

CALLING GOD

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Many teach their young children about the importance of calling 911. I've read news stories about how adults have been saved because their young child dialed 911 when help was needed.

We can see the value of calling others up when we're in distress. But how much more value in calling upon God to help us in our deepest needs. This is certainly something we need to impress upon our children as well.

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15). How many times have our requests been granted by God? How many sick have recovered, how many souls restored, how many mouths

fed because faithful people have been calling upon the Lord? How gracious and good he is!

But the verse goes on to say, "And you shall glorify Me." Is this what we do? Often, during distressing and troubling times we call humbly upon the Lord for help. Then when the trouble passes, we forget about God. We fail to thank Him for answered prayers. We begin to feel self sufficient and forget that God is in control. Then another trying time, another prayer, another answer, and on to forgetting God again. No! When He answers prayers this should lead us to draw closer to Him and glorify His name! 🔍

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



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

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I JUDGE BETWEEN CATTLE AND CATTLE

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As God, through Ezekiel, spoke to the "shepherds of Israel," he notified them saying "Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats" (**Ezekiel 34:17**). Numerous lessons develop from this statement.

First, God expects and demands shepherds to be feeding the flock (**Ezekiel 34:3**). This command is made through the pen of Peter also (**I Peter 5:1-3**). Feeding the flock of God indicates the shepherds (or elders) know the flock, know of its spiritual needs, and provides the necessary nourishment. If said need for nourishment is ignored, the shepherds will be held responsible (**Ezekiel 34:10**).

Next, God knows all about all. If God can clearly, accurately and precisely discern between all different types of sheep or goats, we should know His eyes are in every place all of the time (**Proverbs 15:3**), understanding all that is done. He is in our homes, our workplaces and our church buildings. He is utterly aware and attentive to every single action and thought of yours — and mine.

Finally, this is not the only time the Bible speaks of a separation taking place. Jesus spoke of the parting between the sheep and the goats in **Matthew 25:31-46**. He was painting a picture of the final judgment — a picture which was very bright for those who had fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, lodged strangers, clothed the naked, and visited the sick and those in prison. Just the opposite, a very bleak picture was portrayed for those who refused to take such actions.

On this day, may we each realize the need to help others see the Truth, to know God has all knowledge and to understand a final separation will occur.

God knows you. God cares for you. God loves you. –

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DOUBLE

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The Bible uses the word double as it teaches us some essential spiritual truths. Let's explore...

The Bible Speaks of a Double Tongue. A deacon is not to be "Double-tongued" (1 Timothy 3:8). The Greek word indicates one who tells a different story. That is, one who will agree with you on a subject, and then agree with someone else who takes a different view on the same subject. Why would someone do this? Simple, he wants to please everyone. But ironically, in so doing he is displeasing God. To be double tongued one must be dishonest. He is a liar, and God hates a lying tongue (Proverbs 7:17). Let us be careful to speak the truth always.

The Bible Speaks of a Double Mind. The one who prays with doubt in his heart is a "Double-minded man" (James 1:8). The result is that his prayers are not answered as he wishes. "Let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord" (James 1:7). We must approach God with full assurance that He hears our prayers, is willing to answer them, and is able to grant our request(s). To us it may seem to be an impossible situation, but remember, with God nothing is impossible (Matthew 19:26).

The Bible Speaks of a Double Heart. "They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak" (Psalm 12:2). Literally, they speak with a heart and a heart. They seemingly have two hearts. Their mouth says one thing but they have a hidden agenda. They flatter with their lips because they want something. Today we call it "Buttering him up." This too is dishonest in that it produces insincere compliments for the purpose of personal gain.

The Bible Speaks of Double Honor. Elders who rule well are to be counted worthy of "Double honor" (1 Timothy 6:17). I once knew a church that presented plaques to their elders and displayed them in the foyer. When I asked about them, an elder told me that elders were to receive double honor. I asked him if he thought that passage meant to give them plaques. How silly. "Double honor" here is explained in the next verse to mean that elders who do that work full time are worthy to be paid for their work by the church (1 Timothy 6:18). ☞

"I cried to the Lord
with my voice,
and he heard me
from His holy hill."

Psalm 3:4

SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Kenny Todd
- Scripture Reading...Glen Isbell
Reading: Psalm 46:1-7
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Frank Anderson
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Ben Reagh

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!

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