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Exodus Ch34 V14 "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:"

Our Duty of Worship!

"The first four of the ten commandments, which concern our duty to God (commonly called the first table). It was fit that those should be put first, because man had a Maker to love before he had a neighbour to love; and justice and charity are acceptable acts of obedience to God only when they flow from the principles of piety. It cannot be expected that he should be true to his brother who is false to his God. Now our duty to God is, in one word, to worship him, that is, to give to him the glory due to his name, the inward worship of our affections, the outward worship of solemn address and attendance." Matthew Henry Whole Bible Commentary

Throughout this Good News Club year hundreds of children, while being taught through the life of Moses, are also learning the Ten Commandments. This helps us highlight to the children the holiness of God, the seriousness of sin and how far short of God's standards they actually fall. When the enormity of the sin problem is understood then the appropriation of the cross work of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the fulfilment of the law for the propitiation of our sins starts to make sense and the scriptures become living. Pray that as the children think about what they have heard the Holy Spirit would use the law as a school master to bring them to Christ.

Many young people ask challenging questions not only for them but for us; let me share with you a recent example. After the Good News Club Camp reunion, in November, Stephen said that he was learning the Ten Commandments at club and he had gone home to look up the Bible to read the verses himself. It's wonderful that there are Good News Club children who are like the Bereans and they check the scriptures themselves to make sure what they are told by their teachers is true (Acts Ch17Vs11). This should serve as a warning to all who teach children to ensure that your preparation is thorough and accurate. But he went on to ask the question *"What does it mean when the Bible says that God is Jealous, I read about it in the commandments?"* The simple answer was given that God wants you to love Him only; the same way that a wife loves her husband and they are faithful to each other. Love cannot be called love unless it is demonstrated and surely we are basking in the love of God through His multitude of blessings; but the question remains *"How are you reciprocating the love of God?"* I believe that God is jealous for your love to be shown through your WORSHIP, through your SERVICE and through your TITHE.

WORSHIP: On the 9th November there were a lot of people asking the question *"Where is Altnamackin?"* there were a number of people who were logging onto Google maps to find the location of Clarkesbridge Presbyterian Church. It was encouraging to see a filled church hall with many people attending the area fellowship meeting to worship the Lord and hear of the work of C.E.F. in Co. Armagh and have some light shone upon this theme of *"There are no unreached children left in Co. Armagh"*. As the theme was unravelled it became clear that the world was busy

in reaching the children through various temptations luring our precious children into lives of sin. Throughout the meeting time was taken to report on various aspects of the ministry from 5 Day Clubs, Camp and Holiday Bible Clubs to School Assemblies and Street Evangelism. As we reported on the blessings along with the needs our sole aim was to bring Glory unto God and to give opportunity to respond to God's love through our worship on that occasion. There are many opportunities sitting on our own doorsteps to evangelise these needy children. In obedience to the voice of the Lord we need to double our efforts doing all we can to share the Gospel every day. This same challenge came from Pastor Ian Grant as he instructed us, from the word of God, that our commission was to "Make Disciples wherever you go." That includes today as you serve Him in love.

SERVICE: Whenever it comes to planning special events usually our cry is one for HELP! We need volunteers who love the Lord and want to serve Him. If you can recall back to the summer months we were inundated with help for the junior camp which proved to be such a blessing to all who came along. It had been planned for some time that we would hold a reunion for the children from camp to give them a reminder of the wonderful times we had together in the summer and also to promote camp 2012. The majority of the leaders from the summer, who had no work commitments, came along with 28 children to this action packed day. It was a fun filled day with swimming, craft, games and a trip to the park on perhaps the mildest day in November. Then there was time to stop all the activity and listen to the scriptures being taught as we studied very simply the Doctrine of the Church (a body, a bride, a building and a family). We praise God for all the volunteers who work alongside the mission in serving the boys in girls of Co. Armagh.

It is also wonderful to have servants of God who are active on our behalf organising more services where children can be taught the Word of God and for these openings we would value much prayer. On the 11th December we have plans for a small team to knock every door in Mullacreevie, Armagh to invite children to a special children's club in the Community Centre on Monday 12th December from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Pray for good conversations on the doors and many children to attend.

We have also been given new school opportunities in The Hardy (Richhill) and Millington (Portadown) to take regular assemblies. Because we are in the middle of the school year there will be a little transition period as we try to adapt our schedule with that of these two schools to organise a formalised rota. Pray as these plans are made for a smooth transition period and more children to be evangelised through this mode of outreach.

TITHE: The month of December commences the Portadown box opening. This brings with it two meetings, one in Laurelvale Mission Hall and another in Derrycarne Mission Hall, and an opportunity to update these folks regarding the ongoing work around the county and pray together. Many of these dear folks will have taken little world globe money boxes and filled them with their loose change (these boxes are collected twice per year (June and December)). If you would like to give unto the Lord, according to how He has blessed you financially then perhaps you would be interested in setting up a standing order to give regularly or we could send you out a little world globe money box for your loose change and arrange to empty it twice per year.

The Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God and desires your worship, your service and your tithe. In light of all that He has given you through His abundant blessings how will you reciprocate His love?

Yours in His service,

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