Welcome



Sunday 10:30am & 6pm

Coffee & Donuts Fellowship before Sunday Morning Service

Sunday Services Streamed Live

Wednesday 6pm

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Happy Birthday

Sheila 5th - Johnny 6th



Have a Safe and Happy Veterans Day Wednesday November 11th.

Tell a Veteran, "Thank You for their service"!

Continued Prayer for Pastor Tammy & the Team

As we pray, let's remember the entire Hand of Hope, Joyce Meyer World Missions, and Crisis Aid teams, along with the doctors, nurses, and volunteers in Ethiopia whose dedication and service make this mission outreach possible.

Please pray for everyone who has given their time to serve on this missions trip. May God surround them with His protection, keep them safe, strengthen and bless them, and use them as the hands of Christ to touch and bless every person they come in contact with.

The trip calendar and itinerary have been provided to help guide your prayers throughout the journey. As the team travels and serves, let's continue covering them and those they minister to in prayer.

Wednesday Bible Study – The Court of Heaven – Robert Henderson

From this past Wednesday lesson. The writer of Hebrews told us about the blood, **which we know is the blood of Jesus**, the blood of sprinkling, that it is speaking better things than that of Abel. **It is crying out to God for our forgiveness, for our redemption, and for every voice against us to be silenced.**

> *…for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Revelation 12:10-11 NKJV*

Accuser is the Greek word ***katagoros***, means a complainant at law. He's bringing a legal accusation before God and before his court day and night. **The Accuser is trying to deny us the right to step into the fullness of what we were made for, what we were created for.**

Lord, I thank you that YOUR BLOOD is silencing every voice that's bringing accusation against me.

Scripture tells us our heritage, birthright, is to be able to stand in the Court of Heaven and it is HIS righteousness that lets us stand there. The tongue that is speaking against me, which is what is causing the weapon to prosper, needs silenced by the Lord. **I'm going to have to silence the tongue that's giving it power.**

Intercessor is a legal position. 1 John 2:1 says, Jesus Christ the righteous, is our advocate. Greek word is ***parakletos***, which literally means a legal aid/intercessor. **Jesus is moving as our intercessor in a legal position as the mediator.** He's interceding, he is releasing testimony in our behalf. **Whatever the testimony of Jesus is, the Bible says it becomes the spirit of prophecy**. We have to be able to agree with what Jesus is presently interceding, His testimony, that is legal in nature, a prophetic unction through the spirit of prophecy that we began to intercede with.

The **cloud of witnesses**, are those who give judicial testimony in the court of heaven. Why they testify for us in Heaven, Lord, help us do our part to lay aside and run to do what the ***ekklesia*** (church) needs to do on earth, to bring what is in agreement with heaven to earth.

Therefore we also, since ***we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses****, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2*

Remember Who You Are Standing Before

But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'" Luke 23:40-41 (NIV)



The crowd had gathered to watch three men die. Three crosses stood against the sky, and on the center cross hung Jesus, beaten, condemned, and bearing the weight of a punishment He did not deserve. On one side, a criminal joined the crowd in mocking Him, demanding that He prove His power by saving them all. On the other side, a dying man saw something different. With little time left and no way to undo the life that had brought him there, he turned toward the man beside him and asked a question that changed the meaning of his final moments: "Don't you fear God?" (Luke 23:40, NIV).

In those final moments, the repentant criminal saw something the other man refused to see. He recognized that he was guilty, that Jesus was innocent, and that he was standing before someone far greater than himself. Even with his life nearly over, **he understood that his response to Jesus still mattered.**

It is a striking picture of the fear of the Lord. **Reverence begins when we stop making ourselves the center of the story and recognize who God is.** It brings us face to face with His holiness, but it also helps us see our own need for mercy. We can no longer excuse every wrong, blame every circumstance, or pretend that our choices have no consequences. We become willing to tell the truth about ourselves because we recognize the One before whom we stand.

The repentant thief acknowledged that he and the other criminal were receiving what their deeds deserved. He did not claim to be misunderstood or argue that his

circumstances excused his actions. He looked at Jesus and declared, "this man has done nothing wrong" (Luke 23:41, NIV). His words showed that he understood both his own guilt and Christ's innocence. He took ownership. That honesty matters. **Repentance begins when we stop defending what God is asking us to surrender.** Sometimes we spend more energy explaining our failures than bringing them honestly before the Lord. We point to the pressure we were under, the people who hurt us, or the reasons we thought we had no other choice. Our circumstances may help explain how we arrived at a certain place, but they cannot take the place of an honest response to God.

Yet the purpose of seeing our sin clearly is not to leave us drowning in regret. It is to turn us toward the Savior who can forgive us. **The fear of the Lord does not shut the door on grace.** It helps us recognize how desperately we need it.

After acknowledging his guilt, the criminal made a simple request: "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 23:42, NIV). He had no opportunity to repair his past or prove himself through years of faithful service. **He could only turn to Jesus in faith.** And **Jesus answered him with a promise: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise"** (Luke 23:43, NIV).

What a picture of grace. His story reminds us that no one comes to God by presenting a perfect record. We come by recognizing our need and trusting the mercy He offers.

You may carry a regret that still weighs heavily on your heart. Perhaps you know where you went wrong, but shame has made you hesitant to approach God. Or perhaps you have grown accustomed to defending a choice you know needs to change. The response of the repentant thief offers a different way forward. Tell God the truth. Acknowledge what needs to be acknowledged. Ask for His mercy, and trust Him enough to take the next step in obedience.

We cannot change yesterday, and we do not know how much time we have ahead of us. But we can respond to Jesus today. **When we remember who we are standing before, pride gives way to humility, excuses give way to repentance, and regret can become the beginning of a changed life. The same Savior who extended mercy to the dying thief still welcomes those who turn to Him in faith.**

Receive God's grace, and let that grace move you forward rather than leaving you trapped in condemnation.

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