

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

God Has No Competition

AM Sermon—Tom Betti

OUR FAMILY NEWS

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Radio Programs: Listen to “Searching the scriptures”, our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today’s Scripture: “Thou shalt have none other gods before me.” Deuteronomy 5:7 (KJV (WS))

Wisdom for Today: “Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?” Job 11:7 (KJV (WS))

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God’s Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Remain Faithful.....Matt 24:13; Rev 2:10; James 1:12

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:
Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:
Bible Study: 7PM

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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let

Most of us have participated in a competitive sport of some kind. So we understand competition. We know that one person or team usually wins and the other side will lose. We also realize that it is rare for a person or a team to win all the time. In fact competition would be boring, and wouldn't really be competition, if one team or person won every single time they stepped onto field or mat. Often we compete against our self, trying to improve at work or in how we deal with our friends or family or in some other way. This is the essence of competition, what is it that we can do to improve. And every person who has lived, except Jesus, can or could have improved themselves. David surely recognized the need for improvement when Nathan pointed out what had happened when he saw Bathsheba bathing on her roof top. Nathan told David what had happened in a way that he could understand it easily, 2 Samuel 12:1-7. Solomon, the wisest person to have lived, understood that even pursuing wisdom was vanity; "And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity." Ecclesiastes 2:19 (KJV (WS)).

We understand that there is competition in every living thing. Trees, and other plants, in every forest or range land compete against one or another. These ecosystems competes against each other and its neighbors. And that competition keeps the ecosystems healthy. Male animals compete against each other for the right to mate, and that competition helps to keep their populations healthy.

But God has no need for competition. We understand that the very fact that He exists demands that there be no competition. There is no competition over who is worthy of and who wants our worship, and He clearly states this fact. "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:"

go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Exodus 34:14 (KJV (WS)); "And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish." Deuteronomy 8:19 (KJV (WS)). God is great and perfect; "Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. ⁴ He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he." Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (KJV (WS))

Because God is great, because He is perfect and because His work is perfect there is no room to improve. Therefore there is no competition for God. But we often forget this and when life gets difficult many turn away from Him. We look for peace of mind in alcohol, we look for answers from men and turn away from God. But most will see, eventually, that alcohol only holds more and more heartache and the wisdom of man is foolishness to God. Job tells us where to look for answers; "But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? ¹⁰ In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind." Job 12:7-10 (KJV (WS))

The answers to our questions all lay in the creation. He created all that exists, He is greater than anything that angels or men can do. Because of the greatness and vastness of creation he has no competitor, nothing that exist can compete against Him.

Bill Beebe

Schedule of Events

September 29 Wednesday Night Singin Building