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SUNDAY

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: Psalm 86 (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'LORD Jesus Christ We Seek Thy Face'

Scripture Reading: <u>2 Corinthians 6</u> (Robert)

Hymn # 485- 'Revive Us Again'

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14 (David)

Message: 'Appeasing God's Wrath'

Hymn # 351- 'Near the Cross'

The LORD's TABLE

Hymn # 187- 'Bless Be the Tie That Binds'

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

⁴Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in Jesus' Miracles FRIDAY 7:00 AM- International Worship (Malawi) 10:00 AM- Bible Study in French SATURDAY

8:00 AM- Fellowship in Christ

SUNDAY

7:00 AM- International Worship (Malawi)

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Audio Messages Available 24/7 On-Line

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Radio Broadcasts every Sunday Morning (CST):

9:00 KWKH AM Radio 1130, Shreveport, LA area or LIVE streaming @ http://1130thetiger.com/listen-live

Call to Worship (Tune: 'Doxology')

ORD Jesus Christ, we seek Thy face. Before Thy throne we bow the knee. O let Thy glory fill this place, And bless us while we wait on Thee.

We thank Thee for Thy precious blood. That purged our sins and brought us nigh. All cleansed and sanctified to God. Thy holy name to glorify!

More of Thy presence, LORD, impart. More of Thy image let us bear. O raise Thy throne within my heart. And reign without a rival there.

If peace and plenty crown my days, Then help me, LORD, to speak Thy praise. If bread of sorrows be my food, This, too, works my everlasting good.

Workers of Iniquity

"Many will say to me in that day, LORD, LORD, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

(Matthew 7:22-23)

ow surprising is it that those spoken of here in this text boasting of great assurance in the presence of God are nothing more than moral, zealous, condemned religious sinners?! Why does our LORD call them workers of iniquity? This text is not describing drunkards, fornicators or the scum of society but the religious leaders of Christ's day. Many today may be so-called as well. In the name of charity or for their popularity and prosperity they promote themselves and their self-righteous works rather than the ONE SINGULAR WORK of the LORD Jesus for acceptance before God. As one famous contemporary 'preacher' said in an interview, "I fully adhere to the fundamental tenets of Christian faith for myself and my ministry but as an American, I respect other paths to God."

What are we to make of such a statement? Will it stand before Almighty God? The Scriptures make it plain that many profess to know the LORD but He does not know them or own them as His own and never has. Many in sincerity, believe that they are serving God but the LORD will profess to them, *"I never knew you."* To know the LORD in Truth is to have been known of Him in His election before the world began and for whom the LORD Jesus came into the world to pay their sin debt. Peter describes those that are known of Christ as having *"…obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."* (2 Peter 1:1) Faith is obtained by God's sovereign will and determination and not man producing it.

The terms of the Gospel of our LORD are clearly outlined in Scripture. Salvation is of the LORD, <u>1 Cor. 1:30</u>. If any are saved, it is God Who saved them by the shedding of Jesus' blood unto death, <u>Hebrews 10:10-14</u>. In time the Spirit reveals Christ in them through the singular Gospel message of Christ and Him crucified, <u>1 Cor. 2:2</u>. He is the Sovereign, Savior, Absolute Substitute and the One Who satisfied all of the holy requirements of God the Father on behalf of those He has chosen by His Grace. Anything less than God's Righteousness imputed through the work of the LORD Jesus is unrighteousness and iniquity, <u>Isaiah 64:6</u>.

When the LORD Jesus says, "Depart from me," He is speaking to those who strive in their own condemned efforts to please God. They may be religious and moral but do not have the righteousness God imputed to them at Christ Jesus' death, <u>Romans 10:2-3</u>. Therefore, their condemnation is everlasting separation from Him Who is Life, Truth, Righteousness, Grace, Mercy and the Prince of Peace. There is only ONE WAY. That's God's way. There is only ONE TRUTH and that is in the person of the LORD Jesus and His finished work at the cross.

Our LORD Jesus did not question their claims of doing the miraculous or even casting out demons. From this then we conclude that sometimes God in His sovereignty may grant miracles through pretended believers and yet they are deceived and deceive those who follow them, <u>2 Thessalonians 2:11</u>. Furthermore, they even did these things *in the name of Jesus*. Yet, they were never called or sent by the LORD Jesus. All the while pronouncing His name, they were destitute of the Spirit of Christ or the revelation of His person and work in them or their message. Someone has said, "If mere preaching could save, Judas would not have been damned. If prophesying could save, Balaam would not have been a castaway." Someone else appropriately exclaimed and it is true: *"What a terrible word! What a dreadful separation! Depart from ME! From the very Jesus whom you have proclaimed and professed union with Him and in Whom alone eternal [everlasting] life is to be found. Truly, united to Him, all is Heaven but separated from him, all is hell."*

Ken Wimer

Rejoicing in Hope

he hope which is laid up for you in heaven. <u>Col. 1:5</u>

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. <u>1 Cor. 15:19</u>

We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. <u>Acts 14:22</u>

Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27

No man should be moved by these afflictions:

for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. <u>1 Thess. 3:3</u>

Rejoice in the LORD alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Phil. 4:4

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. <u>Rom. 15:13</u>

Blessed be the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. <u>1 Pet. 1:3</u>

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. <u>1 Pet. 1:8</u>

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <u>Rom. 5:2</u>

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Our Compassionate High Priest

"Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted."

(Hebrews 2:17-18)

he Son of God, in our nature, having finished His redemption-work and returned to Heaven, wears that nature in an everlasting union with His GODHEAD. So that as God and Man in one person, He hath a perfect sense and apprehension of what constitutes the nature of both. He knows as GOD. He feels as MAN. Hence, it follows that His consciousness of what our nature is by His own, cannot but make Him enter into an intimate concern and fellow-feeling, in all that belongs to His church. He knows all, enters into the concerns of all and feels for all His afflicted people.

Robert Hawker