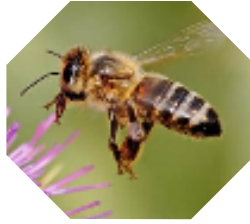
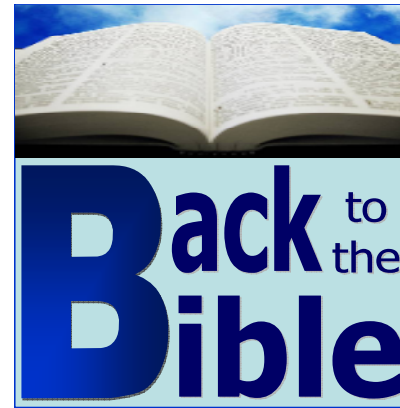


Don't Swat That Bee



I recently read a little quotation from *Reader's Digest* that said, "It isn't so much how busy you are; but why are you busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito is swatted." That sounds good, but I know a few bees that got swatted as well. In the church, we have some bees and some mosquitoes. Some people work at building the church, while others expect the church to work for them.

One gives honey; the other sucks the life-blood from the body. One group wants to serve, and the other wants to be served. Let's be careful not to swat a bee. Let's protect the bee. We certainly don't want him to become an endangered species! In fact, while we are at it, let's change mosquitoes into bees. That's something we can do that science can't. -- copied



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Brethren,

It is with the utmost humility that we inform you of a change of worship practices. Be assured that we bring about this change only after much prayer and study. We have recently concluded an in-depth study of the Law and have decided to bring about a change in the type of fire used in worship. We are aware that there is a standing tradition of using only one source of fire, but we, as priests, do not feel obligated to blindly follow tradition. Numerous polls indicate the overwhelming opinion that worshipers do not care where we get the fire. We are in agreement with the majority, as we cannot see how a change in fire will affect anything in the least about our sacrifices.

Besides all this, nowhere in the Law does the Lord forbid the use of what some detractors have referred to as "strange fire." We feel that the lack of such a restriction was meant to give us freedom.

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Those Needing Our Prayers:

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

Please Pray
For Our Sick



Susie Bright – surgery
Savannah Bedenbaugh
Kristy Owings – job
Clarence Cannon
Kendra Mabe
Mark Miller
Mary Nell Osborne
Jewell & Linda Wyatt
Linda Miller
Harry Calloway
Francis Melton
Tim & Lisa Sturgill daughter

Mable Vannoy
Clayton Winters
Everette Morefield
Emily Ward & family
Willard Ellison
Kiana Miller
Nellie Dull
Pete & Brenda Graybeal
Ashlyn Turnmire – fever/virus
Sherry Rutherford
Frank Zimmerman

Tim Canup
Alice Turnmire – job
Nancy Cannon
Denise Church
Kathy Ellison
Sandra Spencer/family
Hazel Campbell
Matthew Barnes
Karissa Stanley – work
Pete Pless
Cathy Roland

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Feb 6 – Preach & Eat – Meal following Morning services

Feb 6 – Men's Meeting & Ladies Class – Immediately following evening service

Feb 14 – Singing @ Margate – 6:30 pm.

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Is there any place in the Law that tells us we cannot do something the Lord has not seen fit to condemn? Where are other fires explicitly condemned?

Also, Israel is the only religious group that limits itself to one kind of fire. We have become a laughingstock and have been ridiculed openly by many groups. We are in great danger of appearing distinctive. This self-righteous, "only-one-fire" policy has alienated us from everyone else. We believe this change will open up many fellowship opportunities.

Now, to set the minds of some of you at ease, we will continue to offer a traditional service using the old-fashioned fire as well as a progressive service with the new fire. This approach will also make it possible to appeal to a younger audience as we discover more entertaining ways to "light the fire" of our assemblies. For those who still oppose the use of new fire, we ask you not to be judgmental.

We also hope you will not use this change as an excuse to divide our people or stir up trouble. We remind you that this has been well thought out and the majority of priests have signed on with us. We are all very much looking forward to our first new fire service. God will be watching, and we anticipate that His joy over seeing His people take a great step toward throwing off the burden of binding tradition will be an electrifying experience. Our new contemporary worship service will no doubt make it easier for us to really be on fire for the Lord! See you there! We think this new practice is going to spread like wildfire. Please come and enjoy what we know will be an illuminating experience for all of us.

Your faithful priests,

Nadab & Abihu

A few days later...

Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying:

'By those who come near Me
I must be regarded as holy;
And before all the people
I must be glorified."
So Aaron held his peace.

[Editor's note: This "open letter" (with some minor changes) was written by David Brassfield for The Bridgewood Beacon. It captures well "liberal" thinking, and the author is accurate in his assessment.]