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Sunday 19th July 2020: 10.30 Holy Communion



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The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Creator God,

You made us all in your image:

May we discern you in all that

We See, and

Serve you in all that

We do; through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Prayer Course

(starts: 22.07.20)

Sermon Summary: Sunday 12th July 2020: Trinity 5

What is your idea of Worship?

Tim Fielder

Romans 12. 1: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship."

Everyone is a worshipper. The word means "Worship" All of us have things of "worth" in our life– Time?, Money?, Energy? Are they worth it?. In Genesis 3 we are told that we are made in the image of God. If we think about what we reflect when we money worship, do we reflect God or something else. If not, we dehumanise ourselves.

If we worship sex, we reflect Lust.

If we worship money, we reflect Greed.

If we worship fashion, we reflect Vanity.

If we worship Jesus, we reflect Love.... And much more...

In Daniel 3, the people are bowing down before an Idol (a false god).

Why?

1. Lack of Knowledge. They and we become slaves of our instincts– we are all addicts.

2. Fear. Daniel is threatened with the fiery furnace.

3. Everyone is doing it. We are easily led to copy others, so better to be led by what God says. We will be judged, not only by God but also by History. We are influenced to put our trust in: The Future– the hope of paradise.

The Present– blessings such as children and relationships.

The Past– failures. Instead of believing Jesus is enough, we worship our past mistakes which, allowing them to dominate our present and future.

People– How often do we trust a human to save us? Nebuchadnezzar built a statue of himself and put his security in his own image. He wanted peoples approval and because Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to give it, he threw them into the furnace. Often we are unable to give God the glory because we put our trust in ourselves, but that can only lead to despair because we will never be good enough... **But,**

They don't fear the furnace because:

1. They know their God- Proverbs tells us that the "**fear of God is the beginning of wisdom**"

Fear of God means we don't fear anyone or anything else

2. They knew who they were- foreigners in this world (v12)

3. They knew their purpose- We need to be taken out of ourselves. As they were thrown into the furnace (Vv 16-17), their and our purpose is found in laying down our lives.

4. They knew there would be fire. They were not surprised and Jesus was with them in the fire.

Where would you rather be? On your knees to an idol, or in the fire with Jesus?

Pray for: Mary B, Margaret, Jo, Isobel, Iris, Patrick, Amie & Noela, +Karowei,

Thankyou!

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