



Desiring Truth

One summer, a friend of mine and I went to Colorado to climb mountains. To get there, we drove all night from the very southeastern tip of Texas (near Beaumont) beginning Sunday night around 8:00 P.M., and arrived in Trinidad on Monday afternoon around 4:00 P.M. The first mountain that we climbed was outside of Trinidad. This was the first time that I had climbed to such heights and did not know what to expect.

When we got up Tuesday morning, we were ready to go. We ate a hearty breakfast and then took with us sandwiches, soda, and a few bottles of water. We chose an old utility road as our path up the side of the mountain. If you know anything about climbing mountains, switching back is the preferred way to get up. This road, being a utility road, didn't switch back at all; it just went straight up. Every step was like climbing up the bleachers of a stadium, except this stadium was close to 10,000 feet in height. It was one of the smaller mountains in Colorado, but when you're doing a direct ascent, size doesn't matter too much, at least, it didn't to me. Our plan was to picnic on the top of the mountain, and that we did, but not without finishing our last beverage. The way down we would hike dry. By the time we got near the bottom, the temperature was somewhere in the mid 90s, a relative hot day for the state, and the cattle water troughs were starting to look pretty good. We finally got to the main road, reached a farmhouse, and after placating a barking, but hungry, dog with a left-over peanut butter sandwich, we were able to ask the farmer for a drink. He offered glasses, but we asked for the hose. That water was pumped from a mountain well and was the sweetest, best tasting, most desired, perhaps most needed water that I have ever had in my life.

The deepest physical need that the body can have is the need for water. Without this precious substance, our bodies would dehydrate to the point of death in three to four days. Anywhere that man

has ever gone to live, he has either taken a supply of water with him, or he has settled in an area where there is an abundant source of water. The human body both wants and needs water.

Jesus experienced this very human sensation when he approached a woman of Samaria and asked her for a drink (John 4:5-7). This Samaritan woman thought it strange that Jesus, a Jew, would ask of her a drink of water. Ever the master teacher, Jesus replied not with a comment motivated by physical desires, but by spiritual. "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" (John 4:10 NKJV). When Jesus offers the "water of life," He offers the very thing upon which the life of our soul depends the most—truth. Just as the body desires, demands, and depends upon water, so also the soul cannot survive without that water which Jesus gives. Jesus told Pilate, "For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice" (John 18:37).

Dear friend, do you desire God's truth to be in your life as deeply as you desire the most desperate element your body demands? Is your soul in need of that satisfying drink of the water of life that springs up unto eternal life? Do you desire for all of your spiritual needs to be quenched through the cool and satisfying imbibing of this water? I hope that you do; I hope that your desire for God's truth will motivate you greater than any physical desire for water that you may have and I hope that you are not satisfied until you have drunk deeply of that water and come to understand all the truth that God has to offer through Jesus, His Son. "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). There is no greater necessity of the human soul than truth. Will you desire, demand, drink, and live?

Kevin Cauley

God's Worship

We read within the Bible that Christians assembled together upon the first day of the week to worship God through His Son, Jesus (Acts 20:7). When they met together, they studied God's word, prayed, sang hymns of praise, gave of their income, and partook of the Lord's supper. We have examples for each of these practices within the New Testament (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 14:15; 16:1, 2.). We see in these simple, yet powerful, actions of worship, how God desires to be worshipped in the name of His Son, Jesus.

The worship observed within the churches of Christ is one of the biggest differences that are noted by those who are not members of the church of Christ. Many want to know where the "music" is. Many want to know why the Lord's supper is observed every Sunday. Many want to know why such emphasis is placed upon Bible study. Many want to know why we do not "tithe." The answer is really quite simple, though many do not accept it. We seek to worship God upon the terms and conditions that God has set for worship within the New Testament.

One will not find the word "tithe" in the New Testament. One will not find the use of mechanical instruments of music in the worship of the church in the New Testament. One will not find the

Lord's supper being observed once a quarter, or month in the New Testament, but every Sunday. One will not find within the New Testament "self-help" motivational speaking, but rather the preaching and teaching of the word of God. It is our desire to worship God in the way that God would have us worship Him, not in the way that makes man feel good. We seek to serve God in our worship, not to serve self.

We worship God not to gain an emotional experience, but because God is worthy of our worship. Revelation 4:11 states, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." The reason for our very existence is to give pleasure to God; it makes no sense for God's creation to fashion worship practices which give pleasure to the creature rather than the creator.

Indeed, who ought to determine how we are to worship? The one who worships? Or the one who deserves to be worshipped? Certainly, the creature has no right to tell the creator how he/she is going to worship Him. God Himself must tell us what we may do to worship; we dare not approach God with our own righteousness (Romans 10:1-3).

Jesus said that God desires to be worshipped in spirit and in truth. Spiritual worship is worshipping God out of a humble, respectful, and sub-

servient attitude. Truthful worship means to worship God according to His word, for God's word is truth (John 17:17).

So as we worship together this day, let us focus upon God as the one toward whom we are worshipping; let us acknowledge His wishes in the way in which He would have us to worship Him; and let us be content to satisfy God in our worship as opposed to satisfying ourselves.

Kevin Cauley

Happy Birthday/ Anniversary!

We would like to wish a happy birthday and anniversary to all who have such in the month of June!

