

# WORDS OF TRUTH

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### OUR MEETING TIMES:

Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship: 10:55 AM  
Tuesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM  
Thursday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

### Are You Visiting With Us?

If you are visiting with us, we want to welcome you to the Lord's church (Matthew 16:18 and Colossians 1:18). Our goal is to simply get to Heaven and to help you do the same. We use the Bible as our standard to govern what we do in our work and worship for the Lord (Colossians 3:17, II Timothy 1:13, II Timothy 3:16-17, and I Peter 4:11).

We welcome your questions and would love the opportunity to study further with you. Luke recorded a fascinating statement we all need to consider: *"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able"* (Luke 13:23-24). We invite you to join us in being one of the few that are saved!

## Consider the Wondrous Works of God

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*"Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God"* (Job 37:14). There are times where we ought to, as Job was told to do, stand still and consider the wondrous works of God. Have you ever just looked around you? God created this wonderful earth we live upon from the ground beneath your feet to the sky above your head (Isaiah 42:5 and Acts 17:24). Have you ever looked in the mirror and considered where you came from? God's hand in human life is from the first human beings on earth (Genesis 1:26-27) to those born today (Job 31:13-15). Have you ever looked into the word of God and considered that man fell time and time again (Genesis 3; 6; etc.), but God continued our existence still yet? Have you considered that even with all the wrong we've done, our Heavenly Father sent His only begotten Son to die so that we might live (Hebrews 5:5-9).

There are many things to consider that are wondrous works of God. However, it seems like man is more interested in his own creations rather than those of God. This is evidenced by how many things we will sit in awe of and even pay to do it. We watch sporting events to wonder at how great men are. We watch television programs to see the creation of stories from the imaginations of men. We watch movies to see stars and we show wonder at how great the technology is in those movies. We have books that establish records for the longest jumps, fastest running times, most hot dogs eaten in a period of time, and all other kinds of human wow's.

To be clear, I am not condemning television, sports, hot dogs, or anything else. However, have you considered how amazed we are at the little things we do, but how unimpressed we've become over the great things that God has done? Do you suppose thousands would spend the night outside of a "church building" to hear the Gospel as they would a concert stadium to hear rock bands? Do you suppose millions would clog stores around the country to purchase a copy of the Bible as they do to get the Harry Potter books? Could you imagine thousands sitting

to hear the Gospel as they do to watch a football game? Do you see the point? In all of those, what has man done that is greater than God?

## God Has Done Far Greater Things

Michael Jordan was able to dunk the basketball from the free throw line like only few others have been able. Millions of fans watched him play. A statue of Michael Jordan stands outside of the United Center in Chicago, IL. Jesus stopped a storm at sea and even walked on a raging sea (Matthew 8:23-26 and John 6:16-20). What's more amazing to you? Babe Ruth was a homerun king (714 career homeruns). Long after his death people remember how hard he could hit the ball. Few others in history have surpassed the Babe's homerun legacy. Jesus, while being crucified, was able to cause a darkness over the whole earth and to tear the veil of the temple (Luke 23:44-45). What's more impressive?

Do you know what is sad? It is sad that it takes statistical comparisons to get some people interested in the more important subjects. You see, if I compare Babe Ruth to Jesus, someone will be interested in what I write next. Yet, if I just listed all the great things God has done, this article would likely be skimmed through. Don't you think we ought to be interested in God more than athletes, rock stars, etc.? If you can quote statistics for your favorite team, shouldn't you be able to quote scriptures?

## Where Do Your Interests Lie?

*"Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold"* (Psalms 119:127). Can you tell where the interest of the Psalmist was? Who or what things do we intensify in this life? Notice this: *"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, **Let God be magnified**"* (Psalms 70:4). The children of Israel came to hear the proclamation of God's word from morning until midday (Nehemiah 8:1-3). They separated themselves from all those who were outsiders and stood reading the Law and confessing their sins for half of a day (Nehemiah 9:1-3). During these times, where would you say God stood on their schedule of priorities?

Folks will not dare miss their favorite television shows. They would never consider missing a doctor's appointment (after all, they might die if they did). Work, not only will most not miss work, but they'll show up early and stay late to impress the boss. Yet, will they miss a service wherein God's people assemble together for worship or the study of God's word? Where's the interest in those who hold all of their commitments, except those to God? What wondrous work will our employers, favorite entertainment sources, or doctors do for us on the Judgment Day?

## Conclusion

The wondrous works of God are many, but we're too busy looking everywhere else to see them. When Christ returns, He will exact punishment on those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel (II Thessalonians 1:7-9). Where will you stand? Some will see the wondrous work of God in destruction first hand (Matthew 25:41). Others, who did not waste their time looking at everyone and everything but God, will find that wondrous work of Heaven (John 14:1-3). We need to wake-up, and be a bit more observant.

Let's conclude with a Psalm from David: *"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth..."* (I Chronicles 16:8-12).

**What must one do to be saved (Acts 2:37)?** Hear and believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16 & Romans 10:17), repent of their sins (Acts 3:19), confess Christ (Acts 8:37), and be baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins into the church of Christ (Acts 2:38, I Corinthians 12:12-13, and Romans 6:1-6). One must then remain faithful (Rev. 2:10).