



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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His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Jesus said, “Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?” (Matt. 6:26)? Man was created a little lower than the angels, so it would only make sense that the answer to the question Jesus posed during the Sermon on the Mount is “Yes, we are better than the fowls of the air.” Since this is the case, what are some lessons we can learn from the birds?

First, we should not overburden ourselves concerning the necessities of life. The birds of the air do not plant seeds, they do not go into the field to reap their harvests or store them into barns. The birds know from whom their blessings flow. We must also know that the Father of lights will provide for us better than He provides for the birds of the air.

Second, we should understand we are more valuable to the Lord than those in the animal kingdom. We must remember the animals were made for man. Man was created to have dominion over the fish, fowls, and every living thing that moves on the earth (Gen. 1:28). Since He provides the necessities for the animals, our God will be sure we have the provisions we need for this life.

Third, our trust in the Lord must be genuine. If the Lord feeds them, He will certainly feed and care for us. As Jesus ends this section of the discourse, He reminds the listeners to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you (Matt. 6:33). The fowls of the air do not worry, nor do the lilies of the field. Yet, the creation which was created after the image of God will worry and be anxious about the necessities of life

which God has promised to provide. We must genuinely trust God.

Since God’s eye is on the sparrow, we should have faith and trust to know that His eye is on us even more intently because we were made after His image. Do not let the cares of this world keep us from focusing on the promises of God. His eye is on each of us in a caring and provisional way.

-K.A. Pugh

As I wrote yesterday’s TLM, I thought of a couple of men of the congregation. They work for IDOT. They are frequently out on the highways working. As we travel the highways and encounter construction, repair crews, and others working, we should slow down and be considerate. Put yourself in their place. Their job is dangerous and difficult, but they are doing it to help us on our way.

As we travel the highways of life, we encounter all sorts of people. As we deal with one another, there are many obstacles that occur in relationships. Many times we deal hastily and without thought to our fellow traveler. As you travel your spiritual highway, slow down. Be kind and considerate. Put yourself in their place and then consider how you should act toward them.

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

Treat others with respect today. Don’t let the obstacles in your relationships derail your journey to heaven.

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