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Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn 323



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An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, and the background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text "Call to Worship" is overlaid in a large, bold, black font, and "Psalm 32" is overlaid below it in a smaller, bold, black font.

Call to Worship

Psalm 32

Psalm 32:1-6 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, **whose sin is covered**. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore **let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found**; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Psalm 32:7-11 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but **steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

He Hideth My Soul

Hymn 120



Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 468





Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

plbiblechurch@gmail.com

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:
Promise Land Bible Church
PO Box 1437
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

Famous Quote:

“It takes no brains to be an atheist. Any stupid person can deny the existence of a supernatural power because man’s physical senses cannot detect it. But there cannot be ignored the influence of conscience, the respect we feel for the Moral Law, the mystery of first life ... or the marvelous order in which the universe moves about us on this earth. All these evidence the handiwork of the beneficent Deity ... That Deity is the God of the Bible and Jesus Christ, His Son.”

DWIGHT EISENHOWER



Today's Message
“Courageous Faith”
Scripture text: Daniel 3

Daniel 3:15-18 Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But **if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.** And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, **we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace,** and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. **But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."**

This Chapter in the Book of Daniel is about faith.

Today, as we examine the Scripture, we will see and discuss 4 types of faith.

Hebrews 11:1 Now **faith is the assurance** of things **hoped for**, the **conviction** of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 And **without faith it is impossible to please him**, for **whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists** and that **he rewards those who seek him**.

Hebrews 11:32-34 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Daniel 3:17-18 If this be so, **our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace**, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, **that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."**

Daniel 3:3-6 Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And the herald proclaimed aloud, "**You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages**, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. And **whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.**"

Here we have our first, of four types of Faith:

Credulous (gullible) Faith

All the people are doing it, so we should too.

Will believe anything, **as long as it is popular.**

Wind and tide Christian (moves with whatever doctrine is the most popular at the time)

Everyone has some type of faith, in a driver, pilot, equipment, themselves, or money

Psalm 14:1-5 To the choirmaster. Of David. **The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."** They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, **who seek after God.** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?** There they are in great terror, **for God is with the generation of the righteous.**

Galatians 1:6-10 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel--not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. **For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.**

Galatians 3:1-6 O foolish Galatians! **Who has bewitched you?** It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: **Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **Did you suffer so many things in vain--if indeed it was in vain?** Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or **by hearing with faith**-- just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

The next type of faith is **Cowardly Faith.**

This is a Faith that fears man, more than God.

The people in Daniel 3 who were willing to bow down to the image because they didn't want to be burned in the furnace.

Hiding, right behind you / NOT beside you.

Faith as long as it is safe.

Not totally surrendered to Christ.

Revelation 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

John 12:42-43 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, **but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it**, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Matthew 6:1-2 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

Luke 16:14-15 The Pharisees, **who were lovers of money**, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. **For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.**

Mark 8:34-38 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For **whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.**"**

