



THE MESSENGER

JULY 31, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
August 14

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 10 on Zoom
Friday's at 12 on Zoom
Saturday, 10, Panera
(Georgetown)

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

August 5, 7:30

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NO EXPLANATION NEEDED

Wednesday night brother John mentioned the tendency for children to ask their parents “why?” after being instructed to do a thing. That jogged a memory from before Jackie and I were married and had our own children. In flipping through radio channels I briefly paused to listen to an interview. The interviewee was a child psychologist and proclaimed “child rearing expert.” During the course of the interview she said that one of the worst mistakes a parent can make is responding to a child’s “why?” with “Because I told you so.”

Years have passed since then and I now have three children who have asked “why?” more times than I can count, and a fourth who will begin asking soon enough. I have come to disagree with the woman’s conclusion for a few reasons based not just on my own experiences, but my study of Scripture. We’ll focus on Scripture here.

Leviticus is one of the most neglected books in the bible. It is filled with rules and laws that seem so foreign and odd to us. I suspect some of them were just as odd to the people for whom they were intended. There are times in Leviticus when God explains his reasoning behind certain commands and prohibitions. Other times he simply issues them without any explanation. In those instances we sometimes find the statement, “I am the Lord” at the conclusion of the command or prohibition. (Note how often the statement is found in chapters 18-20, for instance) This is God’s, “Because I said so.”

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Spivey family, Bobbie Atkisson, Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayers

Brian Mason, Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Adam Fusco Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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Is this a mistake on God's part? Should he explain himself to his children, satisfy every "why?" they direct his way? Perhaps if he and his children were on equal footing in terms of authority, wisdom, and knowledge. But they are not. Consider Paul's words from Romans 9:20-21 to be reminded of this truth. It is a kindness on God's part when he chooses to explain his reasoning and thought process for various commands and prohibitions. It is not a requirement. We would do well to remember our place.

In fact, it's not *always* a kindness to explain oneself. When children have no possible way to understand the explanation, "Because I'm telling you to do or not do this" becomes a reminder to trust and have faith in one wiser, more knowledgeable, and more experienced. God's "I am the Lord" was not a dismissive and mean-spirited declaration but a reminder that he knows what's best even if his people do not understand *why* it is best. It is God's way of saying, "I love you. You can trust me. I Am the Lord. *Believe* that!"
May God help us to do just that! Adam Litmer

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	Marcus Lake	
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