

The Lord is the Maker of Them All

We might think this is so obvious, but consider the wisdom of Proverbs 22:2, especially for our day and age: “The rich and the poor have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all.” Every rich person needs to see the poor person is made by God, and every poor person needs to see the rich person is made by God. But make the application larger.

The black and the white have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The man and the woman have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The democrat and the republican have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The politician and the citizen have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The mask wearers and the non-mask wearers have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The old and the young have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all.

We would do well to see a little bubble over every person’s head that says, “The Lord made me, just like He made you.” ~David Sproule

But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said all these things to keep you from falling away. (John 15:26-16:1)

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Mountain Top Words For Us to Hear

With less than six months until His death, Jesus took Peter, James and John “up on a high mountain by themselves,” and there Jesus “was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him” (Matt. 17:1-3). They “spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem...Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud...” (Luke 9:31-35).

Can you imagine being there? Can you imagine seeing this sight? Can you imagine hearing a voice come out of a cloud? Would the voice have your attention? Would you hang on every syllable that was spoken? When the disciples heard the words spoken from the cloud, “they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid” (Matt. 17:6). Whatever the voice from heaven said was certainly for Jesus’ benefit, but even more, the few words that were spoken were chosen specifically for these three disciples on the mountain. What did God say?

God identified. The God of heaven said, “This is My beloved Son” (Matt. 19:5). There were six men on that mountain—two esteemed prophets and three apostles, plus Jesus. In reality, they were all “children of God,” however, only one was deity! The finger of heaven pointed to and elevated Jesus over these other men, as “God...manifested in the flesh” (1 Tim. 3:16). They all needed to hear that (including us)!

God invigorated. The God of heaven said, “...in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 19:5). Pleasure existed in the Godhead from eternity, and as God the Son carried out the will of the Godhead on this earth, this “confirmed” “the prophetic word” which had foretold of these events (**2 Pet. 1:16-19; Matt. 12:18**). They all needed to hear that (including us)!

God instructed. The God of heaven said, “Hear Him!” While the lawgiver (Moses) and the prophet (Elijah) stood on that mountain, there was one (the Son) who possessed preeminence over these servants! While the first two statements were spoken at His baptism (Matt. 3:17), these last two words were added here to exalt the Christ and to announce His supreme authority and to call all men to heed His words! They all needed to hear that (including us)!

These words would have been meaningful for Jesus to hear. These words would have been impressive for the apostles to hear. These words are imperative for us to hear.

~ David Sproule

Keep These Dates in Mind

Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.

Sandy Gray has volunteered to put out an informational email during the week to update the church of immediate prayer needs or information that needs to be disseminated before/in-between our scheduled meeting times. If you wish to be on this list, please contact her and give her your email information.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Avi Botts 4/3
Joe Wilson 4/10
Al & Pat Lindsay 4/12
Naomi McCown 4/15
LaVerne & Sammie Engelke 4/18
Leroy Pierce 4/22
Eunice Petross 4/25

James Lindholm 4/26
Jim Henry 4/28

Bible Studies**Adult Bible Classes**

Sunday a - Judges
Sunday p - Romans
Wed p - John

Youth Classes

Classroom Wing
Teen Class -
Teen Room

Ladies Class

Thursday 10:00 a

Ongoing Health issues: Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce Michael Stimson, Jim Preston



In Our Prayers

The baby Shower for **Naomi and Addison McCown** is on APRIL 24TH. (Not the 28th as previously stated.. I am terrible with dates and I apologize.) at the Church building at 1:00p. RSVP to Fran Henniger, so they know how many plan to attend. Naomi is registered at Amazon.

Ron Stephens is doing much better and might be here today.

On May 13th the building will be in use by homeschoolers who are testing. Please keep the day in mind if you are planning events at the church building.

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written. I believed, and so I spoke, we also believe and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (2Cor. 4:13-14)

Our Ministries**Mountain States Children's Home**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Reacting to When God Says No

"But the Lord was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So, the Lord said to me: 'Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter'" (Deuteronomy 3:26).

How do you react when you feel God is saying, "No" to a particular prayer request you have made to Him? Does your faith in Him waver or do you become angry when He appears to say, "No" to your request; or, do you trust in faith that God knows what is best for you even when His answer is "No"?

As Moses recounted to the Israelites their history since they left Egyptian bondage and the various wilderness wanderings of their forefathers, he reminded them of the incident which he had committed and would keep him from entering the Promised Land. Following the Israelites once again complaining of no water to drink, God told Moses to SPEAK to the rock and the rock would bring forth water (Numbers 20:1-8). Instead, in his anger towards God's people, Moses STRUCK the rock and, instead of glorifying God, he and his brother Aaron directed glory to themselves by saying to the people, "Hear now, you rebels! Must WE (emp. mine, JDM) bring water for you out of this rock?" (Numbers 20:10) God's judgment on Moses for failing to give God the glory in this matter was that Moses would not be allowed to lead God's people to the Promised Land (Numbers 20:12).

God forgave Moses of this sin. God still loved Moses and appreciated his service to Him. However, Moses would still have to bear the consequences of his sin by not be allowed to lead God's people into the Promised Land. Moses had difficulty accepting God's answer regarding the consequences of his sin. Moses says he pleaded with God saying, "I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon" (Deuteronomy 3:25). In His response to Moses, God says, "Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter" (Deuteronomy 3:26).

Sometimes God says "No" in answer to our prayer request. For example, He told Paul that he would not remove the thorn in his flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7-8). In His response to Paul the Lord said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My Strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). God even told his own Son Jesus, "No" in answer to Jesus' request that the cup of suffering might pass from Him and that He would not have to experience the suffering of the cross (Matthew 26:36-46). God knew there was no way to save the world from sin without the death of His only Son to satisfy the justice of God (John 3:16).

Do you have difficulty in accepting when God apparently says, "No" to your prayer request? At times, I do. But I have to remember that God has His own reasons for saying, "No" to my prayer request. He may say "No" because what I am praying for may not be what is best for me. He may say, "No" to give me an opportunity to rely more on His grace and His strength. He may say, "No" to give me an opportunity to glorify Him by my life as a go through a particular trial.

I can either fight God when He says "No" to me, or I can embrace God's answer of "No" to my prayer request by accepting and trusting that God's reasons for saying "No" to me are far above my ability to comprehend. Part of living the life of faith in God is learning to accept His answer of "No". I rejoice that God hears and answers my prayers even when His answer to my particular request is "No". Today, I will strive to learn to accept when God says "No" to me. I am thankful that I serve a God who understands me and what I need so much more than even I do! ~Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