Birthdays

Bruce Foster2nd
 Benjamin Windle2nd
 Glenn Williams11th
 Larry Elliott.....23rd
 Charlotte Eddings.....25th
 Hugh Atchley27th

Anniversaries

Jack and Tiffany2nd
 Larry and Susan17th
 George and Charlotte23rd

Sermons and Study Topics

Week of 6/13/04

Morning	God's Greatest Treasure
Scripture.....	1 Timothy 2:5, 6
Evening	How To Make the Church Strong (part 2)
Scripture.....	Ephesians 6:10-13
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	The Book of Hebrews
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	Minor Prophets: Micah

Weekly Record

Week of 6/06/04

Sunday Class.....	60
Sunday A.M.	73
Sunday P.M.	57
Wednesday	59
Contribution.....	\$1711.65
Budget	\$1760.00

Know Your Bible Books Answers!

Last week I published this puzzle to help everyone learn their Bible books. This week I am publishing the answers. I have highlighted the answers below so that you can see the 25 books here.

Books of the Bible Puzzle

Can you find the names of 25 books of the Bible in this paragraph? This is **a most remarkable** puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu **keeping** himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **johnboat**. Roy Clark studied it while playing his column once. One woman **judges** the cup of tea to calm her nerves. **There** to spot, that's a **fact**. **Some** people will cially since the names are not necessarily **answers** we get, we are forced to ad-scholar to see some of them **at the** responsible for the difficulty we have. great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** may help: Books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** occur without their **numbers**. And punctuations or spaces in the middle are **normal**. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete**. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph.



(I hope you had fun finding these and learned more about those Bible books!)

Spiritual Worship

We worship thee today, oh Lord, before Thy throne we come.
We seek what pleases thee, dear Lord, and not to serve our own.
We worship as Thou wilt, oh Lord, not through our own devices.
With faith within Thy word, oh Lord, we bring our lives devoted.

We bow, we sing, we give, we hear, we honor Thy Son truly.
These simple, caring, loving acts of worship are Thine only.
Diverge from Thy true righteousness and lose ourselves we would,
For in our own self righteousness we are as filthy rags.

We come in spirit with our minds and souls upon Thee focused.
We come in truth; our hands and hearts upon Thy word are molded.
E'en though these ways are Thine, in us, the creature, they are earthy.
We humbly ask, "receive our off'ring; we who are unworthy."

Until one day when we at last can praise Thee in Thy glory,
We'll humbly pass our hours away submitting to Thee truly.
We'll praise Thee in the ways you have within thy word unfolded
And keep Thy blessed covenant, through all our lives, unbroken.

-Kevin Cauley

Elders:

Clay Bozarth, Leon Duncan,
Bruce Foster, Bill Fort, Glenn
Quigley

Deacons:

Ken Smith, Brent Stevens,
Rusty Windle.

Preacher:

Kevin Cauley... 870-423-6707



Proclamations and Prayers Requested

- We are truly thankful to God for the wonderful new Lord's day that he has given us today to worship him in Spirit and in Truth!
- If you are visiting with us, then we welcome you to our Friends and Family day! You are our honored guest. Thank you for coming!
- After our morning service, we invite you to stay for our BBQ lunch that we have prepared for you, our guests.
- We also invite you to stay for our gospel singing which we will have this afternoon at 2:00 PM.
- Let us remain constant in prayer for the following individuals: Geneva Atchley, Michael Collins, Bill and Lucille Fort, Pat Hill, Carolyn Roller, Helen Swink.
- Congratulations to Chad and Jessica Pinkley upon the arrival of their daughter Allison Lavon who was born on June 5th, weighed 9 lbs 11 oz and was 21" long.
- This coming Wednesday night, after the evening services, we will have a going away reception for Hugh and Geneva Atchley. The Atchleys are moving to live near their daughter. They have been valued members of this congregation for many years and we are so sad to see them leaving, but we certainly wish them the best!
- The children's home truck is coming sometime this week. If you have items which you would like to donate before they arrive, please do so today!
- There will be no bulletin next week.
- Also, during Kevin's absence, Ralph Hunter will be teaching Bible class and preaching both the morning and evening sermons.
- The pantry item for this week is Bath Soap.



Welcome!

To the Berryville church of Christ.

Family Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:..... 9:30 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 PM
 Ladies Bible Class: 10:30 AM
 Wed. Evening Bible Class: 7:00 PM

Serving Each Other

	January 4th, 2004	January 11th, 2004
Sunday Morning		
Songs:	Larry Elliott	Brent Stevens
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Ralph Hunter
Opening Prayer:	Matt Bassing	Bruce Foster
Scripture Reading:	Brent Moore	Matt Bassing
Lord's Table	Bob Moore	Glenn Williams
(assist)	Hugh Atchley	Larry Elliott
	John Gass	Jerry Roller
	Jack Gentry	John Gass
Closing Prayer	Dan Hand	Ken Smith
Sunday Evening		
Songs:	Bruce Foster	Rusty Windle
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Ralph Hunter
Opening Prayer:	Brent Stevens	Glenn Quigley
Scripture Reading:	Perry Foster	Ray Duncan
Lord's Table	George Eddings	Jerry Roller
	Larry Elliott	Brent Stevens
Closing Prayer	Leon Duncan	Dan Hand
Wednesday		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Glenn Quigley
Opening Prayer:	John Gass	Clay Bozarth
Invitation:	Rusty Windle	Matt Bassing
Closing Prayer:	Leon Duncan	Glenn Quigley

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