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Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, Texas

“Is All Of Life Worship?”

”You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall Serve?” Matthew 4:10

The best way to answer this question is yes and no. There are a few words in the original language of the scriptures which could be translated "worship".

The word most commonly translated worship is proskuneo, which means to kiss, (like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch to, i.e. (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore); worship. This could best describe the time the Lord set aside for his children to come together to worship Him. This is implied in the command for us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). This is a time when we come to pour out our adoration to the Lord. The church of the N.T. was pouring out their adoration through teaching/preaching, singing, prayers, contribution, and taking the Lord's Supper. This is a specific and intentional action.

There is another word which is probably best translated spiritual service, but some translations use the word worship. Latreia, which means ministrations of God, i.e. worship (divine) service.

This word is used in such a way to really clarify its meaning in [Romans 12:1](#); I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service (latreia). Paul writes describing our lives in comparison to the priestly duties of the Old Testament. Priests would go to the temple to do their work their spiritual duty. We as Christians have a body which is the temple of God ([1 Corinthians 6:19](#)) and since we are all priests ([1 Peter 2:9](#)) we are to make a continual offering to God. The offering isn't to slay an animal. Instead we are to offer our lives to Him. The way we think, talk, act, and react is led by the Spirit or the flesh. If we are led by the will of the Spirit then our life is a spiritual service. Summary: When the Lord is our master we serve (latreia) Him with every aspect of our life, including the times of worship (proskuneo). Jesus spoke of spiritual life and worship when addressing Satan as He said 'You shall worship (proskuneo) the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve (latreuo).’ Our life of service and worship can only be for one master. Who do you worship and serve? Let's all worship the King of Kings!

- David Shannon



About Us

Bellaire

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Who Are We?

A group of God's children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:
7:30 PM Bible Study

MORNING LESSON

“Four Decisive Consequences”
Jack Smith

SERVICE

Welcome – H. Banks
 Hymn Director - G. Williams
 Opening Prayer – D. Kimbrough
 Morning Lesson – J. Smith
 Lord’s Supper Lesson- M. Pharris
 Announcements – B. Haley
 Closing Prayer - J. Moon

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
 Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
 Mark Mann
 Matt Miles
 Mike Pharris
 Jack Smith

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
 David Davila
 Dan Kimbrough
 Jesse Knapp
 Alex Morolez
 Gregory Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

Messianic Prophecies – Robert McDonald

Auditorium

I and II Samuel – Jack Smith
Room 102
 Graded classes for children

Directory Updates

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“Let Us Use Our God Given Weapons”

While recently reading an ancient history book about the Roman Empire, I came across a picture of a class of Roman gladiator called the Retiarius who fought using only a net and a trident. Of all the lethal weapons available to these gladiators who often battled to the death, these fearless men were only given two items — a piece of webbing and a three-pronged spear.

When they entered the arena, their survival depended on how well they could use these weapons. In the spiritual battle we face as Christians, God has chosen our weapons **“Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds”** (2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NKJV).

It would behoove us to look in the mirror of Ephesians 6:10-18 to see if we are properly equipped with “the whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:13 NKJV). From the helmet of salvation to the shoes of the gospel of peace, we are to be protected and armed for a conflict that depends not on human strength, but on the powerful word of God (Ephesians 6:17 – NKJV; cf. Romans 1:16 NKJV; 1 Corinthians 1:18 NKJV).

When we realize the nature of this warfare and the evil forces against us, it’s foolish to enter the fray with anything except our God-given weapons. Let’s be sure to maximize their use daily in our battle against Satan and his forces (2 Timothy 2:15 ASV; cf. Deuteronomy 4:9-10 ASV

- Mike Riley



NEWS AND NOTES

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Carolina is better, she spent several hours in the ER Sunday with strained muscles in her neck and shoulder. Nilson was out Wed. night with slight fever. They should be with us today. Curby is in the hospital again. Had a heart cath and biopsy which showed mild rejection of his transplant. Hopefully the hospital stay is just for adjustment of medication. I also asked prayers for our son's mother-in-law. Kate Wilsford is having neurological tests done for seizures she is suffering.

This being the first Sunday, we will gather at 1:30 this afternoon for a singing. Michael Krueger is the leader.

Spring is the beginning of gospel meeting time. There are usually several in the area. Notices are posted on the bulletin board. Be sure to check often.