

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Our Security, Reputation, And Bank Account

By Mike Riley

There’s no question that money is indeed a powerful force. We work for it, save it, and then spend it to satisfy our earthly needs (and wants), wishing we had more of it. Aware of its distracting danger (1 Timothy 6:9-10; cf. Deuteronomy 16:19; Ecclesiastes 7:7), Jesus taught a great deal regarding money and our attitude towards it.

Jesus warns us that trusting in wealth, and using it only for the purpose of gaining power, impedes our spiritual development more readily than almost any other impediment.

In telling the parable of the “rich fool,” the Lord shamed His listeners for not being rich toward God (Luke 12:13-21), the implication being that God has a far different view of wealth than most of us (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

Let’s ask ourselves, “What does it mean to be rich toward God?”

Paul tells us that those who are rich should not be conceited about their wealth, “nor to trust in uncertain riches” (1 Timothy 6:17). Rather, we are to “be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share” (1 Timothy 6:18).

It’s interesting to note that God measures wealth by the “quality” of our lives and our generous disbursement of what God has blessed us with in order to bless others (James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:14-18; cf. Luke 3:11).

The above inspired advice from the pen of the apostle Paul, is especially for those of us who may think that our security and reputation are tied up in the size of our bank account.

Let’s think about it!

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
4 Square
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Titus
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Romans
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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“Let All The Earth Keep Silence Before Him”

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In Habakkuk 2:20 KJV, God’s prophet wrote, “The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.” In this passage, the prophet is teaching respect for the authority of the God of Heaven. The Lord being in His holy temple, is a reference to His authority and the place of that authority.

In essence, the prophet is saying that the Lord has spoken, our input is not necessary, and we should remain silent and do as He has told us, for He knows what is best (cf. Deuteronomy 6:24-25; 1 John 5:2-3).

Describing the worship of idols in Habakkuk 2:19 KJV, the prophet gives us a strong warning:

“Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.”

Many of the Jews had given themselves over to the worship of idols. They were not keeping silent before God, but were adding their own input and worshiping according to their own desires and lusts (cf. Zephaniah 1:4-7; Isaiah 13:3; Jeremiah 25:9).

Rejecting The Authority Of God

Today, many in the religious world reject the authority of God, and thus refuse to remain silent. John warned of such in 2 John 9 when he said, “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”

People today want to “speak” where God has laid down law. They want to add their own opinions, thoughts and ideas. They show a lack of reverence by their lack of silence in His holy presence.

We know that man has virtually no authority in matters of religion because Christ said, “All authority has been given to me in Heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18).

Regarding our Lord’s authority, Paul tells us in Colossians 3:17, “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

Those who would go beyond what is written and not keep silent before God’s throne of authority are like the Jews who practiced idolatry in Habakkuk’s day. By making themselves subject to man-made rules, they are listening to something which disregards the edicts of the Creator.

Isaiah wrote of such people:

“Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?” (Isaiah 29:16).

It Is The Sovereign God Who Instructs Man

Because God made us (John 1:1-3), only He has the right to make the rules for our lives, and especially our worship of Him. Paul said, “For in Him we move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). He holds absolute power and authority over man. We are merely created beings whose purpose is to give God glory (Isaiah 43:7) by the doing of His will (Matthew 7:21).

Conclusion:

Keeping silence before Him means that we do not interject our own opinions, wants and desires. Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, “The greatest act of faith is when a man decides that he is not God.”

We must let God have His authority and be subject to it in all things (1 Corinthians 10:31). Let us keep silence before God and let Him have His rule and authority over our lives.

Announcements

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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- July - Potts

July Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Tristan Rowell - 6th
- Chuck Rowell - 11th
- Ryan and Kylie Joiner - 26th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts
 Scripture Reading - Revelation 21:1 - 7
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord’s Table - Larry Montgomery
 Assist on Lord’s Table - James Johnson
 Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29
 Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper

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