

DO NOT GIVE WHAT IS HOLY TO THE DOGS

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“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces” -Matthew 7:6.

Jesus had just spoken about hypocritical judging. He taught that before we help someone in sin deal with their sin, we must first deal with our own sin. If we have a beam in our eye, we can't see clearly to help someone remove a speck from their eye. But, we must, through self examination (2 Corinthians 13:5) identify our own sins and eliminate them. After doing this, we are obligated to help others remove sin from their lives (Matt 7:5; Gal. 6:1; Jms 5:19-20).

In our passage (Matthew 7:6) dogs and swine were both viewed negatively; symbolic for people who trample over the truth and viciously attack those who teach it; that which is “holy” is the teaching/correction/help we might seek to give others. Some are not willing to change their lives and submit to the Gospel when we try to teach them. Verse 6 actually presents a warning that it is dangerous to keep trying to cram the Gospel down people's throats when they repeatedly reject it. There comes a time to move on to others who may be more receptive to the words of life. Jesus referred to this as shaking the dust off of our feet (Luke 9:5).

To focus too much of our time and resources trying to convert those who continually refuse the truth takes time and resources away from teaching others who might listen and obey the Gospel. Incidentally, as long as someone is willing to discuss spiritual matters with us, we must not cease; but, when they refuse to listen, or get beligerent when we bring up the subject, we must move on. 

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 evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” -Acts 17:11

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“REMEMBER”

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Memory is something that many of us struggle with from time to time. Most of us have paid a price to one degree or another because we forgot something important. The idea of “remember” is a very present one throughout the Bible. We should give special diligence when it comes to remembering things that affect our spirituality and our eternal destination. Let's be reminded of some things that we should not forget.

1. Remember the commandments of the Lord and do them. (Numbers 15:39-40)
2. Remember the Lord's marvelous works (1 Chron 16:12; Psa 77:11)
3. Remember the Lord (Neh 4:14).
4. Remember that your life is a breath and redeem the time (Job 7:7; Eph 5:16)
5. Remember the name of the Lord (Psalm 20:7)
6. Remember to show mercy (Psalm 109:16)
7. Remember your creator (Ecc 12:1)
8. Remember the rebellion of Lot's wife and her penalty (Lk 17:32)
9. Remember that the righteous will suffer because of their righteousness (Jn 15:20)
10. Remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35)
11. Remember the teachings and examples of faithful men (1 Cor 11:2).
12. Remember the poor (Gal 2:10).
13. Remember other in your prayers (2 Tim 1:3).
14. Remember the elders of the church (Heb 13:7, 17)
15. Remember how we received and heard the gospel so that we might hold fast and repent when we sin as Christians (Rev 3:3; Acts 8:22; 1 Jn 1:7-9) 

Daily Bible Study

by Michael Pickford

This Week's Theme: The Lord's Supper

Weekly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:26

Introduction: The "Lord's Supper" is a memorial that was set up by Christ Himself for the purpose of memorializing his sacrifice for us on the cross of Calvary. It is referred to in the New Testament with such Phrases as, "The Lord's Supper" (1 Corinthians 11:20), "Communion" (1 Corinthians 10:16), and "The breaking of bread," "Break bread" (Acts 2:42; 20:7). This week, let's learn and remind ourselves of some important issues surrounding the Lord's Supper.

Monday: The Lord's Supper is a memorial of our Lord's Death

1. Luke 19:14-23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26: Who instituted the Lord's Supper? How many emblems are there in the Lord's Supper? What do those emblems represent? Therefore, what should our minds be focused on as we partake of the Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:26).

Tuesday: The Lord's Supper Is a Feast Exclusively For Christians.

1. Acts 20:7: Who came together to "Break Bread?"
2. What is a disciple? (Acts 11:26)?
3. Should those who are not Christians partake of the Lord's Supper?

Wednesday: The Lord's Supper is to be taken every Sunday exclusively Until The Lord Returns.

1. Acts 20:7: On what day did the disciples come together to break bread? Which day is this?
2. Is there any other passage that indicates that the Lord's Supper is to be observed on any day other than Sunday?
3. When God commanded the Israelites to remember the Sabbath to keep it holy, what day was He speaking of? God didn't specifically say "Every" Sabbath, but, is that what He meant? Did the Israelites understand that they were to remember every Sabbath and not just one or two a year? When we read that disciples broke bread on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), is it not a necessary conclusion that they did this every first day of each week?

Thursday: Not focusing on the Lord's Sacrifice during the Lord's Supper is spiritually deadly.

1. 1 Corinthians 11:26-34: What is the Lord's Supper designed to proclaim? If we think of other things during the Lord's Supper, would this constitute partaking in an "Unworthy manner?" Should we be constantly examining ourselves during the supper to make sure our minds stay focused on the Lord's death? (vs

28)? What would be the results of partaking in an unworthy manner? (vs 29).

Friday: The Lord's Supper Is To Be Observed In The Assembly Only.

1. Acts 20:7. What did the disciples do in order to "Break bread?" Did they partake of it individually in their own homes?
2. 1 Corinthians 11:17-20: Did Paul indicate that the Lord's Supper was to be taken "When you come together as a church" (vs 18), and "when you come together in one place?" (vs 20).
3. Some well meaning brethren deliver the Lord's Supper to individuals in their home outside of the assembly, or in nursing homes and rehab centers, or even to hospitals. Is this a setting where the church has come together in one place?
4. All Christians are commanded to sing (Eph 5:19). Would the Christian who has lost his voice due to disease or accident be obligated to sing or would God excuse them? Similarly, does God require us to do something that is impossible for us to do? If it is impossible for someone to attend the assembly/assemblies due to illness or some other physical condition, is he obligated to partake of the Lord's Supper, and, should men violate the above passages in order to deliver the Lord's Supper to them?

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: Psalm 126:1-6
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Tony Jenkins

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

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

Obey Today!

***Home Bible Studies
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