

# Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

July 29, 2020

## John 5: 17- 19

**17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.  
18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. 19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**

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\*Pastor Tom reminded us that he is always looking for the purpose in events. For example: Why are we here for this moment in time? He also challenged us that the noise of life often drowns out the still small voice of God and then we cannot find our purpose easily.

Reviewing Verse 16 - Jews was looking for a reason to accuse Jesus because he healed the man on the Sabbath.

## Verse17

*“But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.”*

\*In the Good News Version of the Bible the literal translation is used. It is not a paraphrase. So verse 17 come out as - **“My Father is always working”**

\*Going back in time to Exodus 20:8 (the 10 commandments) The 4th Commandment - Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. (Recall older times in our lives when Sunday was not used for working) We, as society, have forgotten the Sabbath and we may be paying for it in our lives.

\*Keeping the Sabbath holy means setting it apart for God ONLY. God is the only one who is holy. It is something special when God’s people come together.

\*If God rested on the 7th day, so shouldn’t we also relax and take in His creation?

\*Church has become a luxury, not a necessity. This thought has been magnified in our present situation...some people choosing to stay away

from church because of COVID 19 issues. However, even with only 37 people present on Sunday, as drivers go by (loudly) they can see that we at Mt.Olive are gathering for Worship.

\* Pastor Tom thinks what we are going through now is miniscule compared to what is coming in the future.

\*The Bible is one book, from Genesis through Revelation.

\* Exodus 20:9 Saying that 'my Father is always working' reminds us that God put Adam in the garden to work for 6 days but rest on the 7th. (Men get into trouble with too much time on their hands!)

\*Exodus 20:10 Nobody and no animal should do any work on the Sabbath.

\*Exodus 20:11 Because - .... God made all of creation in 6 days and then rested or set the day apart to appreciate what He made. Did God really need to rest? No Did Jesus need to rest? Yes, in His human form. So why did God declare the Sabbath Day as no working? For US! He knew the weakness of his creatures even before He created them. Physically, mentally and spiritually, we need a time to rest and to remember the Holy One. But when we anoint or heal people on the Sabbath we are doing Holy Work with God.

\*Now returning to discussion building on John 5:17

### **John 9:4**

*"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."*

### **John 17:4**

*"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."*

These verses are the words of Jesus explaining that He won't always be on earth and His finished work is His Death while He claimed to be God.

\*How we judge Jesus in life is how He will judge you in death.

## **Verse 18**

*“Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.”*

\*The Jews were after Jesus now to kill him (their end game) for 2 reasons:

1. For healing on Sabbath
2. For making himself equal to God

\*To do “Holy” is God ordained - Only God is Holy, so when we honor the Sabbath, we make it Holy.

## **Verse 19**

*“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”*

\*Verily, verily means there is something in that verse that God wants us to pay attention to. This introduction is repeated 20 times in the book of John.

John 1:51

*“And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”*

\*What the Father does, the Son does. The Son does nothing by Himself.

There is harmony in the Triune God. As an alto voice complements, enriches or completes the melody.

The 3 Persons the Trinity never act alone, or solo. No one comes to the Father except through the Son. And no one comes to the Son except through the Holy Spirit.

Nothing that Jesus ever did was out of harmony with the Father or the Spirit. For example: healing on the Sabbath.

How amazing in nature how things are in harmony as well.

Other examples include how children mimic their parents and the peace/harmony within our bodies.

“As we get older and the world gets crazier, heaven looks better and better.”

Pastor Tom gave us 2 take-aways:

1. Verily, verily means to pay attention
  2. Harmony of the Trinity
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