

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM JUNE 29, 2014

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1 John 1:1-3

“What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life - 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us - 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”



What is fellowship? Fellowship means “to have all things in common.” When you have something in common with another you can have fellowship with him. If you have nothing in common, you have no fellowship. We all have things in common. We share human life in common. Most of us share American citizenship in common. But John is talking about that unique fellowship which is only the possession of those who share life in Jesus Christ together, who have this different kind of life, this new relationship. This makes them one and that is the basis for the appeal of Scripture to live together in tenderness and love toward one another. Not because we are inherently wonderful people or that we are naturally gracious, kind, loving, and tender all the time - for at times we are grouchy, scratchy, and irritating to others. But we are still to love one another.

There is not only the horizontal relationship but that, in turn, depends upon a vertical one. John tells us, “and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.” Our horizontal relationships are directly related to the vertical one. If the vertical is not right, the horizontal one will be wrong, and, if it is wrong, it is because something is wrong between us and the Father. If we want to straighten out the horizontal relationship, that of getting along with our fellow Christians and fellow men, we must be sure that the vertical one is straight. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The most remarkable thing about Christian life is fellowship with Christ. It really takes two English words to bring out what this really means. There is, first of all, a partnership - the sharing of mutual interests, resources, and labor together. God and I, working together, a partnership. All that I have is put at His disposal. Well, what do I have? I have me. I have my mind, my body. True, these are gifts of God, but they are put at my disposal to do with as I please. That is what I have, and now I put them at his disposal. When I do, I discover everything that He is, is put at my disposal. Is that not marvelous? The greatness of God, the wisdom, the power, the glory of His might — all is made available to me, when I make myself available to Him. This is the great secret of fellowship.

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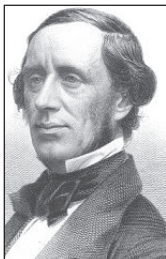
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Joachim Neander
(1650-1680)

Words: Joachim Neander, (1680); translated from German to English by Catherine Winkworth, 1863.

Music: Lobe den Herren, Ander Theil des Erneueren Gesangbuch, second edition (Bremen, Germany: 1665); harmony by William S. Bennett, 1864



William Sterndale Bennett (1816-1875)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath
stayed thee.

What need or grief ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend
thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue con-founding,
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with His mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

July 2014

- June 29 8:45 a.m. 1st John 1:1-4 True Christianity
10:30 a.m. Pastor Andy preaches for Presbyterians
- July 1 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Colossians at the Kikkert's
- July 4 No Friday Night Activity
Celebrate Our Nation's Birth
- July 6 8:45 a.m. 1st John 1:3-4 True Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- July 8 Bible Study on Summer Break
- July 11 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- July 13 8:45 a.m. 1st John 1:5-10 Fellowship with God
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- July 18 7:00 p.m. Game Night
- July 20 8:45 a.m. 1st John 2:1-2 The Key to Holiness
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- July 25 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- July 27 8:45 a.m. Pending



Meriam Ibrahim: Sudan 'apostasy' woman freed again

SOURCE: BBC THROUGH WWW.PERSECUTION.ORG

A Sudanese woman whose death sentence for renouncing Islam was overturned has been released from jail again, after she was detained at Khartoum airport on Tuesday. Meriam Ibrahim's lawyer, Muhannad Mustafa, said that she was currently in the U.S. embassy with her family.



DANIEL WANI, MERIAM IBRAHIM

Mrs. Ibrahim had been detained on charges of falsifying ID documents. She was first released on June 23 when an appeals court lifted her death sentence for renouncing Islam.

Her sentencing in May to hang for apostasy sparked an outcry at home and around the world.

Mrs. Ibrahim, 27, had been held at a police station in the capital, since Tuesday, when she was prevented from leaving the country along with her husband, Daniel Wani, and their two children. Daniel Wani is a Christian from South Sudan and is a U.S. citizen.

Mrs. Ibrahim had reportedly planned to travel to the US with her family. According to Reuters news agency, quoting her lawyer, Mrs. Ibrahim was released on the condition that she remains in Sudan.

"Mariam was released after a guarantor was found, but, of course, she would not be able to leave the country," Mr Mustafa said.

"I would like to thank the Sudanese people and the Sudanese police," she told the BBC in an exclusive interview as she left custody. "I would like to thank those who stood beside me."

Asked about her plans following her release, she said: "I will leave it to God. I didn't even have a chance to see my family after I got out of prison."

She has been charged with forgery relating to the South Sudanese travel document she was carrying, and accused of providing false information.

South Sudan's embassy in Khartoum says the emergency travel documents were issued by the South Sudan authorities and are genuine. However, Sudanese officials say she should have used a Sudanese passport and on Wednesday Sudan's foreign ministry summoned the US and South Sudan charges d'affaires over the issue.