

Morning Sermon January 10, 2021
"Christ Honoring Creativity" – Psalm 150:6

**⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!
Psalm 150:6 (NKJV)**

I. *Let our foundation be the law and the prophets,
God's Word, and Jesus Christ –*

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

1. *The preaching and teaching of Scripture, regular observance of the Lord's Supper, prayer, and the singing of God glorifying hymns should be the foundation of Sunday worship –*

3 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: see also Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 (NKJV)

²⁰ hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.' Ezekiel 20:20 (NKJV)

I believe our Lord's Day in the New Testament is not exactly the same as the Old Testament –

A. *It does not have all the same rules connected to it!*

B. *However, it is a day set aside for God, it has a purpose, fulfilling that purpose includes:*

- *Sunday Morning Worship*
- *What else? For some Sunday Evening Worship ...*
- *Leisure? Are you using your leisure for God's purposes and glory?*
- *Family worship and prayer*

2. *Keeping, not breaking God's commands is not just for Sunday, it is the essence of love and Christian Living –*

⁸ Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any

other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8–10 (NKJV)

A. *Last week I mentioned, in relation to the fact that Christian love can be creative, baking cookies for a neighbor might be a creative expression of Christian Love ...*

B. *Yet, if a church going woman did bake cookies and take them to her neighbors but broke God's law but by sleeping with her neighbor's husband, the breaking of God's law kills any benefit from the creativity –*

⁹ You shall not commit adultery, ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:9–10 (NKJV)

C. *This is why Jesus calls us to follow Him, in relation to evangelism –*

¹⁹ Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)

- *This should be a comfort to the shy evangelist, following is first, fishing follows, fishers of men is what Jesus makes us, we don't have to be what we are NOT –*
- *Marie the custodian, crying and specific words which I don't remember, but an obedient life ...*

D. *This is where the Pharisees messed up big time, their obedience was not real, it was not from the heart –*

¹⁵ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. Matthew 23:15 (NKJV)

Note what Jesus says about the Pharisees –

- *They were hard-working evangelists, even missionaries, travelling land and sea –*
- *Yet, because they were not right, especially at heart –*

²⁷ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matthew 23:27–28 (NKJV)

They were teaching others to be wrong in the same ways they were WRONG! Truly glorifying God means even our heart and thought life need to be right!

3. *Sin stinks, even so-called "little ones" –*
10 Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, And cause it to give off a foul odor; So does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor. Ecclesiastes 10:1 (NKJV)

The more beautiful the dress, the more obvious the stain! The darker the night, the brighter the light –

¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, Philippians 2:14–15 (NKJV)

II. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD –
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1. *Praise the LORD is repeated in this last verse of the Psalms for EMPHASIS, because it is the joyous duty of our entire life –*
³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)

2. *It is the start of this Psalm - :1*
¹ Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:1 A (NKJV)

3. *It is a church, worship service, gathering thing -*
Praise God in His sanctuary; Psalm 150:1 B (NKJV)

4. *It is an open air, everywhere, Heavenly, Angel thing -*
Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Psalm 150:1 B

5. *In fact, every verse in this Psalm is about Praising God, and that, in a variety of ways –*
A. *For what He has done -*

² Praise Him for His mighty acts; It is praising Him for His great acts, works, our creation, salvation, miracles ...

B. *It is for Who and What He is -*
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! It is praising Him for His greatness, His attributes: His eternal being, His Holiness, His love, wisdom and goodness ... Psalm 150:2

C. *It is with music -*
³ Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! ⁴ Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! ⁵ Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! It is about praising Him musically, with a variety of instruments, and with dance - Psalm 150:3–5 (NKJV)

6. *Sanctified imagination fits with everything that has breath*
praise the LORD.

A. *John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress – quite imaginative, but thoroughly BIBLICAL! C. H. Spurgeon said of Bunyan – "he had Bibline blood!"*

B. *Creativity, in glorifying God is likely in your unique area of giftedness, David's was music, the harp, writing songs, Psalms! If you have a skill you should probably PRACTICE, but if you want to glorify God PRACTICE godliness MORE –*

⁷ But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. ⁸ For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 1 Timothy 4:7–8 (NKJV)

¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11 (NKJV)

C. *It is likely with things you enjoy – I have seen: Born Again Bikers; Christian Running Clubs; God glorifying music goes back to Moses – Exodus 15 & Psalm 90; many glorify God with food, with Good Cooking!*

If God is in it with you, it will be beautiful –

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

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