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## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

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## ***Thoughts from our Pastor:***

### **God is to be feared...**

*"For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth."* Psalms 47:2

God, He is the creator of all things, everything in existence belongs to Him, He has the right to do as He pleases with His own creation. Do not make the mistake of looking at God as a man, because He is not a man. **"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"** Numbers 23:19 Do not make the mistake of comparing God to a man, God is the Sovereign being of all creatures. God controls all things in creation, He controls all the actions of everything in creation. God does not sin, but He does not always stop sin from happening. God does not cause sin, but He does allow and predestinates sin to happen. God allowed Adam to sin, God allowed Jesus to be crucified, God allowed many Christians to be killed, murdered, even in the most horrible ways. God knows everything, He is everywhere, He has ordained everything, all power is in His hands. Most people do not know God, they do not know Jesus, they have no idea who God is or what He is capable of doing. God does as he please, when He please, how He pleases. The Psalmist wrote, ***"Wherefore should the heathen say, **Where is now their God?** (3) **But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.**"*** Psalms 115:2 – 3. Do not make the same mistake as the heathen do, when something happens do not ask where God is, and do not blame God! God has promised to never leave us nor ever to forsake us, He is always with us, even if we walk in the shadow of death. God is the God of love, but He is also the God of hate, He is the God of mercy and grace, but He is also the God of wrath. But whatever God does He does in righteousness and holiness. God gives grace but sometimes God allows Satan to have his evil ways, even with His own children. We never know what God is going to do or what God is going to allow, just as He did with Job, just as He did with the flood. The Psalmist wrote, ***"...the LORD most high is terrible..."*** but he followed that with these words, ***"...he is a great King over all the earth."*** God is to be feared, He is to be greatly feared, because God controls everything and has the right to do as He pleases with His own creation. God has control over everything that happens in life, nothing happens out of His control. He can put a king in a field and make him live as an ox for seven years like King Nebuchadnezzar or take everything you have as He did with Job or kill everyone and everything as He did in the flood. However, everything God does, or He allows Satan to do is for a justified and holy reason. But God is to be feared and if He is not feared He will cause fear in your hearts. Most people, even most people who call themselves

Christians and even some actual Christian does not have the faintest idea who God is or what He does. God is “*terrible*” which means - to be feared; morally to revere; causatively to frighten – so fear God! 2 Chronicles 19:7 “*Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.*” - Deuteronomy 6:2 “*That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.*” - Psalms 111:9, 10 “*He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. (10) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.*” God does not owe it to us to be merciful or gracious. God does not owe it to us to stop hurt and harm and even destruction in our lives. God does as He chooses; He can have grace or allow Satan to destroy. He can heal or He can wound, He can cause destruction or stop destruction. When the people of this world live as they do, believe as they do, ignore and fail to fear God as they do, bad things happen. Give this scripture some serious thought. Psalms 89:7 - 9 “*God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. (8) O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? (9) Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.*” We can fear God or God will cause us to fear Him, but God is to be feared and worshipped as the Lord of lords, King of kings, and especially as the God of all gods.

### ***Toys and playthings of the religious babyhouse!***

By J.C. Philpot

"I will feed My flock." Ezekiel 34:15

The only real food of the soul—must be of God's own appointing, preparing and communicating. You can never deceive a hungry child. You may give it a plaything to still its cries. It may serve for a few minutes; but the pains of hunger are not to be removed by a doll. A toy horse will not allay the cravings after the mother's milk.

So it is with babes in grace—a hungry soul cannot feed upon playthings.

Altars,

robes,

ceremonies,

candlesticks,

bowings,

mutterings,

painted windows,

intoning priests, and

singing men and women—

these dolls and wooden horses—these toys and playthings of the religious babyhouse, cannot feed the soul that, like David, cries out after the living God. (Psalm 42:2)

Christ, the bread of life, the manna that came down from Heaven—is the only food of the believing soul!

"I am the living bread that came down from Heaven.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever." John 6:51

"Your words were found, and I ate them; and Your Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart!" Jeremiah 15:16

"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word—that you may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2:2