

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Why Praise God?

Why do you worship God? It's a fair question, because there are many reasons why a person "goes to church" on a Sunday morning. For some, it's a social event: there are friends they see at worship that they don't see anywhere else. For others, worship is just a command of Scripture and nothing more. They go because they have to. And still others worship because they couldn't think of living any other way. They have to worship because they can't wait to worship. They love singing praise to God. They love expressing praise and thankfulness to Him in prayer. They love joining other Christians in their praise to God. These are

the true worshipers who worship in spirit and in truth.

The Bible gives many reasons why someone would praise God. Here are a few:

(1). *Because God made them and the world around them.*

The psalmist declares that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). God clearly stated that we are made in His image (Gen. 1:26). You owe your existence to God.

(2). *Because we see how God has used others.* Jesus said that we should shine such a bright light in this world that people would see us doing that...but they would praise God (Matt. 5:16). God has changed the loves

of millions of people. We should praise Him for the way He has blessed others.

(3). *Because He gives us gifts.* James wrote that God has given us every good and perfect gift (James 1:17). In Christ, we have been given everything pertaining to life and godliness (II Peter 1:3). All that you have—your house, your kids, the air you breathe—is a gift from God. And He deserves our praise.

If worship feels like a "have to" instead of a "want to," rededicate your life to Christ and remember all that He has done for you.

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Maime Hamilton will have surgery on Friday at Centennial.
- Maime's daughter, Darlene Baxter, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Freddie Brown's sister, Patricia, is recovering from surgery.
- H.C. Green passed away Thursday. Visitation 3-8 Monday. Funeral Tuesday at 2:00. All at Memorial Gardens in Springfield.

This Morning's Sermon: "Truth" Tonight's sermon: "If I Were The Devil..."

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Walker

Pray: Baker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Smith, Billingsley

Pray: E. Walker

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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*“The worst thing about hell isn’t the darkness
or the fire. It is the absence of God.”*

Anonymous

*“I hold it to be the unalienable right of anybody
to go to hell in his own way.”*

Robert Frost

Deuteronomy 31:8
“The Lord is the one who
goes ahead of you; He will
be with you. He will not fail
you or forsake you. Do not
fear or be dismayed.”

Patience

Charles Swindoll said, “True patience is waiting without worrying.” That’s easier said than done. Waiting for a blessing, waiting for someone to love you, waiting for the job promotion...sometimes it feels like we’re always waiting for the next thing to happen. That leads to confusion, anxiety, and doubt...even doubting the care of God. But we know that patience is a fruit of the Spirit. Jesus was patient with His disciples and with those who doubted His message. If He could wait for God to do His work, surely we should follow His example.

This reminds me of the parable of Brandon and the stranger. Brandon was looking out his window on a

cold winter morning when he saw an old man walking up the road, wearing only thin pants and a light jacket. Brandon rushed outside and begged the old man to come inside and warm up. “Do you need something to eat?” he asked. “Yes,” the old man said. “That would be great.”

So Brandon hurriedly warmed up a big pot of chili and made a bowl of it for the stranger in his house. As soon as the bowl was placed in front of the old man, he started to gobble up the hot meal.

“Aren’t you going to pray?” asked Brandon.

“Why? God has never done anything for me.”

Brandon was so offended by the old man’s blasphemy that he jerked the man out of the seat and rushed him to the front door. “Get out of my house!” he yelled, as the old man stumbled into the cold. Later that night, Brandon heard God’s voice. “Brandon, where is that old man you welcomed into your home?”

Feeling proud of himself, Brandon answered, “I kicked him out, Lord. He disrespected you, and that will not be tolerated in my house.” God said, “Brandon, I have been tolerating that man’s disrespect for 80 years, why couldn’t you tolerate it for one night?”

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