

## ADMIRING JESUS

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It's one thing to admire someone greatly; it's quite another thing to be devoted to someone. I might admire a great athlete for his talent, or a great performer for his abilities, or a great builder for his skill; but this does not mean I'm devoted to them. I fear that some of us are in danger of being great admirers of the Lord without being great devotees. God wants our admiration; but more, He wants our devotion.

If I'm just an admirer, I might not be apt to be generous in my giving (2 Corinthians 9:6-8). Generous, cheerful giving takes devotion. If I'm just an admirer, I might not be as faithful as I

Should be in attending the services and bible classes (Hebrews 10:25). That takes devotion! If I'm just an admirer, I might not be willing to make those painful choices when it comes to saying no to temptations. That takes devotion!

The level of devotion the Lord calls us to is much higher than many of us are willing to shoot for. Too much work, too much time, too many sacrifices. Many just want enough religion to make them feel good. That's not devotion! Admiration religion is a religion of convenience, Devotion religion is a religion of conviction. Be devoted (Matthew 6:33). ☞

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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## JOSEPH THE VICTOR

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A favorite bible character of many people is Joseph; and with good reason. Joseph was a committed man of God. Even though no one except Jesus ever lived a sinless life, there are no sins recorded in the Bible about Joseph. Through His devotion and faithfulness to God, Joseph gained victory over ...

### Extreme Persecutions.

We sometimes hear about folks who lived "Charmed lives." Everything seems to go right with them. For some time, it seems just the opposite with Joseph. Though he is presented from youth as a faithful servant of the Lord, bad things keep happening to him. He is envied by his brothers. His own flesh and blood plotted as to how they could murder him and get away with it. Finally, they sold him into slavery. In Egypt he seemed to be doing well under his master, until his wife lied about him and got him landed in prison. Through all of this, Joseph is presented as an upbeat person; one who is happy to be alive and thankful to glorify God in all he did. Joseph didn't allow his persecutions to get him down or drag him away from God. He gained victory over them. All who desire to live godly will suffer

To some degree (2 Timothy 3:12). The key is to rise above that, trust the Lord, and gain the victory (Revelation 2:10). Joseph gained victory over...

### Earthly Possessions.

While Joseph suffered greatly, he was also blessed immensely. He was lifted up in Egypt to the number two position; His authority was superseded only by Pharaoh's. So he became a wealthy man. But money didn't change him as it does so many today. It's difficult for the rich to stay devoted to God (Matthew 19:23-24). Those who possess them tend to trust in their goods rather than their God (21 Timothy 6:17-19). Not so with Joseph; he used his position and possessions to serve others. He didn't allow his money to rule over him. Joseph gained victory over...

### Eternal Punishment.

Joseph is a success story. He was successful at providing a living. He was successful as a ruler. He was successful at resisting temptation and depression. He was successful at forgiving those who wronged him. He was successful at remaining faithful to God. He gained the victory over death itself. He is listed as one of those whose faith carried him through to the end (Hebrews 11:22). He escaped eternal punishment. ☞

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# Dangers That All Parents Should Avoid



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"Blessed is every one  
who fears the Lord,  
Who walks in His ways."

-Psalm 128:1

## SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### Putting Jesus To The Test:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Sam Miller  
Reading: Matthew 22:15-22
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....John Nelson  
Serve.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

#### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;  
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**

**Thank You For Serving!**

*Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!*