

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me. . .I will give you rest

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“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”

John 4:23 (NKJV)

Jesus' response to the Samaritan woman's query regarding worship embodies truths we find spelled out in many of the epistles in the New Testament. Worship was not to be about rules (checks in boxes), feast days, new moon celebrations, etc. for these were shadows of things to come. Worship was to be premised on knowledge of the truth of God and the person's response to it. For these things, knowledge and response, are elemental in relationships. And the opportunity for us to be in relationship with God is why Jesus came for He came that we might be reconciled to God.

In any relationship, true knowledge of the other person shapes our response to them, affecting our relationship. If we find out something bad about the person, we become guarded in our relationship. When we find out good things, we tend to cultivate or “draw near” in the relationship. The more we find out about the person, the more comfortable we tend to be in our relationship.

So, what do we find when we seek the true knowledge of God? We find He is perfect! What does that mean for relationship with Him? It means all the “shaping” has to be on our side; the Lord is already everything we need! We come to know this as we study His Word to us, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit makes the mind of the Father known to us. And we come to know something else; even as the Lord desires to be with us, we were created to desire to know Him! And it is our response to this truth that is the heart of true worship. For worship without desire is a going through the motions with no true meaning; it is a shadow of the reality of what can be.

“I who speak to you am He.”(John 4:26) Jesus sat before the Samaritan woman and encouraged her to look beyond the shadows of worship she knew to the reality of worship: Himself. As we look to the Cross, Jesus encourages us to see beyond it to the hope we are offered: reconciliation with and restoration to the Most High God! And to see what “can be” as our response to Him is to allow Him to shape our lives.

Jesus came that we might be reconciled to God to “worship the Father in spirit and truth”. It is our prayer for you that you would desire this by desiring HIM above all else.

As I write this, we are still digging out from the winter storm that dropped almost a foot of snow in our driveway. One side of my driveway is clear thanks to a neighbor who came over with his snow blower. I am shoveling what I need to in order to allow Cindy's car to access the one lane of the driveway that is open. But it's taking a while. Snow must be heavier than it was when I was younger.

As the storm rolled in on Saturday (1/24), we were serving the Lord at the food distribution of the Williamson Baptist Association. I am grateful to the Lord that about twenty souls braved the weather to help us that day. Normally, we converse, pray, and share the Gospel with those who arrive in need of the food. Because of the weather, this was not possible. However, God's word went out to them in printed form; a Gospel tract was placed in each bag of food that was placed in the cars. Pray for the Lord to use His truth to impact those who received it.

Mardi Gras is early this year (2/12-2/17) and we are making the last of our preparations for this mission. Our team this year consists of thirty-one men. We will come together in New Orleans to proclaim the mercy and love of God inherent in the truth: the Gospel of Jesus. Many other groups will be there as well. I ask that you pray for all who will lift Jesus before the crowd(s); may the truth of the mercy and grace of God be presented without compromise, that many may hear and come to know the Lord.

Lord willing Cindy and I will be traveling on mission to Kenya in June. We have been in fellowship with a pastor and his wife there for a while. I preached in his church (via Zoom) and the Lord, through you, has provided for some of their needs. Pastor Zachariah has invited us to visit and, after prayer, we believe the time has come to serve our Lord "on the ground" with them. We will have six days on the ground and, based on the itinerary we have seen, they will be busy days. Please be in prayer for wisdom in our planning and a fruitful mission.

We request your prayers for the following:

- Pray the Lord's people will humble themselves that He would heal our land (2 Chron 7:14).
- Pray for the Lord's protection and blessing upon those in law enforcement and their families
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
 - May those who are lost be drawn to honor the Lord with their lives.
 - May they come to know they are the servants of God to protect and prosper this nation.
 - May they see the unrest in our nation as a call to govern with God's wisdom rather than an opportunity for party agendas.
- Be in prayer for all the saints. (Eph 6:18).
- Pray for the peace of Israel.
- We ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace.

Is there is anything we can pray for you? Please make it known.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are truly grateful you are a part of this ministry to the Lord. If you or your church believe we could be of service to you, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

You were created to worship the one true God. Let this be the cry of your heart...

“O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.”

Isaiah 25:1 (ESV)

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Mardi Gras

Praying for the Event: Feb. 12th - 17th 2026

Civil Authorities

- Pray God's blessing over the police and EMS services.
 - Pray for the safety of all civil servants.
 - Pray the Lord will prompt them to ask questions regarding our presence, that we might share Christ.
 - Pray for the medical gifting of the Paramedics and EMTs.
 - Pray that the police will act wisely in every situation.
- Pray that the Lord would convict the civic leaders of the evil that is inherent in Mardi Gras, that they might choose not to condone it regardless of economic gain.

The Crowd

- Pray for the safety of the people.
- Pray that the people will be receptive to the Lord's ministry to them through His ministers.
 - That the people will take a tract.
 - That the people will read the tract with understanding.
 - Pray for conviction and repentance through the Holy Spirit's ministry to them.

The One

- Pray that the Lord would protect the conversation from distractions.
- Pray that those on mission will speak as the Lord directs in the conversation.
- Pray that the Lord will overcome barriers to communication.
- Pray that the Gospel will be received with understanding when shared.
- Pray the Holy Spirit's conviction will lead to brokenness and bring them to repentance, resulting in salvation.

Those Who Go on Mission

- Pray for the wives of those who go that they will rest in the Lord's comfort and peace while the two God made one are separated.
- Pray God's protection over the family, both immediate and extended, and the households of those who go.
- Pray that we will submit to the Lord's conviction to remain a clean vessel.
- Pray that we will listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance at all times.
- Pray that we will respond in all situations with grace.
- Pray that we will be bold and compassionate in sharing the Gospel.
- Pray that we will be obedient to be a blessing in all situations.
- Pray that we will rest in the obedience of going.
- Pray for safety from the time we leave until we return home.
- Pray that we will be changed by the mission to the Glory of the Lord!

Pray that it is the Lord's Time for a Great Harvest in His Field called New Orleans!