

Put Your Feet Up and Give it a Rest!

Be still and know that I am God...Psalm 46:10

Read Psalm 46



One of the hardest things for Christians is to accept that we have a God whose ways are not our ways. The Hebrews struggled with this very same problem in the Exodus. Their answer was to create their own God or idol. In this way, they would have a *God like the other nations, one of wood or stone* that would be predictable. Later, Saul would become their answer, as their first king. We are not so different, while we do not call our idols god; we call them instead power and wealth. We do this because these gods we understand. We can manage them, and unlike the god of Abraham, these gods are predictable. However, there is one drawback, and that is that these gods expect us to work hard, very hard to contribute to the salvation they offer us.

Anytime we think we can achieve salvation through hard work, we are in grave danger. You see, if our hard work fails, or worse yet if it succeeds, we are then left with ourselves as our god. This never ends well! For this means that we have resigned ourselves to the understanding that as we travel through this hard life of trials and tribulations, that all we have to do is work harder in order to survive. This is striving, and as the author of Ecclesiastes writes, it is striving after the wind.

People, who try to live life without a Savior, destine themselves to a life without awe or wonder. Nothing amazes them because they have created their own world, a world too small, with no place for God. This is a sad, but over crowded world that one does not have to look hard to see all around. However, it has been my experience that God loves us too much to leave us to our own abandonment. Rather, he comes looking for us in His Son Jesus, just as He did with the Hebrews in slavery. Moreover, when He finds us, he will set us free from everything that binds us, especially our successes, that we might once again be what we were created to be, His loving children who realize their need in a Savior who is beyond our comprehension.

Blessings, Pastor Ed