

Will We Never Learn Humility?

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they were saying; he “gave not God the glory.” So immediately “an angel of the Lord smote him,” and “he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost” Acts 12:20-23). Truly, “pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).

Today we have a religious philosophy that declares that the only god existing is a god of man’s imagination and invention, that man is not a creature of divine creation, but the loftiest and mightiest result of blind chance. Thus God is “reasoned” out of existence, and man is elevated to the position of the greatest living thing. Humanism is human pride gone to seed. The philosophy of evolution does the same thing. Both are forms of atheism. Any philosophy that dethrones God, enthrones man and inflates him with pride. Today a mere man plays the role of God in movies written and directed by mere men. They came up with a “God” of man’s making because they do not really believe that man is of God’s making. That is neither respect for God nor humility before God. About twenty-five years ago a “highly refined computer program developed in a federally-funded Harvard University ‘think tank’” came out under the description “Regional Simulation and Control Model.” It was supposed to be “the salvation for city planners” in growing cities and areas. It was foolishly and ridiculously labelled, “the God Machine,” but it proved to be as fallible as man himself. What arrogance! Will we never learn humility as nations, as rulers, as individuals?

Are You Faithful?

by Wayne Goff

1 Corinthians 4:2 — “Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

“**Faithful**” is defined as “reliable, trustworthy, stable.” It is also described as “true, trustworthy, yielding confidence” in that one. Dear Christian, does that describe your service to the Lord? **Are you faithful?**

On the judgment day, God will bless the “good and faithful servant” (Matt. 25:21, 23). He will condemn the opposite of that — the “wicked and lazy servant” (Matt. 25:26).

God gives a little responsibility to each of us to see how we will handle it. When we act wisely, then He blesses us with more (Luke 16:10). The things of this world are temporary and fleeting and can be viewed as earthly riches. If we have been faithful in this life, then God will reward us with “true riches” (Luke 16:11).

If excuses are your lot in life — “I’m too tired!” or “I can’t (won’t)...” or “I’m too busy,” etc. — realize that these are not acceptable to the Lord in our service to Him. Change your thoughts and ways now.

As soon as Lydia obeyed the gospel, she invited Paul and his company into her home with these words: “If you have judged me to be **faithful** to the Lord, come to my house and stay” (Acts 16:15). Paul obliged her, thus showing that he believed her to be faithful to the Lord indeed.

Timothy was a beloved and faithful son in the Lord (1 Cor. 4:17), so youth is not a hindrance to faithfulness! Young people, get up and get busy.

Finally, consider that the etymology of “faithful” is “full of faith.” Faith comes by hearing God’s Word, so when it lodges in a good and honest heart, then faithfulness results. Can God count on you?

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