

The Lord Is Great

In Psalm 111:2 we read: “The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.” The psalmist praises the “works” of the Lord in Psalm 111. The Lord’s works are great (v. 2), honorable and majestic (v. 3), wonderful (v. 4), powerful (v. 6), and true and right (v. 7). What are some of the great works of the Lord?

First, his creation is great. The Lord’s work of creation shows the greatness of his design (Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:20).

Second, his word is great. The Lord’s work of revealing his word shows the greatness of his power (Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Corinthians 4:6).

Third, his salvation is great. The Lord’s work of saving mankind shows the greatness of his love (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10).

Fourth, his church is great. The Lord’s work of establishing a church (a people) shows the greatness of his sacrifice (Acts 20:28).

Fifth, his promise is great. The Lord’s work of preparing heaven shows the greatness of his reward (John 14:1-3).

Yes, the works of the Lord are great! “Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1). Let us never ignore the greatness of the Lord’s works, but respond in obedience to him. - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- The Lord’s church needs more standbys and less bystanders.
- Prejudice is forming an opinion of someone without bothering to get the facts.
- Following the path of least resistance makes rivers and people crooked.
- The Lord’s church is the pillar of the truth, not the pillow of the truth.
- Try to refrain from speaking until you know what you are talking about.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

The Shortest Road to Hell

*“Cursed be he that does the work of Jehovah negligently; and cursed be he that keeps back his sword from blood”
- Jeremiah 48:10 -*

*“how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard”
- Hebrews 2:3 -*

Jesus said that there is a broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). There is a road that leads to hell and many are travelling down this road in their life. I want to consider the shortest road to hell. What is one of the quickest and easiest ways to end up in hell? I believe the shortest road to hell is neglect. Simply neglecting to take care of one's soul and spiritual relationship with God will land one in hell very quickly.

The author of Hebrews encourages his readers not to fall away from Jesus Christ (3:12; 4:11; 12:25). One argument that the author makes throughout the book is that Jesus is “better” than (superior to) all others. In Chapter 1, Jesus is shown to be “better” than the angels (1:4). “Therefore” (2:1), the readers are encouraged not to neglect the great salvation spoken

by Jesus (2:1-4). What is the shortest road to hell? Neglect! The author of Hebrews speaks of the “great salvation”. Will we take heed to it, drift from it, escape it, or will we neglect it?

Why is negligence so common today? Negligence is common today because it is easy to do. It is easy to neglect what is important. It doesn't take much time or effort to neglect something. Negligence shows up in lazy people who don't want to work for a living (Proverbs 10:4; 24:30-31). Negligence shows up in careless people who end up hurting themselves and others (Exodus 21:33-36; 22:6; Deuteronomy 22:8). Negligence shows up in the failure to raise of children properly (1 Samuel 3:13; 2 Timothy 3:3). Negligence shows up in God's people who are doing their own thing but failing to do the Lord's work (2 Chronicles 29:11; Jeremiah 48:10; Haggai 1:4). Negligence shows up in the misplaced priorities of God's people who choose lesser matters over more important matters (Matthew 23:23). Negligence shows up in failing to secure one's own salvation (Lk. 12:20-21; 16:30-31).

Jesus taught about negligence in some of his parables. For example, those invited to the marriage feast neglected the invitation (Matthew 22:5; “made light of it” = Greek *ameleo* = to be careless, not to

care) and the garment (22:12). The five foolish virgins neglected to prepare their oil and so were not ready for the marriage feast (Matthew 25:1-13). The slothful servant neglected his talent (Matthew 25:25) and the wicked neglected the needy (Matthew 25:41-46).

Why do so many people neglect what is important in life? Many neglect their salvation because they underestimate its worth. They have no regard for their soul. They have no concern for the future judgment day. They have a strong love for the world, or they believe they have plenty of time to make a change.

Some neglect to secure their salvation through obedience to the gospel (Acts 24:25). Some neglect to strengthen their salvation through Bible reading and worship (Acts 20:32; Hebrews 10:25). Some neglect to support their salvation through standing for truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Some neglect to use their salvation through personal growth (1 Timothy 4:14). Some neglect to show their salvation through service to others (Hebrews 13:2,16). Some neglect to share their salvation through teaching the gospel (Matthew 28:19; Mk. 16:15). Friend, are you travelling the shortest road to hell? - *Chris Reeves*