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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Walking in God's Law!

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Psalms 1:2

How is your walk in the law of God? Did you know walking in God's law is walking against the council of this world? When God said, *"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."* Luke 16:13 Have you ever studied this verse, you ought too. It means that your heart will be either wholly taken up with God, or wholly immerse with the world. That is because you're not serving God if you are pleasing-self and the world, one will cause you not to properly serve the other. God said, *"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."* Romans 8:4 But the question is, are we walking after the law of the Spirit? It is a question we must all ask ourselves, how is our walk in God's law, are we truly satisfying God in our daily walk? If we are failing God then we ought to be ashamed of ourselves, we ought to fall on our face before God and ask His forgiveness and correct our walk. God said, *"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."* Romans 8:7, 8 I know some will say this is talking about the lost souls, but even saved people can be "carnal minded" and are every time they are not walking in the flesh. Adam Clark said these words, *"Because it is a carnal mind, and relishes earthly and sinful things, and lives in opposition to the pure and holy law of God: therefore, it is enmity against God"* Even a Christian can love worldly things more than the things of God. Paul wrote this to the church at Corinth, *"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates."* 2 Corinthians 13:5, 6 The word "reprobate" means worthless, but how could a child of God become worthless? They become worthless to God because God is not receiving glory from their salvation thru their life. Because if you're pleasing yourself in the world then you're not pleasing God in the Spirit. You're not bringing glory to Jesus Christ Who died to make you holy and living, Who delivered you from being a reprobate to start with. Lots of Christians mistake God's blessings with human mammon, if it goes against God's word it is not God's blessing, Satan has the power to bless us against God. Lots of time we make excuses because we cannot obey God's law and rather, please the flesh. If

God's glory from us is following His word and God receives no glory from unholiness, then why would God bless us with life events that causes us to be unholy? James wrote, "*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*" James 1:13 - 15 Sometimes God will send trials and temptations us to call our attention to Him and His word, our mistakes in life, but never to lead us to sin. God knows our frame and our weaknesses; He knows our limits and how we will react. These trials and temptations are to show us our weakness or strengths not to show our Omniscient God whether we fail or pass. If we fail to please God in our walk-in life, do not let us blame God or credit God for our breaking of His law.

As Christians our life-walk is about serving God and bringing glory to our Saviour Jesus Christ. It is not about our self-serving life or our self-pleasures, God saved us for Himself, and Christ Jesus died that we would bring glory to Him. As we go through life, we all need to ask ourselves in our examination of ourselves, is my living life pleasing to God, is my choices in life bringing glory to my God and Saviour? Remember these words "*But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*" Because the only way for a Christian to satisfy God and bring glory to Jesus is to WALK IN THE WORDS OF THE SCRIPTURE AND TO DISOBEY THE SELF-SERVING SPIRIT!

The Basis Of All True Piety

By Charles Spurgeon

Heaven itself, although it be a fertile land, flowing with milk and honey, can produce no fairer flower than the 'Rose of Sharon'.

Heaven's highest joys mount no higher than the head of Jesus; its sweetest bliss is found in his name alone. If we would know heaven, let us know Jesus.

If we would be heavenly, let us love Jesus. Oh that we were perpetually in his company, that our hearts might ever be satisfied with his love!

Let the young believer seek after a clear view of the person of Jesus, and then let him implore the kindling fire of the Holy Spirit to light up his whole soul with fervent affection.

LOVE TO JESUS IS THE BASIS OF ALL TRUE PIETY, and the intensity of this love will ever be the measure of our zeal for his glory. Let us love him with all our hearts, and then diligent labor and consistent living will be sure to follow.

He is sovereign Lord of all!

By Jonathan Edwards

Christ, as he is God, is infinitely great and high above all.

He is higher than the kings of the earth, for he is King of kings, and Lord of lords.

He is higher than the heavens, and higher than the highest angels of heaven.

So great is he, that all men, all kings and princes, are as worms of the dust before him.

All nations are as the drop of the bucket, and the light dust of the balance, yes, and angels themselves are as nothing before him. He is so high, that he is

infinitely above any need of us, so above our reach that we cannot be profitable to him, and so above our conceptions that we cannot comprehend him. Christ is the Creator and great Possessor of heaven and earth.

He is sovereign Lord of all!

He rules over the whole universe, and does whatsoever pleases him.

His knowledge is without bound.

His wisdom is perfect, and what none can circumvent.

His power is infinite, and none can resist him.

His riches are immense and inexhaustible.

His majesty is infinitely full of awe.

Yet, his condescension is sufficient to take a gracious notice of the most unworthy, sinful creatures, those that have no good deservings, and those that have infinite ill-deservings.