

The Refreshing Times

The Memorial Prayers



"Your prayers and your alms have come up as a memorial before God " Acts 10:4

"Truly I say to you ,wherever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, shall also this , that this woman has done, be told for a memorial of her" Matt 26:13

There are two places in the New Testament where unique individual's prayers and acts of service go up as a memorial before God. While there are many others , these stand out. The first is a Centurion, a Roman leader. The other was a woman , nameless, yet described as a "sinner". Both are outside the camp of Israel. The basic message in these passages are two fold. One, God looks at the heart of every human being. Two, for every one that reveres God and the Lord Jesus Christ, they are made clean before God. The Apostle Peter almost would have missed an opportunity to be a blessing to the centurion soldier and the entire Gentile population, had he let his tradition get in the way. God

warned him in a dream "do not call unclean what I call clean" Acts 10:15 In the case of the woman, the Apostles were offended that this woman poured such very costly perfume upon Jesus, anointing His head. It was worth about a years salary. They thought it should have been sold and given to the poor. In there limited understanding of who Christ is, they saw only the temporal needs not the eternal. Her worship tended to the most essential of all concerns, The worship of God ! In their worship and prayers came the corresponding release of personal resources. The Centurion was an abundant giver. As a result He became ground zero for the outpouring of the Spirit on the Gentiles. The woman, the "sinner" was an obvious giver and so impacted Christ that he proclaimed her act as equivalent to the spreading of the gospel message. So what have we learned from these two unique individuals? True worship and and a spirit of release (giving) and increase go hand in hand. They will ascend to heaven as a fragrance before God.

Let's all pursue God and the Lord Jesus with deep gratitude and worship. Let's also release increase with all whom we associate with. God Bless you all.

Pastors John and Laurie

Announcements For June 2012

June 3
Communion and
Healing Service

June 10th
Vision Sunday

June 17th
Fathers Day Service

June 23rd
Men's LIFE Group 8
am @ The WAVE

Remember you are
released for increase!!

