

“HOLY AND REVEREND IS HIS NAME”

Michael Pickford

“Holy and Reverend is His name.” (Psalm 111:9).

God’s name is not to be used or treated as a common thing. He has always demanded the utmost respect for His very name. “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain” (Exodus 20:7).

Sometime around 500 BC the Jews put in place a detailed and stringent system by which to make copies of God’s word. There were nine essential steps to this process. Number five stated, “They must wipe the pen and wash their entire bodies before writing the word ‘Jehovah,’ every time they wrote it.”

God never required of men such a process, but perhaps there is something we could learn from the attitude that went into creating that fifth step. So many people throw God’s name around in such a casual manner that it has become common and meaningless. “OMG” rolls from the careless fingertips of people online without a second thought.

God’s name is not common or casual. His name is Holy and Reverend. Let’s treat it that way! 🔍

The elements of our worship, 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
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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IS THE BIBLE PRACTICAL?

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There are many who criticize the Bible for being impractical and outdated. Those who make such charges have clearly never read the Bible. Think of any aspect of life and the Bible gives superior guidance in relation to it. The Bibles guides us in...

Marital Relationships. If people would simply read and heed Bible passages dealing with the husband/wife relationship, the divorce rate would plummet and folk would be much more content, satisfied, and joyful with their spouses (Eph 5:22-33; 1 Cor 7:3-5; 1 Pt 3:1-7; Titus 2:4, Col 3:18-19)

Parent/Children Relationships. There is a great deal of unrest within homes today due to misguided parenting and undisciplined children. God gives the answers here too (Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:20-21; Heb 12:9-11; Pro. 23:13-14, etc.)

Boss/Worker Relationships. The master/servant relationship is analogous to our modern employer/employee relationships today. Much I said that, if heeded, will bring much order and contentment in the workplace (Eph 6:5-9; Col 3:22-24; 1 Tim 6:1-2; Titus 2:9-10; 1 Pt 2:18-21).

Government/Citizen Relationships. God has been eloquent in speaking of the responsibilities of governments to their citizens and citizens to their government. If followed, unrest will leave the land (Mt 22:15-22; Rom 13:1-7; 1 Pt. 2:13-17; Titus 3:1-2)

Dealings With Enemies. The Bible even teaches us how we can win over the affections of our enemies, making them our friends (Mt 5:43-48; Rom 12:17-21).

Dealing With Brethren. Unfortunately, it can sometimes be very taxing dealing with our own brethren in Christ. This isn’t a new thing. The New testament has much to say about how to properly deal with our brethren (Rom 12:9-16; 1 Cor. 6:1-8; Gal. 6:1-5; 9-10; Eph 3:1-6; Php 2:1-4; Col 3:12-15; 1 Ths 5:14-15, and much more!)

The Bible also instructs us in how to wisely handle finances (Rom 13:18; Mt 5:42), how to relate to our neighbors (Mt 22:39; Rom 13:9-10, etc), how to relate to our elders (1 Ths 5:12-13/ Heb 13:1, 17, etc) and the list goes on. Most importantly, the Bible tells us how to obey God and live life with a hope of an eternal home in our hearts. Yes, the Bible is practical. Read it and live it. 🔍

How To Be Lost

David Eldridge

“How to” books abound – you can find out how to do just about anything and everything. We often speak of “how to” be saved. Today, consider the Scriptural teaching on “how to” be lost.

Do Nothing: To be lost, do nothing – do not worry about God’s commands, good works, treating others properly, etc. Sin brings eternal death (Rom. 6:23), and the one who “knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin” (Jas. 4:17). It takes doing to be saved! “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may...enter through the gates into the city” of heaven (Rev. 22:14). Jesus said, “If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them” (Jn. 13:17). Blessing is only promised to “doers of the word” (Jas. 1:22). To be lost – do nothing!

Do The Wrong Things: Doing the wrong things will cause one to be lost. “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 Jn. 3:4). Since God’s word is truth, it determines what is right and wrong (Jn. 17:17). Those who do the things that God has said are wrong will “have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8). To be lost – do the wrong things!

Do Not Believe: The one who does not believe will also be lost. One will be lost if they do not believe in God (Heb. 11:6), do not believe in Jesus (Jn. 8:24), and do not believe in the words of Jesus, which will be the standard of Judgment (Jn. 12:48). In fact, the one who does not believe does not even have the right to become a child of God (Jn. 1:12). Surely, those who are not among God’s children will not be saved. To be lost – do not believe!

Do Not Repent: Those who do not repent will be counted among the lost. Repentance is something that God “commands all men everywhere” to do (Ac. 17:30). Thus, Jesus said, “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Lk. 13:3). God has always desired that the “wicked” would “turn from his evil ways” and live (Ezek. 33:11; 2 Pet. 3:9). To be lost – do not repent!

Do Not Be Baptized: Though many in the religious world might rail against the idea, the one who is not baptized will be lost. Jesus promised, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mk. 16:16). Peter preached that one must be “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Ac. 2:38). Further, the apostle affirmed that “baptism doth also now save us” (1 Pet. 3:21). It is this simple – if one is not baptized, they are not saved. To be lost – do not be baptized!

Do Not Remain Faithful: Baptism is not the end of life in Christ; instead, it is just the beginning. The one who is baptized but does not remain faithful to the Lord will also be lost. The continued “goodness” of God toward those among His people is only promised to the ones who “continue in His goodness” – if one falls, they “will be cut off” and find God’s “severity” (Rom. 11:22). Therefore, Paul encourages saints to “not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” (Gal. 6:9). To be lost – do not remain faithful!

These things are not written to encourage anyone to be lost. Instead, these are written to emphasize what one must do in order to be saved. Are you among the saved or the lost? -

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Glen Isbell
Reading: Proverbs 15:27-33
- Song Leader.....Tim Thompson
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Kenny Todd
 - Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

Thank You For Serving!

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!

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