A Commercial Faith

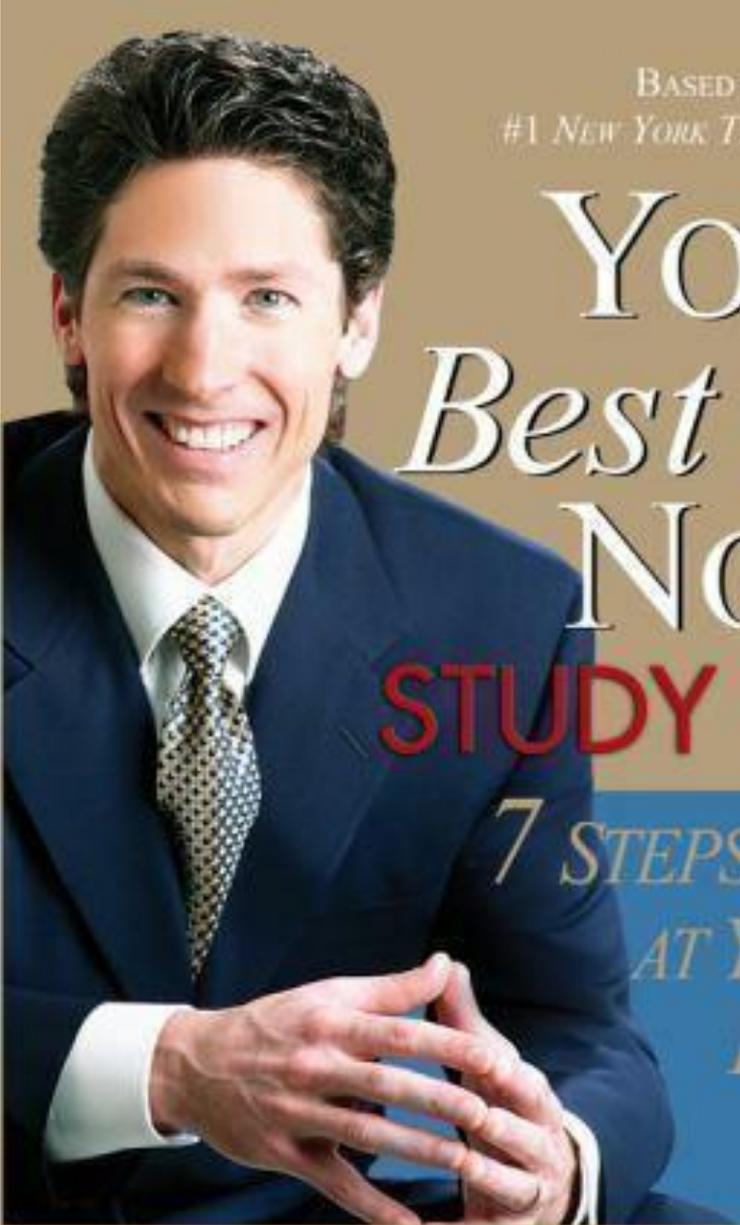
What's in it for me, how **is it profitable** for me. (to be rich, healed, successful, etc.)

The modern gospel falls into this category.

What happens if God doesn't answer their prayer?

Does God cease to be God?

Do we serve God or does God serve us?



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JOEL OSTEEN

John 6:25-29 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.** Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.**"

Philippians 2:17-24 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. **I hope in the Lord Jesus** to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. **For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.** But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

1 Timothy 6:3-7 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and **understands nothing**. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people **who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain**. Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

Act 8:18 -23 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, **he offered them money**, saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "**May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!** You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. **Repent**, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and **pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.** For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity."

Romans 16:17-18 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. **For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites**, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

Psalms 106:12-14 Then they believed his words; they sang his praise. But **they soon forgot his works**; they did not wait for his counsel. But **they had a wanton craving in the wilderness**, and put God to the test in the desert;

A Courageous / Confident Faith

To do what is right, regardless of the cost!

This is the faith that moves mountains!

This is the faith that says “God is worthy”!

This is the faith that says “even if”, I will still obey!

Daniel Ch 3, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Daniel 3:16-19 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, **our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace**, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. **But if not**, be it known to you, O king, **that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.**"

Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. **He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated.**

Daniel 3:22-25 Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "**Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?**" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." He answered and said, "**But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.**"

Immanuel" which means, God with us, what a privilege to know that Almighty God is with us!

Matthew 1:21-25 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he **will save his people from their sins.**" All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name **Immanuel" (which means, God with us).** When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Luke 7:44-50 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "**Do you see this woman?** I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven--**for she loved much.** But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "**Your sins are forgiven.**" Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "**Your faith has saved you; go in peace.**"

Matthew 9:20-22 And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "**Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.**" And instantly the woman was made well.

What type of faith did this woman have?

Look, this wasn't safe, popular, profitable, it was courageous!

What about Noah?

Abraham?

Joseph?

Moses?

Elisha?

Jeremiah?

The Apostle Paul?

What type of Faith did they have?

Credulous (gullible) Faith – is it Popular?

Cowardly Faith – is it safe?

Commercial Faith – is it profitable?

Courageous / Confident Faith – is it RIGHT?

What type of faith do you have and in what do we place our faith? Ourselves or in the finished work of Jesus Christ?

Of all the things in this life, you must answer one question ... who is Jesus Christ to you?

How you answer that question, will have Eternal ramifications, either in His presence or in torment!

Is He, your Lord and Savior?

Would you obey Him no matter the cost or consequences?

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.