

Sermon In A Nutshell "Unusual Guest", April 10, 2020

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." Hebrews 13:2 NKJV

There was once a lady in my church who came to me on occasions with weird requests. She was a retired school teacher who had been widowed for a number of years. One of her requests to me was, "Pastor, pray for me to have wisdom not just knowledge." I have since learned the difference between the two. Knowledge comes from study and experience while wisdom comes from GOD.

The Bible admonishes us to entertain strangers. Jesus rarely comes where we expect HIM. HE appears where we least expect HIM. The challenge is to learn how to recognize HIS presence. Sometimes HE uses angels. Now that this little old lady has gone to heaven, looking back over our many visits, I now believe she was a messenger of GOD to me, and I was unaware.

Her many visits have caused me to look for the LORD'S presence in every situation and every person. This child like wonder gives a sense of expectation. As Oswald Chambers said, "We must quit using religion as some kind of lofty lifestyle and be spiritually real."

There is a danger in looking for the presence of the LORD. You will be thought to be strange, illogical and a little weird. I challenge you to ignore the religious and look for HIM.

Hebrews 12 admonishes us to "look unto JESUS the author and finisher of our faith.." "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto JESUS. Remember the promise of Hebrews 13:5 "...be content with such things as you have for HE HIMSELF has said "I will never leave you or forsake you ".

Trust no one who blocks your sight of JESUS.

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for never being a stranger to me. I, too, pray for knowledge and wisdom that can come from only YOU. Help me to recognize the angels that YOU send to guide me. As I look for YOUR presence, I pray for YOUR will to be done. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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