

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM AUGUST 10, 2014

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1 John 3:9-10

“No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.”

John raises many questions to those who would follow after Jesus. Churches across America are filled on Sunday morning with those whose faith is fit only for bumper stickers - “I know Him, live in Him and am in the light!” But they have never stopped and examined themselves to ask how often they reflect the character of Jesus Christ. Are they known as obedient and loving or simply as religious? John challenges all of us in where we stand today.

Many of us recoil at the word obedience. We have heard the messages on obedience and righteousness and we push them aside because they seem suffocating. We say, God loves me and I want to simply enjoy Him and live my life. I often wonder if the doctrines of grace have sabotaged the call to personal holiness. The Scriptures are not a battle between law and grace nor are its teachings a debate between Moses and Jesus. Jesus endorsed no compromise to the believer’s pursuit of righteousness. Thankfully we are saved by faith alone, but never forget the Christian life must display good works which God has prepared in advance for us to accomplish. This paradox is the tension in our life and in the Scripture.

John is absolute in his proclamation of obedience. If we disobey we are liars and walk in darkness. Can the absence of obedience truly disqualify us from being a Christian? I find the conclusion of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount to be very sobering. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.” (Matt 7:21) This is then followed by our Lord’s teaching about building our homes upon the rock. Hearing the words of Jesus and doing His words compares with a person whose house has an unmovable foundation.

Jesus said our righteousness must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees if we want to see the kingdom of heaven. And yet for all the critical statements Jesus made about the behavior of the Pharisees, He also said believers are to take note of what they said. “Therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.” (Matt 23:3) This is the defining paradox for those who follow after Christ: Personal righteousness and obedience are an essential component to our faith and yet do not form the basis of our salvation. Hear the call to be vigilant, but do not sacrifice the loving character of God in our lives.



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Have Thine Own Way, Lord

"We are the clay, You are the Potter; we are all the work of Your hand."

Isaiah 64:8

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<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/mid/a/d/e/adelaide.mid>

Words: **Adelaide A. Pollard**, 1907. Pollard believed God wanted her in Africa as a missionary, but she was unable to raise funds to go. In an uncertain state of mind, she attended a prayer meeting, where she heard an elderly woman pray, "It's all right, Lord. It doesn't matter what You bring into our lives, just have Your own way with us." At home that night, much encouraged, she wrote this hymn.

Music: **Adelaide, George C. Stebbins**, Northfield Hymnal with Alexander's Supplement, 1907

Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934) Author of more than 100 hymns and Gospel songs, Pollard was educated in Denmark, Iowa; Valparaiso, Indiana; at the Boston School of Oratory; and the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. She taught in Chicago, and at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Training School in New York. She worked for a while with evangelist John Alexander Dowie, and also in Africa, leaving for Scotland after World War I began. She later returned to New York.

Have Thine own way, Lord.
Have Thine own way.
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord.
Have Thine own way.
Search me and try me, Master, today.
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord.
Have Thine own way.
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power, surely is Thine.
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord.
Have Thine own way.
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with Thy Spirit 'till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

August 2014

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| Aug. 10 | 8:45 a.m. | 1st John 2:7-11 <i>The One Who Lives in the Light</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School- <i>Digging Deeper</i> |
| Aug. 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Friday Night Game Night |
| Aug. 17 | 8:45 a.m. | 1st John 2:12-14 |
| | | <i>Even the Strong Need Strength</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School - Corporate Prayer |
| Aug. 22 | 6:30 p.m. | Friday Night Fellowship |
| Aug. 24 | 8:45 a.m. | 1st John 2:15-17 <i>Do Not Love the World</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| Aug. 27 | | Temple City Schools Resume |
| Aug. 29 | 6:30 p.m. | No Friday Night Activities |
| Aug. 31 | 8:45 a.m. | 1st John 2:18-23 <i>Avoiding Spiritual Deception</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Pastor Andy Preaches for the Presbyterians |
| Sept 1 | | Labor Day |
| Sept 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study resumes |



U.S. conducts airstrikes, food-water airdrops to aid Iraqi refugees

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The U.S. conducted airdrops of food and water for thousands of refugees trapped in Iraq's Sinjar mountains Aug. 8 and 9 after launching airstrikes in northern Iraq against Islamic militants threatening to slaughter thousands of Christians and Muslims.

The chief spokesman for the Pentagon, Rear Adm. John Kirby, says that three planes dropped 72 bundles of supplies for the refugees. Included in the aid were more than 28,000 meals and more than 1,500 gallons of water. Senior military officials said the planes in this round of strikes, like those in the first, were launched from the USS George H.W. Bush in the Persian Gulf. The drone took off from an undisclosed land base and used hellfire missiles to strike its targets.

The strikes took place near the city of Irbil, after IS used the artillery to shell Kurdish forces defending the city.

The strikes came after President Obama announced late Thursday he has authorized limited military force to defend American personnel in the region and to protect civilians stuck on a mountain outside the city of Sinjar.

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On Friday, the U.S. military launched two more rounds of airstrikes against Islamic militants in northern Iraq, taking out two mortar positions and a seven-vehicle convoy, the Pentagon said. The strikes came just hours after American fighter jets struck an artillery site — the first military action in Iraq since President Obama authorized the use of force to protect U.S. personnel as well as Iraqi civilians facing a possible "genocide."

Adm. Kirby said the U.S. launched the latest airstrikes to help defend the city of Irbil, where U.S. personnel are "assisting the government of Iraq." He said a drone struck a terrorist mortar position, and when Islamic militant fighters returned to the site moments later, "the terrorists were attacked again and successfully eliminated."

Four F/A-18 aircraft also struck a stationary militant convoy of seven vehicles and a mortar position near Irbil, dropping a total of eight laser-guided bombs. Senior military officials said the planes in this round of strikes, like those in the first, were launched from the USS George HW Bush in the Persian Gulf. The drone took off from an undisclosed land base and used hellfire missiles to strike its targets.

In announcing the first round of strikes earlier Friday, Kirby said two F/A-18 jets dropped 500-pound bombs on a piece of artillery and the truck towing it. The Pentagon said the military conducted the strike at 6:45 a.m. ET, against terrorists with the Islamic State (IS), the group formerly known as ISIS.

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