

SON OF MAN

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The term “Son of Man” is the most frequently used name for Jesus in the Bible. It occurs 82 times in the New testament – 81 times in the Gospels, and once in the book of Acts (7:56). While the term “Son of God” signifies and emphasizes the Lord’s deity, the term “Son of Man” emphasizes His humanity.

Many have struggled to reconciled the fact that Jesus on earth was both fully God and fully human. It is a mystery that I’m not sure our limited human minds can fully grasp (1 Timothy 3:16). He was not half man/half God as some have suggested. His humanity is important for us to believe and accept, for it teaches us some essential lessons regarding our Savior.

Empathy. One of these lessons is the fact that Jesus can sympathize with our weaknesses. He Himself never sinned (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15). When we are facing temptation, we know we have a Savior who has been there, and through Him, we can overcome.

Example. Jesus lived a life, as a human, without ever committing sin. This gives us the ultimate example to follow as we are faced with temptation. Jesus knew he would be blessed by avoiding sin, so will we (James 1:12). 🔍

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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:**

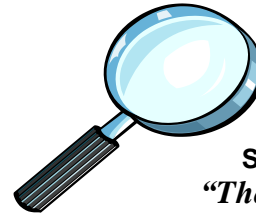
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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
- 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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READY TO GIVE

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The phrase “Ready to give” is found three times in the NKJV. But other passages teach the same lesson regarding other things we must be ready to give. Let’s learn the lessons ...

Ready To Give Regarding Our Faith. Peter said that we must be, “*ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear*” (1 Peter 3:15). The fact is, we sometimes find ourselves being questioned about something we believe religiously. “Why do you go to that church?”, “Why do you believe baptism is essential to salvation?” “Why don’t you all use a piano in your worship services?” These are just a few samples. Can you answer these questions (and others) from scripture? Do you know the scripture references? Knowledge of the Bible doesn’t come by accident. It takes time, work, and diligence in study to be able to answer the many questions we are asked. If we are too busy to study God’s word daily, we are too busy! (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15).

Ready To Give Regarding Our Finances. Among other things, those who are rich were to be “*Ready to give, willing to share*” (1 Timothy 6:18). Perhaps we don’t consider ourselves rich, but in reality, we have been very blessed, in most cases, most of us have far more than we need. Are we doing something to help the less fortunate? Do we set something aside so that if a brother in Christ comes upon hard times we are ready to give? If we are blessed, those blessings came from God (James 1:17). We should be ready and willing to sacrifice to help others, especially needy brethren (Galatians 6:10).

Ready To Give Regarding Our Faithfulness. “*Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away*” (Hebrews 2:1). The idea of falling away from the Lord and departing from the living God is a reoccurring theme in the book of Hebrews. Many today believe that once one is saved, he can never so sin as to lose his salvation. The Bible teaches otherwise. We can “drift away” if we do not remain ready to give something – “The more earnest heed.” The Bible speaks of those who have “Fallen from grace” (Galatians 5:4). It speaks of one who “Wanders from the truth” as needing to have his soul saved (James 5:19-20). Give heed to the truth, remain faithful until death. Don’t drift and wander away from the living God! 🔍

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FATHER, REVEREND, OR MIKE?

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In many religions it is disrespectful to not address their ministers by their religious titles, like Father, Reverend, or Your Holiness. There are even certain procedures devotees must follow in greeting their spiritual leaders. From a website on clergy etiquette, orthodoxinfo.com, the site states, "When we approach an Orthodox Presbyterian or Bishop (but not a Deacon), we make a bow by reaching down and touching the floor with our right hand, place our right hand over the left (palms upward), and say: 'Bless, Father' (or 'Bless, Your Grace,' or 'Bless, Your Eminence,' etc.)." Wow, so all these years I've been insulting these dignified, pious leaders by greeting them with, "What's up, Jack." Little did I know I was supposed to fall to the floor and praise them in the same manner I would God!

Jesus had a different approach to men who wear spiritual titles in religion. He said, "But all their works they do to be seen by men...They love...greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi'...Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven" (Matthew 23:6-9). Hmm, grovel at the feet of these religious leaders and act like a fool or listen to Jesus. I think I'll side with Jesus and ignore these arrogant, praise-hungry, ungodly, self-promoters who "thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing" (Galatians 6:3). Anyone who would let another human praise him (or her) as a special, religious figure is acting like the devil and his angels, who have been competing for God's prominence from the foundation of the world (1 Timothy 3:6; Jude 6). They all will eventually receive a strict judgment—deservedly so.

It should be evident to us that Jesus was not forbidding the use of "father" in the earthly, paternal relationship. Even He used the term that way (Matthew 10:21; 19:29). Instead, He condemned religious titles of exaltation, which is why His apostles did not wear them. Paul may have been a spiritual father to those he converted (1 Corinthians 4:17), and even a mother (1 Thessalonians 2:7), but he never let people honor him in sacred ways. He took the same approach Peter did when men tried to exalt him, "Stand up; I myself am also a man" (Acts 10:26). That is the only etiquette we are to remember whenever we are tempted to "reverend" men with names that only belong to God (Psalms 111:9, KJV). -

Judge Righteous Judgment!

At a civic meeting a "Woman of society" tried to speak with a "Chinese-looking" man sitting across from her. She said "Like-ee soup-ee?" The man said nothing. Moments later, the man got up to give a speech. He spoke in perfect English for twenty-five minutes with no hint of an accent. After sitting down again, he asked the woman, "Like-ee speech-ee?" We often draw the wrong conclusion about folk's hearts by looking only to their appearance. This often keeps us from trying to share the Gospel with them. Jesus said "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment" (John 7:24). -MP

SERMON NOTES

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

Title: _____

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Frank Anderson
Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:7-13
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

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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