

Respect for God's Name

Did you know that Centuries ago, when ancient copyists of the Scriptures came to God's name, they would put new pens in their writing instruments, take a bath, and change clothes before they would copy the name. A bit extreme you say? Perhaps! But think for a moment. Which extreme is more dangerous: that of being overly cautious in showing reverence or that of carelessly tossing respect of God to the wind, using His holy name as nothing more than a cheap by-word of vulgar exclamation?

God's name can be heard more often in one evening of television viewing than during a normal worship service. The problem lies in the manner in which God is mentioned on many television programs. Many of the actors and actresses on television (and movies, as well) use God's name casually and flippantly as nothing more than a form of exclamation. However, such is not confined to programs with actors and actresses. It can be used by newscasters, sportscasters, and almost any other kind of program. God deserves better; God expects better. Such disrespect for Deity, some years ago, raised eyebrows; now it appears to be accepted as routine and normal. Could this be indicative of the nation's continual moral and spiritual decay? As speech follows thought, so behavior follows speech. A lack of respect for God in language leads to a lack of respect for God in life.

The Bible still teaches as it always has: Let all the earth fear the Lord: Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him (Psalm 33:8). But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned (Matthew 12:36-37). Let us give God's name the reverence it deserves.

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GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us;

That thy way be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

- Psalm 67 -

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways." Psalm 128:1

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Until further notice: **Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.** and **Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.** (auditorium class only). **Masks and social distancing required.**

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: Beginning **Thursday evenings, August 13th, 6:00 p.m.** at the Weirton Heights Church of Christ. The lessons will include: A Correlation of World History, Old Testament History, and related Prophets, taught by Betty Smith. Call 304-723-1160 and indicate how many are interested in attending.

PRAYER REQUESTS: **Becky McKittrick, Bobby Wilson** of Chester (cousin of Janet Malcomson, Sandy Spencer, & Becky McKittrick). **Irvin Gainer** in Texas (Jenny Rhodes' dad). **Jim Loy** (brother of Twila Adamson), **Regina King** and **Benjamin Radford** (members in Florida with Covid-19).

SICK & SHUT-IN: Ernie Robinson, Bill Robinson, Skip Haught, Melvin "Pete" Reed, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Emma Rine, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless, Don & Judy Floding. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers, Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

OUR FINEST HOUR

On June 18, 1940, Winston Churchill stood before the crowded benches of the House of Commons.

It was a desperate moment in British history. English armies had been flung back on the continent. Vast quantities of arms and ammunitions had been lost. Enemy bombers were overhead.



In this desperate moment, Churchill was called to take his place as a leader of his nation. Standing before those benches, he finished his memorable utterance with these words: "Let us brace ourselves to our duties and so dedicate ourselves that if the British Empire and Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say this was their finest hour."

Perhaps this was their finest hour. Many believe the British were never better than they were at that moment in history.

What will history record of the church in this generation? Did we stand for God? Did we take the gospel to the world? Did we love and lead? Were we people of character and conviction?

This, too, can be our finest hour.

— Author Unknown

"Do it with your might" Ecclesiastes 9:10
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