

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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Let God's Word Be Magnified

-Renn Ferguson

I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name For Your loving-kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name." Psalm 138:2, NKJV

Have you ever wished that God would come down and speak to you? Have you ever wished that maybe He would do something in your life that would beyond any doubt point you in the direction you needed to go? If you have, you are not alone. Many people, if not most of those who desire to follow God, have felt this way at some point in their life. David, the author of the Psalm quoted above, had many direct interactions with God. Yet, he says that God's word is magnified even above His name. What does that mean?

The term name here would refer to all the ways that God has chosen to reveal Himself to man. Take for example, the creation. According to Paul, the creation is evidence of a creator (Romans 1:20). The creation is one way God has chosen to reveal Himself to man. So what David is saying here is that God's word is a better revelation of Him than any other mode by which God has shown himself. Why would that be the case?

Let's look at the example of creation again. Romans 1:20 says, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" Again, this universe makes it clear that there is a God. Anywhere there is intricate design we can rest assured there is a designer. But, what does the creation tell us about the nature of God, His character, sin, morality, faith, righteousness, or faithfulness? Not much. It is through God's word that He has shown us those things. The scriptures, breathed out by God are what make us complete to be, do, and live as God desires (2 Timothy 3:16-17). He, by His great mercy and grace not only revealed that word to various men throughout the ages but has by His providence preserved it for us. We can study it, meditate on it, discuss it and learn from it far more than anything else.

Praise be to God for giving us His divine revelation!

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July 13, 12:30 PM
L2L Lads & Parents
Meeting Luncheon



(lads2leaders.com)

July 16, 6:00 PM
Bible Games &
Pizza



For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

Mercy Not Sacrifice

- Obedience Not Sacrifice- 1 Samuel 15:1-35
- Mercy Not Ritual- Hosea 6:6,7-11, Numbers 35:9-12, Matthew 23:23, 25:31-46
- Mercy Not Self-Righteousness- Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 19:10, 1 Corinthians 5:9-10, Acts 17:30-31
- Mercy Not Legalism- Matthew 12:1-8, Luke 14:1-6, Acts 15:1-2, Romans 14:1,4

NOTES:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 839 When All of God's Singers Get Home

Song: 829 Mansion over the Hilltop

Prayer

Song: 9 A Wonderful Savior (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 71 Blessed Assurance

Song: 200 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song: 523 Our God, He Is Alive (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: Hosea 6:6-11

Sermon

Song: 50 Are You Washed in the Blood? (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 842 A Common Love

Prayer

Hosea 6:6-11

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DEALT
ROBBERS
EPHRAIM
HORRIBLE
COVENANT
JUDAH
MURDER
BURNT
DESIRE
SACRIFICE
TRANSGRESSED
TREACHEROUSLY
PEOPLE
EVILDOERS
PRIESTS
GOD
DEFILIED
LEWDNESS
MERCY
ISRAEL
COMMIT
HARVEST
BLOOD
GILEAD

- ⁶ For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,
And the knowledge of God more
than burnt offerings.
- ⁷ " But like men they transgressed the
covenant; There they dealt treacher-
ously with Me.
- ⁸ Gilead is a city of evildoers And defiled
with blood.
- ⁹ As bands of robbers lie in wait for a
man, So the company of priests mur-
der on the way to Shechem; Surely
they commit lewdness.
- ¹⁰ I have seen a horrible thing in the
house of Israel: There is the harlotry
of Ephraim; Israel is defiled.
- ¹¹ Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed
for you, When I return the captives of
My people.

Why Worship?

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship
the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship
Him. John 4:23*