John 17:3) I certainly don't disagree with that! I *do* disagree with the sentiment that it can be accomplished without knowing about Him. The facts about God are not unimportant, secondary, or trivial. God speaks too often about Himself and His works for such facts to be unimportant or even less important. The process set forth in Scripture is as follows. We study the facts about God to learn about Him. What the facts teach us inspires desire to enter into relationship with Him. Once in that relationship, continued study of His works increases reverence, awe, and love.

When God speaks of His "works", He often focuses on creation. He points to trees, mountains, bodies of water, sun, moon, stars, and more to remind that evidence of His power is around us at all times. He speaks of angels, spirits, and the unseen world. He occasionally speaks of the mechanisms that bring about such things as snow and wind. Only comparatively recently has man learned more about these mechanisms and how they work. Such discoveries magnify the wisdom and power that set them in place to begin with.

The natural world is constant evidence to the existence of God. (Romans 1:18-20) Such general revelation *does* have limitations. For

Members Needing Our Prayers

Pat, Seabolt, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Andy Seabolt, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie Lanphear

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instance, the natural world cannot explain God's will for us how to enter relationship with Him. These are found only in God's special revelation, the Bible. The design of general revelation is to proclaim the glory, wisdom, and power of a Creator. There are not equally valid conclusions regarding the existence of the natural world. It points to a Creator and never to anything else. Even though this is the valid conclusion, it will only be reached when one is willing to view the Creator in reverence, awe, and deep humility. If one refuses, he will go to great lengths to suppress the truth in his own mind and the mind of others. (Romans 1:18)

For saints, the work of God in creation is not a once travelled bridge to get from general to special revelation. It is a constant reminder of the power and wisdom of the God we love and to whom we've entrusted our souls. It's a daily reminder that He who creates also keeps that which we have committed unto Him against that Day. (2 Timothy 1:12) Every new mind-boggling discovery showing the incredible complexities of this world should continue to fill us with wonder and the desire to ask others, "Have you seen what my God has done?"

Adam Litmer

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