

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest

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"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;"

Psalm 1:1 (NKJV)

The first psalm paints a picture of a godly person. In broad strokes, it speaks of the person's desire and their character, which develops as a result of their desire. However, I find it interesting that the first thing mentioned about this person is not that they are enamored with God but that they have rejected the world and its ways. So it has to be with us; to stand for Christ, we must reject the ways of this world.

And this rejection of the world's ways may, of necessity, be moment-by-moment in our lives. Sin is insidious; it creeps into our lives, when our desire first gets skewed then corrupted. It is also subtle; we will not recognize it as sin without spiritual discernment and therein lies the danger for those who are not vigilant. For the Christian, a slow, downward slide may occur if we are not careful. The path on which this occurs is outlined in the verse above and we need to be aware of the stages of this trail of descent.

This descent down the world's path begins with accepting worldly wisdom or counsel. Such advice/rhetoric can sound very reasonable and wise for, like its originator, on the surface it may be veiled in light (2 Cor 11:14). However, it is designed to entice you to look away from God and His Ways by appealing to fleshly motives and desires. Scripture tells us that the Lord's wisdom is pure, exhibiting the attributes of the Christ-life when put into action, while the World's wisdom is "earthly, sensual, demonic", and appeals to pride and base motives (James 3). Therefore, any counsel we receive either into our lives or on any issue must align with God's holy word. If it does not, we need to reject it, no matter how "right" it may appear. If we do not do this, we may progress down the path to approving and practicing worldly conduct/concepts, which may culminate in a life that has no thought of God unless He is brought to their attention. As a Christian, I can think of no worse place to be! And I do believe that we can be there!

However, we do not need to remain in such a state! Why? Because the Lord is gracious, merciful, and faithful! If we find ourselves in such a condition in any area of our lives, we can turn to Him for forgiveness and restoration (1 John 1:9)! He will position us to once again delight and meditate on His Word that we might once again stand for Christ! He will situate us to become:

". . . like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. "

Psalm 1:3 (NKJV)

Why will God do this? Because the battle for us was won at the cross where Jesus died! And in His faithfulness, He will never ever let us go!

All I can say is, *"Thank you Lord!" What's your response to His grace?*

A reminder:

Each of you have the God-given privilege to vote for those who will define the direction of our country. Many of you may have already exercised this right. If you have not, remember that **election day is Tuesday, November 3rd**. Sen. Ted Cruz is quoted as saying, ". . . If Christians will simply show up and vote **our values** we'll turn this country around" (7/21/2015). I want to clarify this because of things I have heard from others and seen on social media. We as Christians need to show up and vote God's values, which should be our values. Will it change the direction of our nation? Only the Lord knows, for this is truly a surface-level change; what is needed is the heart change in individuals that only Jesus can provide. What I do believe is that such an inclination toward His Will and Ways will make for a safer, more prosperous nation for future generations, including our children and grandchildren.

Cindy and I have been blessed to serve with local various missions this month. In addition, the Lord is continuing to provide opportunities to fill the pulpit in various churches. We will start ringing the bell for the Salvation Army earlier than normal this year, as they have additional need this year. As well, Mardi Gras 2021 is just around the corner; planning has begun. In all of this, we thank the Lord for His guidance and the privilege of serving Him however, wherever, and whenever we can!

We ask for your prayers for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace mentioned above. We also request your prayers for the following:

- Stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.
- Pray for the Lord's hand of blessing upon our nation in the upcoming elections that we would have leaders who will approach their tasks with reverence and awe of the Lord and the responsibility He has given them.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Pray for those in law enforcement who are dedicated to serving and protecting all who live in our society. May the Lord protect and bless the blue line standing between us and anarchy.
- Continue to pray for the health-care professionals as well as the personnel behind the scenes that are necessary for our health-care system to function.

We thank you for your prayers and support. If the Lord calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you in any evangelistic effort, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy Mohr

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

Take some time to review your priorities. Compromise can begin to creep in when our behavior doesn't reflect our priorities.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matt 6:33 (ESV)