

IN *the multitude* OF **COUNSELORS**

THERE IS *safety*

- Proverbs 11:14

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

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- www.defendthegospel.com
 - 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
 - 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
 - Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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

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IS JESUS MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL?

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It is well known that the religious group that calls themselves "Jehovah's Witnesses" denies the deity of Christ. They insist He is a created being. He's not. He's God (John 1:1-2). Less well known is the fact that they claim Jesus was Michael the archangel before He left heaven. Then He became Michael again when He returned to heaven (Watchtower, 1969, p. 307). Consider some reasons why this absurd doctrine can't be true...

Because Of The Trumpet of God: 1 Thessalonians 4:16 is one of the JW's pet passages to teach their error. But the very verse refutes their conclusion. They argue that since Jesus' return will be "With the voice of an archangel," He must be Michael the archangel. First, it doesn't mention Michael. Second, any reasonable mind understands that the phrase means that Jesus' return will be *accompanied* by the voice of an archangel, not that it will be His voice. Finally, the verse also says "with the trumpet of God." By their reasoning, shouldn't this mean that He is God?

Because Angels Can't Accept Worship: Speaking of Jesus, Hebrews 1:6 says, "Let all the angels of God worship Him." Jesus can't be an angel because angels are not to accept worship (Revelation 22:8-9).

Because God Never Called Any Angel His Son: Hebrews 1:5 says, "For to which of the angels did He ever say: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.'" Jesus is called the "Son of God" several times in the New Testament. On two occasions God spoke directly from heaven and called Jesus His Son (Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5).

Because Angels Are Created Beings. Jesus Is Not: Psalm 148:2 says, "Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His Hosts!" Verse 5 says, "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created." The angels were created by God. Jesus can't be an angel because apart from Him nothing was made that was made including Himself (John 1:1-2). He couldn't create Himself! Colossians 1:16 tells us that Jesus created all things. Note the word "all."

Don't be deceived by this another devilish doctrine of the "Jehovah's Witnesses." 🔍

THE LAST FOUR BOOKS OF MOSES

David Eldridge

This article serves as a brief survey of the last four books of the Pentateuch. The interwoven messages, penned by Moses, are of great benefit to us – offering learning, comfort, and hope (cf. Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:1-11).

Exodus: Exodus means “going out” or “departure.” This book begins with the events by which “the Lord brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt” (Exod. 12:51). It ends with the completion of the Tabernacle. Exodus’ keynote is Passover. Concerning the tenth plague, Israel is told: “When He sees the blood...the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer...to strike you” (Exod. 12:23). In Exodus we learn of the power of the Almighty God, the giving of the law under Moses, and the need to build according to God’s pattern.

Leviticus: In Hebrew, Leviticus means “and He called.” In later generations, it was also called the “law of the priests” and the “law of offerings.” The Levites were chosen by God to be the priestly tribe of Israel. The keynote of Leviticus is Atonement. It details how “to make atonement for the children of Israel” (Lev. 16:34). The first section describes the actual worship itself (Lev. 1-17), while the second section contains exhortations given to the worshipper (Lev. 18-27).

Numbers: The book of Numbers is so named due to the two numberings of the people it records – the first Mt. Sinai (Num. 1-4), and the second at Moab (Num 26). In Hebrew, Numbers is called Be-midbar’ – “in the wilderness.” The keynote of Numbers is Sojourning. It records “the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt...” (Num. 33:1). The book of Numbers follows the children of Israel from Mt. Sinai through 40 years of wilderness wandering.

Deuteronomy: In Greek, Deuteronomy (Deuteronomion) means “second law.” However, this is not a second law that supplants the first. Rather, this book is Moses’ farewell address. Moses emphasizes and repeats many of the laws given on Mt. Sinai some 40 years earlier. The keynote of Deuteronomy is Obedience: “What does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?” (Deut. 10:12-13). Deuteronomy contains the inspired words of Moses, a 120 year old servant of the Lord, as he pleads with the people to be faithful to their God.-

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson
Reading: Proverbs 18:7-12
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....Tim Thompson
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- 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

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