

TIME OF REFLECTION

“Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

~C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), British Author & Theologian

“The serpent was craftier
Than any beast in the garden.
He made a beeline for the tree line
And found Eve and her husband,
And in less than fifty words,
He convinced perfectly satisfied people
They were starving to death.
And since that day
God’s damsel has known nothing but
Starving to death.”

~“The Damsel and the Villain” by Jimmy Needham

“*Why* should we make changes in our lives that honor and please God? We change because we love him above all else. And *how* do we make changes in our lives that honor and please God? We also have the power to change when we love him above all else. When his love displaces lesser loves, they lose their power to attract us and thus lack the power to control us. When his love surpasses all others, so also does his might. The ultimate purpose of the Christian disciplines is to fill our hearts with love for Christ so that all other loves are displaced and diminished in power.”

~*Unlimited Grace* by Bryan Chapell

Worship through the Word

SERMON – “How Then Shall We Live?” – *Mike O’Leary*

SERMON PASSAGE – *Hebrews 13:1-6 (ESV)*

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say,
“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”