

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

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1 John 2:24-25

As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

From the earliest days, while the apostles were still living, the enemy has sown confusion in the churches about the gospel. In his last letter before his death, Paul warned Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:13, “But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.” He goes on to exhort Timothy to continue (the same Greek word that is translated abide in John) in the Word, which is able to bring us to salvation. If Satan can cause confusion about the gospel, everything else is affected. It is the domino that causes all the others to fall. By the way, as John Calvin notes, it is the duty of a godly pastor to drive away the wolves and to warn the flock about those who pervert the gospel. I would not be a faithful pastor if I only spoke to you about positive, heartwarming matters, but did not also warn you of these insidious errors.

Take the error that believing in Christ for salvation does not include repenting of sin or submitting to Jesus as Lord. As a result of this teaching, there are thousands in evangelical churches who claim to be born again, but they habitually live in sin. They’ve been assured that because they received Christ, they are going to heaven. But as Paul describes such people in Titus 1:16, “They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.” They will be shocked when they stand before the Lord and hear Him say, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.” (Matt 7:23)

Or, take the error of the seeker churches. They take surveys to determine what people want from a church. Those who have been turned off by legalism or by guilt-producing, fire and brimstone sermons, have said, “We would like a church that is upbeat and positive. We want modern music. We want to feel good about ourselves when we leave. We want help with how to succeed in our families and our careers. But keep it light and on the short side.”

So, the church marketers have gone back to the drawing boards. They’ve devised a church service that only lasts an hour. The music is contemporary and not too heavy on doctrine. There are skits or other entertaining acts. The messages avoid controversial or difficult subjects like sin, judgment, or righteousness. The “gospel” is packaged as, “If you’ve got problems, try Jesus. He will help you become all that you’ve ever wanted to be.” But, where is the message of Scripture, that our sins have alienated us from a holy God, and that we must repent? Where is any careful, verse-by-verse exposition of Scripture? It’s not there.



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How Great Thou Art

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"O Lord, how great are Thy works"

Psalm 9



Carl G. Boberg
1859-1940



Stuart K. Hine
1899-1989

Words: Carl G. Boberg. In 1885, at age 26, Swedish preacher Carl G. Boberg wrote the words only of a poem entitled *O Store Gud*. Several years later, Boberg attended a meeting and was surprised to hear his poem being sung to the tune of an old Swedish melody.

Music: *How Great Thou Art* Swedish folk melody melody, adapted by Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the *worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then *I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Author's original words are "works," "mighty" and "shall I bow" (Word changes approved for use in North America only.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

September 2014

- Sept. 7 8:45 a.m. 1 John 2:24-27 *Avoiding Deception Part 2*
10:30 a.m. Sunday School - Digging Deeper
- Sept. 12 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Sept. 14 8:45 a.m. 1 John 2:28-29 *Are You Ready for His Coming?*
10:30 a.m. Sunday School - Corporate Prayer
- Sept. 16 7:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY RETURNS
- Sept. 19 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Game Night
- Sept. 21 8:45 a.m. 1 John 3:1 *The Father's Great Love*
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- Sept. 23 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at the Kikkert's
- Sept. 26 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Sept. 28 8:45 a.m. 1 John 3:2-3 *The Purifying Hope*
10:30 a.m. Pastor Andy Preaches for the Presbyterians
- Sept. 30 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at the Kikkert's
- Oct 3 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Game Night

AL-QAEDA CLOSES IN ON SYRIAN CHRISTIAN STRONGHOLD

[HTTP://WWW.TELEGRAPH.CO.UK](http://www.telegraph.co.uk) BY RUTH SHERLOCK, BEIRUT

Jabhat al-Nusra fighters, who have pledged allegiance to al-Qaeda's leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, are encircling the historic Christian town of Mhardeh and bombarding it with artillery, residents have told The Telegraph.

"There is shelling night and day. We have no electricity. There is only one road out and it is dangerous to use it now," said Josef, a civil engineer in Mhardeh, who spoke using a pseudonym for fear of reprisals if the jihadists enter the town.

For centuries Mhardeh was a safe haven for Syria's Greek Orthodox Christians, recently housing a population of approximately 23,000. The spires of five carefully maintained churches are dotted on the town's horizon, and its population is proud of the city's heritage as the birthplace of Ignatius IV Hazim, the late Patriarch of Antioch.

Now however, Mhardeh - known locally as the "city of the sun" - has been plunged into the center of the Syrian civil war. The threat to the town is a stark reminder that jihadist bloodletting is not confined to Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil), the group that has declared an Islamic State in Syria and Iraq and made itself the focus of world attention.

Located just 20 miles north of the central city of Hama, on a road that leads to the coastal heartland of President Bashar al-Assad's Alawite sect, and close to one of the Syrian government's largest military bases, Mhardeh had long been a marked city.

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