

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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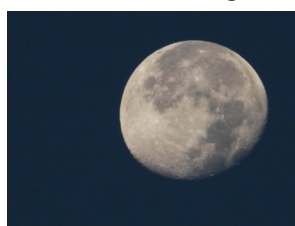
For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

November 3, 2024

Plato's Cave Allegory

- Bob Prichard

Greek philosopher and teacher Plato used his real life teacher Socrates to share his philosophical views. In *The Republic*, he records a scene of Socrates describing a cave where a group of men are tied down so that all they can see are the shadows reflected on the wall as objects are held up before a fire behind them. They see the shadow of a book, and think they see the real thing. When a man escapes from the cave, he is at first blinded by the bright sunlight, but soon realizes he is seeing the real thing for the first time. When he tries to tell the others, they reject him and hold to their own shadow reality.



Paul encouraged the Colossians against the Judaizing teachers, telling them that as Christ gave his life for us, he was “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, nailing it to his cross” (Colossians 2:14). Since they were no longer under the Law of Moses, Paul said, “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ” (Colossians 2:16-17).

The Jews thought that their holy days, new moons and Sabbath days were the real thing—but they were in fact only shadows of the greater reality of the New Covenant and the heavenly kingdom. “For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers there unto perfect” (Hebrews 10:1). How privileged we are to live under the new covenant of Christ, and to look forward to being in the heavenly kingdom! We have not the shadow, but the real thing.

-Bob Prichard serves as an elder and evangelist for the Hillview Church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama, since 2016. Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com

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The Gospel
Is for All

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Why Are you Here?

Intro:

We are here to worship God.
To do so, we must cultivate reverential atmosphere.

Body:

- I. Our purpose is to worship God — Ps. 29:2; Ps. 95:6.
 - A. Worship is an act of homage or reverence.
 - B. God is worthy of worship — Eph. 3:20-21; Rev. 4:11.
 - C. But it is not because we have to!
 - D. Our purpose is to worship Him in songs, prayers, communion, giving, and edification.
 - E. We must teach our children and others of that purpose.
- II. We must cultivate and maintain a reverential atmosphere.
 - A. God is in our presence.
 1. He is omnipresent — Prov. 15:3.
 2. Yet, we can be in His presence in a special sense — Matt. 18:20.
 - B. Therefore, I should cultivate and maintain a reverential, respectful attitude — Hab. 2:20; Ps. 33:8-9.
 1. Consider: Gen. 18:27; Lk 18:9-14; Lk 17:15-16; Matt. 17:5-6; Rev. 1:17.
 2. How do we do that? Put our heart into it!
 - a. Not as the Pharisees — Matt. 15:8.

Conc:

God is worthy of our worship.
Are we worthy of Him as our God?

Psalms 95:6

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MAKER
THE
BOW
LORD
COME
DOWN
AND
BEFORE
KNEEL
LET
WORSHIP
OUR

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 884 Teach Me Lord To Wait
Song: 129 Each Step I Take

Prayer

Song: 880 O How He Loves You and Me

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 727 We Shall See the King
Some Day (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 829 Mansion over the Hilltop

Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:6

Sermon

Song: 53 At Calvary (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 756 When We All Get to Heaven (Vs. 3)

Prayer

Psalm 95:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

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