

COMMUNION 11-8-20

As we are going through the Bible in the Old Testament, we read of the Levitical Priesthood and the sacrificial system. The warning so often given in the Old Testament of being careful to do everything the Lord commanded them lest they die.

All these ordinances pointed to Christ and His death on the cross for our sins. We need to be very careful we reverence Him like we should.

The Children of Israel did not take heed to do everything the Lord told them to do and look what happened to them. We read about their attitude in the book of Malachi where we read:

Malachi 1:10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

Malachi 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 1:12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

Malachi 1:13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

Malachi 1:14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

Here we read that the ministers of God were finding what God commanded them to do weariness.

Now as we are now partakers of the New Covenant, and tonight we are going to be performing the sign of that covenant, I am fearful we fall into the same sin. Just how many unique ways can we celebrate the Lord's table? The Lord said, take bread and break it as a sign of the New Testament, a picture of the New Covenant. We need to be careful we do not take this ordinance lightly. I am fearful lest we say, oh what weariness it is. We need to be careful we do not take it lightly.

The Jews got tired of the offerings because of the repetition of offering the same offerings time and time again. We need to be careful we don't get weary of the Lord's table and think it not special and forget what this ordinance represents.

I Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

I Corinthians 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

I Corinthians 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

I Corinthians 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

I Corinthians 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

I Corinthians 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

I Corinthians 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

As we read through the old testament we read the admonition of the Lord:

When giving the ordinances to the Levites, the Lord said time and time again be careful lest ye die. Do this or that, that you die not.

Leviticus 10:6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

Leviticus 10:7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

Leviticus 10:9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

Numbers 18:32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

Numbers 4:19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden:

Numbers 4:20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

Numbers 17:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

Now we read: That because the church was irreverent about the Lord's table, God warned them about being judged even with death!

I think I would be more fearful of violating this than worrying about Covid.

I would be more afraid of not partaking of the Lord's table properly than being exposed to Covid.

I Corinthians 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Christ is called our Passover. This Lord's table is the New Testament Passover memorial service.

I Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: