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Thoughts from our Pastor:

God is a Spirit; He is not a man.

John 4:24 *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*

God is not a man, Jesus Christ His Son was a man, but He was also God Incarnate. God is a Spirit and in that Spirit are three, Father, Son, and Spirit. These three are not separate, they are not different, They are one God. With God being a Spirit, it means that God is without a body. Good is invisible, in every place at one time, forever Pure and Holy. God is everything, He is everywhere, He knows every detail of everything, He never errors, He never sins, He is never wrong, and He needs nothing. **"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 Just as God does not lie, He does not change, *"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."* Malachi 3:6 God who cannot lie, also is One who cannot change because He is perfect, He is complete in every point of His existence. And as His Son Jesus is also God, He will never change either. *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* Hebrews 13:8 *"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:"* Colossians 1:15 Jesus is a separate being from the Godhead, Jesus has a body just as we do, Jesus lived and grew, slept, eat, cried, suffered pain, and even died as we do. But Jesus was different, He is God's own Son, He sits on God's right hand, and He now has a name above all names, and all authority is in His hands. The only way a sinner could be redeemed and justified eternally is if God sent His own to die for the unjust. **"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"** 1 Peter 3:18 Jesus Christ died on that cross, the Son of man, I cannot believe it is proper to say God died on that cross because God cannot die, not even one part of the Godhead. Look at John 13:31 - 32 *"Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. (32) If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him."* Since Jesus is glorified then God is glorified in Him, it is not the Father was glorified but the Trinity was glorified through the works of the Son of Man and in what He do. I do not pretend to have all the answers, but this is known, God cannot die! Since God is a Spirit He must be worshipped as a Spirit and not as a man. It is wrong when people treat God as less than He is. God said, *"For from the rising of the sun*

even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts." Malachi 1:11 God must be worshipped, Christians and churches alike are required to "Reverence" God which means we are supposed to fear His name, fear His eyes continually on us, and worship Him every moment and in everything. God did not save us to be our servant, friend, or buddy, He saved us to be His servant and for us to glorify not only our Saviour but also Him.

Your Way; Not My Way

By Susannah Spurgeon, Charles Spurgeon's Wife

"Make Your way straight before my face." Psalm 5:8

Dear Father, this cry is going up to You, this morning, from many a tried and perplexed soul, who is fearing to "wander in the wilderness, in a pathless wasteland." Will You graciously bend down Your ear, and listen to their prayer, and grant the desired direction and guidance?

"Make Your way straight." Dear Lord, it is not that Your ways are ever crooked or deviating, but that my eyes are bent on seeing pleasant little bypaths, where the road is not so rough, or the walking so toilsome — as on the King's highway! My way looks so enticing, so easy, so agreeable to the flesh. Your way means self-denial, taking up the cross, and the relinquishment of much that my carnal heart desires.

Now, dear Lord, hear my cry, "Make Your way straight before my face!" Compel me, by the power of Your love and Your example — to go in the narrow road! "Hedge up my way with thorns," rather than that I should take a step out of Your way which You have laid down for me.

What if, sometimes, there are mists and fogs so thick that I cannot see the path? 'Tis enough that You hold my hand, and guide me in the darkness; for walking with You in the gloom — is far sweeter and safer than walking alone in the sunlight!

Dear Lord, give me grace to trust You wholly, whatever may befall; yielding myself up to Your leading, and leaning hard on You when "dangers are in the path." Your way for me has been marked out from all eternity, and it leads directly to Yourself and home! Help me to keep my eyes fixed on the joy that is set before me, and deliver me from the very faintest desire to turn aside, and linger in the flowery meadows which have so often lured the feet of poor pilgrims into danger and distress!

Father, You have said, "My ways are not your ways, neither are My thoughts your thoughts." True, dear Lord; but then You can uplift my thoughts to Yours, and exalt my ways until they reach the mountain-top of obedience to Your blessed will. Work this miracle for me this day, O Lord; use that sweet compulsion which will delight my heart, while it directs my steps! Make me to run in the way of Your commandments, and I shall run gladly, with the blessed certainty that I shall reach the goal at last! Have You not given me a monitor within, which strikes a gentle warning note, when my feet turn but an instant from the straight way?

But, best of all, dearest Lord, come Yourself with me along life's road, today and every day! Let the abiding of my soul in You be so real and constant, so true and tender — that I may always be aware of Your sweet presence, and never take a single step apart from Your supporting and delivering hand!

Church News:

Happy Birthday to our church, she is officially 61 years old!