



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM
 7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Ye Have Dwelt Long Enough in this Mount

As the book of Deuteronomy begins, the Israelites are in the land of Moab on “this side of Jordan.” Moses begins his discourse to a new generation of Israelites who had not seen how God delivered their forefathers. The discourse reminds them of God appearing to their forefathers in Horeb and telling them they had dwelt at the mountain long enough. Then, God gives the Israelites directions in which to travel (Deut. 1:7). God is a God who doesn’t want His people to be stagnant, but to be on the move and growing. As people of God today, we should not want to dwell at the “same mountain” all of our lives. There are certain “mountains” at which we have dwelled long enough.

1. *The mountain of ignorance:* When it comes to the word of God, Christians ought to be the most informed. Being able to establish a relationship with God, when at one point we were enemies of God, should cause us to want to know more and more about our Heavenly Father. Dwelling on the mountain of ignorance brings destruction to the people of God.

2. *The mountain of mediocrity:* When God works in the lives of His people, He always does it in an excellent manner. God did not just love, but He “so loved” the world. He did not just provide salvation, but He provided “so great a salvation.” As we imitate our Father in heaven, let us do everything for the Lord with an excellent spirit. As we work and worship for our God, mediocrity has not place among the blessed people of God.

3. *The mountain of selfishness:* God has blessed each of us beyond measure. As God blesses us, we should in turn, bless others. One of the best ways we can bless others is to freely tell people about the salvation that God provides for all. Many times, we keep all of those great spiritual blessings to ourselves without telling anyone else. In other aspects of our lives, when something good happens, we are ready to tell the world, yet when it comes to the greatest gift we have received, we refuse to share that with those who really need it. We should be willing to

share the light of the gospel with those who are in darkness.

Let’s not dwell at mountains of ignorance, mediocrity, and selfishness.

-K.A. Pugh

Once, on a turnpike, we passed a large sign at the side of the highway with flashing lights. The sign was flashing a message across it indicating that this was an urgent traffic message. In addition, the message directed people to turn to a specific radio station to hear the traffic report.

As we travel the roadway of life on our way to heaven, there are urgent messages that God has left for us on the way. Those messages are found in His word, the Bible. It is vitally important for us to turn in His word to read the messages that He has left for us about how to travel our spiritual journey.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. Ps 119:1-7 ESV

Consult God’s word daily for those urgent messages that will keep you on the proper pathway as you travel toward heaven above.

Have a great trip!

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