



### **Serve God with Your Thirst**

*So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. (2 Corinthians 5:9)*

What if you discovered (like the Pharisees did) that you had devoted your whole life to trying to please God, but all the while had been doing things that in God's sight were abominations (Luke 16:14–15)?

Someone may question this and say, "I don't think that's possible; God wouldn't reject a person who has been trying to please him." But do you see what this questioner has done? He has based his conviction about what would please God on his idea of what God is like. That is precisely why we must begin with the character of God revealed in Scripture.

God is a mountain spring, not a watering trough. A mountain spring is self-replenishing. It constantly overflows and supplies others. But a watering trough needs to be filled with a pump or bucket. So, the great question is: How do you serve a spring? And: How do you serve a watering trough? How do you glorify God the way he really is?

If you want to glorify the worth of a watering trough, you work hard to keep it full and useful. But if you want to glorify the worth of a spring, you do it by getting down on your hands and knees and drinking to your heart's satisfaction, until you have the refreshment and strength to go back down in the valley and tell the people what you've found.

My hope as a desperate sinner hangs on this biblical truth: that God is the kind of God who will be pleased with the one thing I have to offer: my thirst. That's why the sovereign freedom and self-sufficiency of God are so precious to me: they are the foundation of my hope that God is delighted not by the resourcefulness of bucket brigades, but by the bending down of broken sinners to drink at the fountain of grace.

By all means we should seek to please God, now and forever. But woe to us if our whole life proves to be based on a false view of what pleases God. The Lord is pleased not by those who treat him as a needy watering trough, but as an inexhaustible, all-satisfying spring. As Psalms 147:11 says, "The Lord takes pleasure . . . in those who hope in his steadfast love." (JP).

**Theology 101 – From the Mind to the Heart:** Our next Theology 101 class will be Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m...

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Tonight, at 6:30 pm, we will be continuing our study on *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*.

**Sunday's Service:** Walking in the Newness of Life (Romans 6:1-4) <https://youtu.be/h6k8igvQprl>

**This Sunday's Message:** Walking in the Newness of Life Part Two (Romans 6:4-14)

**Great Quote:** "God magnifies his greatness by making himself the supreme treasure of our hearts, even at great cost to himself (Rom 8:32), and so serving us in the very act of exalting his glory." (John Piper)

**Prayer Needs:**



- Please pray for Dani. She has had 12 seizures in the last 24 hours. Her shunt has come out and will need surgery. She is 9 years old.
- Please pray for the family and church of John MacArthur, who went home to be with the Lord on Monday.
- Please pray for brother Jeff. He will be having surgery to remove a mass in his abdomen.
- Please continue to pray for Dan Hicks and his daughter – both are fighting cancer.
- Please continue to pray for David. He is 12 years old and just had a heart transplant and is still in ICU.
- Please continue to pray for Debbie. She is new to the church and desires to get closer to God and find peace in her heart and life.
- Please continue to pray for Mary. She is undergoing treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. Please pray for healing and for more good days than bad ones.
- Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or [yea4god@gmail.com](mailto:yea4god@gmail.com)

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Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

**Service Time:** 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory!

Pastor Mike

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Mike Yeamans

Proverbs 3:5-6

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