

# ABHOR

WHAT is *evil*

cling to

WHAT is *good* .

- Romans 12:9

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](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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

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### **FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS**

Michael Pickford

The old hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" is a popular and loved one. But what about the faith of our mothers? Arthur B. Pattern actually penned a hymn with such a title in 1920. Our mothers' faith can be the very reason many of us come to Christ and serve Him throughout our days....

**A Mother's Faith Is a Living Faith.** If a mother desires her children to become servants of the Lord, it should start with them. They need to obey Christ and have a living faith themselves. If they want the sins of their children to one day be cleansed, they should themselves repent and be baptized in order to wash their own sins away (Acts 2:38; 22:16); then they can teach their children to do the same when they mature. Young Timothy was in many ways the product of the living faith exercised in his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15).

**A Mother's Faith Is a Loving Faith.** A loving faith requires unconditional trust in the wisdom of God when it comes to raising our children. It's difficult as a parent to go against the grain of modern "Wisdom" which argues that a parent should never "Spank" his child. But God's glorious wisdom far exceeds that of the wisest of men (1 Corinthians 1:20). God says, *"Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell"* (Proverbs 23:13-14). We have examples of the failed wisdom of modern men all around us. Children who disrespect their parents abound. The children who receive regular, biblical discipline, for the most part, end up respecting their parents, then their teachers, then the government, and then more importantly, God. Thus they respect and obey God and their souls are delivered from hell. The world says it's unloving to spank a child. God says, *"He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly"* (Prov 13:24).

**A Mother's Faith Is a Leading Faith.** Mothers must lead through example (Matt. 5:13-16). When children see their mother miss services regularly, neglect to read their bibles daily, and not praying daily, they are teaching them spiritually negligent behavior (Heb. 10:25; Acts 17:11; 1 Ths 5:17). They're likely to follow suit! Further, if you want your child to respect your authority, you must respect the authority of their father. Your husband! (Ephesians 5:22, 33). When wives fail to submit to and respect their husbands, their children see that and learn from it. 🔍

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## **BE FORGETFUL**

David Eldridge

Most of the time forgetfulness is viewed as being problematic, and the reality is that in most situations, it is. However, did you know there are things the Bible teaches that we need to forget? Thus, we must learn to be forgetful in regard to some things. Consider our need to forget...

**Forgiven Sins:** When the blood of Christ washes our sins away, God remembers them no more. His promise to those who are partakers of the New Covenant is, “I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (Heb. 8:12). Even after being forgiven of past sins, you and I do need to learn from them that we might not return to them – this is a necessary part of true repentance. Yet, there are many who have been forgiven that spend too much time dwelling on things God has forgotten. Paul had committed many sins, so many and so grievous that he considered himself the “chief” of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). He said of his past, “I thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth...and many of the saints I shut up in prison...and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities” (Ac. 26:9-11). Still, Paul wrote, “I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead” (Phil. 3:13). Do not become so bogged down by yesterday’s failures that you fail to affect success in Christ today!

**Past Successes:** Paul had much success in his work for the Lord – think of all the people he taught and souls that were saved. Yet, in the context of saying, “but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind,” he points out that there is still more for him to do in pressing “toward the goal.” Some live in the success of days gone by — always talking about the “glory days” and all the things they did in service to the Lord in the past. Such are often so contented by the success of yesterday that they fail to work today. Have you had past success in the King’s service? Good, He will remember it (Heb. 6:10) – be thankful for the good things God has done! However, be careful that yesterday’s accomplishments don’t blind you to the work needing to be done today. There is not a time to stop working – there is still much God requires you to do!

**Failings Of Others:** Unfortunately, there will be times when someone will sin against you. When this occurs, Jesus taught, “Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him” (Lk. 17:3-4). When we forgive as Jesus commands, we are to forgive “one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph. 4:32). We already noted that when God forgives, He will “remember no more” (Heb. 8:12). What about you? Do you “bury the hatchet, but leave the handle sticking out”? When you forgive, do you still hold a grudge? There is no doubt that some things people may do, though you forgive them, will still hurt. However, though there may be hurt, we must still seek to let our claim against them go. Remember, damnation awaits each one who, “from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses” (Matt 18:35).

Are you forgetful where you should be?

### **DUTY LIST...**

#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Glenn Isbell  
Reading: Proverbs 19:1-7
- Song Leader.....Tim Thompson
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord’s Table:
  - Lead.....Michael Pickford
  - Serve.....John Nelson
  - Serve.....Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

#### **SUNDAY EVENING**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

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

**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!***

***Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!***