## **For Our Information**

Betty Ragsdale's Mom is doing better following her recent hospitalization.

Joyce Venable has eye surgery scheduled next week.

Continue praying for Adene Gray, Gracie Simpson, Brenda Keisler, John & Betty Ragsdale, Jordan Wright and others of our number who are recovering and dealing with some ongoing health issues.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

## We Have Responsibility

### Gilbert Alexander

All things are of God (**2Corinthians 5:18**). He gave mankind the capability of responsibility, and has made us accountable to Him for what we do (**Romans 14:12**). We will be judged according to the deeds done on our bodies (**2Corinthians 5:10**; **Revelation 20:13**). "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God" (**Romans 8:14**). The only way that we can follow the Spirit and let Him lead us is through learning and obeying the gospel given through the Spirit. Jesus said, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love" (John 15:10). Again He said, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).



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# Impugning God's Holiness

## Kent Heaton

It seems easy for man to challenge the Holiness of God by calling upon His name as if He were a vending machine awaiting the fleeting coins of man's whims and desires. Athletes raise a hand to the heavens acknowledging a successful score as if the Creator made it possible for His divine power to permit lowly dust to achieve victory. Hollywood performers lift hands of thanksgiving to the Holy God of Heaven allowing them to have a job as actors on stages of man's fleshly desires. Celebrities of our day extol the virtues of friends



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"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Revelation 4:11

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who die to the arms of God in promise of Heaven. The Holiness of God is not a virtue to seek for but a character measured by man's rebellion to everything sacred in the personal nature of the Lord God Almighty.

Long ago Jehovah told His people, "Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the Lord. Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the Lord which hallow you" (Leviticus 22:31-32). Keeping the commandments of God is what allows man to approach Him and seek His blessings. People like to live any way they want and then plead the blessings of God to be upon them. That is profaning the name of the Holy God of Heaven.

God is not in the business of football, basketball, baseball and whatever sport we have to fill our desires. He has no part in the success of Hollywood performers degrading His Holy character. Not everyone goes to Heaven!! It is a surprise to man to know that *"Narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leads unto life, and few are they that find it"* (Matthew 7:14).

Impugning the character of God's holiness is described by the prophet Jeremiah in **Jeremiah 7:9-11**. *"Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods that ye have not known, and come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My Name, and say, 'We are delivered;' that ye may do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by My Name, become a den of robbers in your eyes?* 

### Store In My Heart John 17:20-21

I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You send Me.

As Jesus prays to the Father, He asks not only for the Apostles to be one, but also all those who believe in through the Him teaching the Apostles would deliver. We opportunity have today to put our trust in God because of what those men taught through the inspiration of the Spirit. If we follow those teachings we will all be one with Jesus, the Apostles, the Spirit, the Father, and all others who have submitted to that Word.

Behold, I, even I, have seen it, saith Jehovah." The philosophy of living like the devil and then believing God will be required to bestow His blessings upon man is the greatest lie perpetrated upon the hearts of mankind.

We cannot lift up God's name in school but everyone seems to lift His name up to their own glory. Jehovah God has become the great cheerleader in the sky that we thank for winning football games, basketball championships, movie contracts, mansions, cars, wealth, health and anything else that we want in life. God is our pet; our puppet; our pretentious giver of all we want. "As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go serve every one of you his idols, now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols" (Ezekiel 20:39).

We need to be reminded, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18). "I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the sojourner from his right, and fear not me, saith Jehovah of hosts" (Malachi 3:5).

(God is not a prize-giver. He is Creator and we are the creation. We must acknowledge His Holy Character in our conversation and our actions. He deserves our honor and worship as GOD. DLH)