



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

August 28, 2016

Devotional:----- Loren Yoder
 Message:----- Ervin Yoder
 Offering:----- School
 SS Lesson:----- Revelation 4

Adult and Youth Verse: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelation 4:11

Intermediate Verse: And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14

Junior Verse: I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Revelation 1:8

Primary Verse: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

Preschool Verse: "Our help is in the name of the Lord" Psalm 124:8

SS Lesson for next week: Revelation 5

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Revelation 5:12

CHILDREN'S CORNER

-Does the Moon Really "Give Light"? -by David Wright

God said of the sun and moon, "Let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth" (Genesis 1:15).

This passage raises a question. Why does God say the moon gives light when it only reflects light?

Since the Bible is God's Word and is inerrant, this cannot be an error. So we must take into account the Author and His intent. The statement "to give light on the earth" does not in any way contradict what we observe about the sun and moon. The sun "gives" light on the earth by burning gas and emitting high-energy photons of light, whereas the moon "gives" light on the earth by reflecting the photons of light. The sun and moon both "give" light, just by different means.

By analogy, when I was a young child I wanted to give my dad a letter opener for his birthday. Unfortunately, being a young child and jobless, I didn't have any money to buy one. So my mom bought the letter opener for me and also bought him a present she wanted to give. On my dad's birthday, I gave him the letter opener, while she also gave him another present. Now, did I really give the present even though I didn't buy it? Of course. Even though I did not buy the gift, I was still the one who gave it to my father.

And even though the light does not originate from the moon, the moon still gives light on the earth. <https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/moon/does-the-moon-really-give-light/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (NRU) 5:00 PM. To go: Jason, Everett & Sheldon- devotions
- School devotions this week by: Henry Nissley

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Sept. 1, Happy Birthday! Everett Yoder, 1968

The Fern and the Bamboo

Posted by The MEGA Coach

One day the man decided to quit...

He quit his job, his relationship, his spirituality... "I wanted to quit my life." He went to the woods to have one last talk with God.

"God", he said, "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?"

His answer surprised him... "Look around", God said, "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?"

"Yes", he replied.

When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. In the second year the Fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo," God said.

"In the third year, there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. In the fourth year, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed. I would not quit," God said.

"Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant. But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had

spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle." God said to man, "Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots? I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you. Don't compare yourself to others." God said, "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet, they both make the forest beautiful."

"Your time will come," God said to him. "You will rise high!"

"How high should I rise?" he asked.

"How high will the bamboo rise?" God asked in return.

"As high as it can?" he questioned.

"Yes," God said, "Give me glory by rising as high as you can."

The man left the forest and brought this story.

A happy and meaningful life requires your continuous input and creativity. It does not happen by chance. It happens because of your choices and actions. Each day you are given new opportunities to choose and act and, in doing so, you create your own unique journey." Keep going!

<http://www.beliefnet.com/columnists/havea/magnificentday/2013/01/the-fern-and-the-bamboo-3.html>