

## **YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Nov. 15-21**

*Weekly e-mail devotion based on the sermons of the past week to help you in your walk with the Lord.*

*Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. (Eph. 4.11)*

*It is the vision of Bethel Baptist Church to be the life of Christ that reaches from our community to the ends of the earth with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

### ***Devotions this week:***

Monday - Thursday: devotions from the Sunday morning sermon, "Why gather?" (Ps. 150).

Friday - Saturday: devotions from the Sunday evening devotion, "The business of the church".

Sunday: devotion on the importance of Bible study from the upcoming sermon from Acts 18.23-28.

### **Monday, Nov. 15**

*Ps. 150.1: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty expanse.*

WHERE DO WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP? The psalmist wrote about two specific places where God's people gather for worship: the sanctuary and His mighty expanse. A sanctuary is any place set apart for the worship of God. "His mighty expanse" is literally nature itself. Nature is clear evidence of the existence of God and should lead us to worship Him (Rom. 1.20). The place we gather for worship is not as important as worship itself, for in worship we are giving thanks and praising God for who He is and what He has done in Christ.

*REGARDLESS OF THE PLACE, MAKE A COMMITMENT TO REGULARLY GATHER WITH OTHER BELIEVERS IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP OF GOD.*

### **Tuesday, Nov. 16**

*Ps. 150.2: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.*

WHY DO WE GATHER? The purpose of God's people gathering for worship is to praise God for what He has done in Jesus Christ. The most important "mighty deed" that God has done was sending His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on a cross, shedding His blood in payment for our sins. The singular reason why we as a people of God gather for worship is Jesus Christ.

*PRAISE GOD TODAY AND EVERY DAY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND LIFE EVERLASTING THAT CAN ONLY BE FOUND THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.*

### **Wednesday, Nov. 17**

*Ps. 150.3: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with harp and lyre.*

HOW DO WE WORSHIP WHEN WE GATHER? Verses three, four, and five of Ps. 150 lists seven different musical instruments that can be used in worship of God. God has given many in the church musical talents. These talents are to be used to the glory of God in praise to God.

*PRAISE GOD TODAY FOR TALENTED MUSICIANS WHO PROVIDE PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC IN YOUR WORSHIP SERVICES.*

**Thursday, Nov. 18**

*Ps 150.6: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!*

WHO ARE COMMANDED TO WORSHIP? Everything that has breath covers every living creature on the face of the earth. Humans are not just commanded to praise God, but every living creature that has breath in its lungs is commanded to praise the Lord. God created us and breathed into us the breath of life (Gen. 2.7). It is this life and breath with which we are to praise God with.

*THANK GOD TODAY FOR THE BREATH HE GIVES YOU TO PRAISE THE LORD.*

**Friday, Nov. 19**

*1 Cor. 14.40: But all things are to be done properly and in an order manner.*

THERE IS AN ORDER TO THE CHURCH'S BUSINESS. 1 Cor. 14 is an extended discussion about the use of the spiritual gift of tongues in the church. Paul taught that tongues were a valid gift, and that no more than three people at a time could speak if they had the ability to speak in tongues. Those speaking in tongues also needed an interpreter so the church could gain the benefit of those speaking in tongues.

Every church is a living organism that functions the best through organization. Church business meetings serve to inform the church about what is going on in the life of the church. When business meetings are carried out in some sort of order, the meeting tends to go much smoother.

*PRAISE GOD TODAY THAT HE IS THE GOD OF ORDER AND NOT CONFUSION (1 Cor. 14.33).*

**Saturday, Nov. 20**

*1 Cor. 4.1-2: Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.*

THERE IS AN OBLIGATION IN CHURCH BUSINESS. A steward is a caretaker of someone else's goods or property. The moment God saved us, He made us stewards, caretakers, of His church, His gospel, His people, and His resources. Church business meetings are simply stewardship reports about how various committees and ministries in the church are serving as stewards with God's money and resources.

*ASK GOD TODAY TO HELP YOU BE A GOOD STEWARD OF ALL HE HAS ENTRUSTED YOU WITH.*

**Sunday, Nov. 21**

*Acts 18.28: for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.*

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE? A man named Apollos taught the scriptures in the Turkish city of Ephesus. Two missionaries, Priscilla and Aquila, heard him teach. However, these two missionaries discovered that the teaching of Apollos was not accurate. After they took him aside and explained the scriptures to him more clearly, Apollos became a more effective teacher. Consistent study of the Bible equips us to be effective communicators of God's Word.

*ASK TO GOD TO HELP YOU BE A MORE COMMITTED STUDENT OF HIS WORD.*