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Order of Services

Sunday, June 16, 2013

Song Leader	Dan Wydro
Prayer	Scott Thomas
Preaching	Bob James
Lord's Supper	
Prayer for the Bread	Lee Redd
Prayer for the Cup	Stan Thompson
Prayer for the Collection	Pete Ferencze
Assisting at the Table	Bob DeGrado
Scripture Reading	Patrick Wydro
Morning Closing Prayer	Tom Dolan
Evening Opening Prayer	David Osinski
Announcements	Derald Sanchez

Our Prayer List...

Jan Thompson family ... Jan DeGrado ... Chrisanne Montgomery ... Doug Focht ... Joan Focht ... Georgia DeLorenzo ... Donna Banghart ... our young people here at Washington ... our members who are traveling ... the men and women in military service ... leaders of our nation ... leaders of our congregation ... our congregation.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

(1 John 5:14-15 NIV)

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A Day of Disappointment...

If we seldom allow the day of our final and complete accounting to God to enter our minds, we are following a course in life which is most unwise. Any attempt to evade this issue is useless, for the judgment is an evitable appointment for all...

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, (Hebrews 9:27 NKJV)

The "small and great" will be there...

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. (Revelation 20:12 NKJV)

We will give account for every word...

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. (Matthew 12:36 NIV)

... and every deed...

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV)

On that day all of our secrets will be exposed...

For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:14 NIV)

Here on earth men often rebel against God, but on that day there will be no non-believers...

It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" (Romans 14:11 NIV)

The recognition of these facts should ever be foremost in our minds, and they should influence our daily conduct, and cause each day to be spent in preparation for that day of accounting to God.

The title of this week's thought is a fact of the judgment which is as clearly stated in the Word of God as any that we have already observed. It is said that David probably composed this psalm on a day of battle. This word of In His preview of the judgment, Jesus made this fact clear...

Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell

them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' (Matthew 7:22-23 NIV)

This dismissal will be final and eternal ... there will be no time to correct the mistakes of this life ... and from this verdict there will be no appeal.

The Bible clearly teaches that some will come into the judgment feeling perfectly secure, and yet, they will be lost. Long ago the wise man Solomon wrote, and repeated, this warning...

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25 NIV)

The Apostle Paul felt certain that he was doing right when he was persecuting Christians, (Acts 26:9). But had he faced the judgment in that condition he would have been found wanting.

In another preview of the judgment given by Jesus the non-benevolent group express surprise when they are told to depart from the Lord (Matthew 25:31-46).

Many need to learn that there must be more than just an inclination towards worship to God in order to be acceptable to Him. Too many hold the false position that if a person believes in God, he may then do as he pleases in religion and worship. The authority of Christ in all matters pertaining to salvation is often ignored, and that which pleases and entertains man is allowed.

The New Testament is filled with examples of how religious people needed to change their beliefs and actions in order to be acceptable to God ... those on Pentecost (Acts 2), the Eunuch (Acts 8), and Lydia (Acts 16).

The fact is, all religious people are not righteous...

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. (Romans 10:1-3 NIV)

We have cited earlier Matthew 7:22,23 where Jesus stated that in "that day" many will claim to have been working for the Lord, yet they will be told to depart. They claimed to have "prophesied" in His name. The aspect of teaching is included in the definition of "to prophesy". Many teach in the name of the Lord, but teach the commandments of men (Matthew 15:9).

Jesus continues to say that the "disappointed" will profess to have cast out demons and done many wonderful works ... but by whose standard was this determination made? Though men may have praised them, they evidently had not pleased the Lord.

Are we concerned with how God will respond to our appearance at the judgment? Is what we believe, teach, and do acceptable to man and God, or just man?

God, through His infinite wisdom, left us the standard by which we can live such as to be confident that our lives are in accordance with God's will for us, and ensure that for us there will be no disappointment when we stand before Him in judgment...

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV)

EVENTS AND NOTES

WE WILL HAVE THE THURSDAY MORNING STUDY THIS WEEK STARTING AT 11AM ... ALL ARE WELCOME.

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF ARE ...

- ⤴ THE NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH.
- ⤴ OUR NEXT PRAYER GATHERING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29TH. PETE AND SHARON FERENCZE WILL HOST THIS GATHERING.
- ⤴ THE NEXT MEN'S BUSINESS/SPIRITUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JULY 7TH, STARTING AT 4PM.
- ⤴ THE NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON LUNCH GATHERING AT MEADOW BREEZE PARK WILL BE ON JULY 14TH.
- ⤴ THE NORTHEAST FC CAMP, JUNE 30TH – JULY 5TH.
- ⤴ THE WASHINGTON LADIES' RETREAT – SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH.
- ⤴ OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING WITH JOE WORKS OF THE FAIR LAWN CONGREGATION ON OCTOBER 11TH – 13TH.