



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

April 16, 2017

Devotional:----- Michael Yoder

Message:----- Ralph Yoder

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- John 19:1-22

Adult and Youth Verse: Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. John 19:11

Intermediate Verse: There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Junior Verse: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6

Primary Verse: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9,10

Preschool Verse: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Matthew 6:9

SS Lesson for next week: John 19:23-42

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. John 19:30

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ok, everyone ready to take a look at Mars? 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 Ignition! Blast off!

Mars is rocky and covered with craters and mountains. It also has valleys bigger than the Grand Canyon! The air around Mars is mostly carbon dioxide which you couldn't breathe. And since breathing is a must for humans, Mars would not be a good place to live.

Wow! That's interesting! Next week we'll take a look at an interesting planet that might blow you away! Any guesses where that is? Here's one hint: It has the Great Red Spot. Check back next week for the answer, if you do figure it out... try not to blow away!

Resources: Answers Magazine, Kids Answers

Commentary: Jennifer Yoder

Announcements:

- This Evening: Easter themed song service at church at 7:00
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM. To go: Chad, Steve & James - Devotions
- School devotions this week by: Nathan Yoder
- Out of state correspondence this week by Justin Millers
- Church Social Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

April 19, Happy Birthday! Elmina Yoder. 1967

April 22, Happy Birthday! Heavenly King, 1997

The Lost Legacy of Blessing

"Bless you" and "God bless you" are expressions we often hear and even use. What is really being said when we say these words? Let's look at the Hebrew definition of the words Bless or to Bless.

In Hebrew the word is Baruch (Bah-Ruch). Baruch in Hebrew, like most Hebrew words carries a rich image or picture that is experienced through the five senses. This helps us to understand the full meaning of a word by experience as well as a definition.

In order to interpret this word correctly we must find its original concrete meaning. In Genesis 24:11 we read, And he made the camels 'kneel down' outside the city. The phrase "kneel down" in Hebrew is the verb ברכך (Bra-chah), the very same word translated as "bless." So the image here is that of kneeling down, or to make lower than the other. The meaning is then extended to mean "to do or give something of value to another person." Biblically this carries profound humility! In

essence, when we bless a brother or sister we are making ourselves lower than, in other words, humbling ourselves in order to lift up another! Esteeming another higher than myself! Do nothing for selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

How then can it be that frail humanity can be blessed by God? In the priestly blessing of Aaron, (Numbers 6:24-26) we see that God wants to Bless and keep us. The imagery here again is amazing and intimate! It is that of God humbling himself or lowering Himself to us! Going to His knees for us, making us valuable and giving us of Himself! How profoundly enriching to ponder what we are really saying and doing when we truly bless one another. So let's remember to take every opportunity possible to bless each other, to add value to each ones life and to give of ourselves!

Blessings,
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Thou glorious Son of Righteousness, On this day risen to set no more, Shine on us now to heal and bless, with brighter beams than e'er before. Shine on thy work of grace within, On each celestial blossom there; Destroy each bitter root of sin, and make thy garden fresh and fair. Shine on Thy pure eternal Word, it's mysteries to our souls reveal; and whether read, remembered, heard, O let it quicken, strengthen, heal. Shine till Thy glorious beams shall chase, the brooding cloud from every eye; till every earthly dwelling place, shall hail the Day-spring from on high. Shine on, Shine on, eternal Son! Pour richer floods of life and light, till that bright Sabbath be begun, that glorious day which knows no night.

-Charlotte Elliot