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Writers in a Heavenly Restaurant ***Dan Jenkins***

It was his first full-time job, and because of his friend's help, he was able to be employed at a really nice restaurant. His first customer ordered a salad with lots of dressing, a steak that was very rare, a loaded baked potato, a large glass of sweetened tea and a dessert of that famous chocolate cake with hot fudge in the middle and covered with ice cream.

The order was not that hard to understand, but as the young man went toward the kitchen, he began thinking of how unhealthy the food was for his customer who was obviously overweight. So, he substituted steamed broccoli for the salad and a much smaller steak which definitely would not be rare since he never liked his own steak cooked that way. He made some changes in the potato—it was baked, but he removed all the butter, sour cream, bacon and cheese from it. He changed the sweet tea to water and decided his customer just did not need so rich a dessert.

Your response? He has no right to do that! His responsibility is to listen to the customer and bring everything that is ordered in exactly the way it is ordered. You would be right about that. Servers are to serve. In one sentence, that says it all. Servers are to serve.

Now, think about how parallel the life of this young man is to us in our relationship to God. When Satan tried to change the

worship life of Jesus, the Lord replied, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve” (Matt. 4:10). Worshipers of God are servants. We are servants of God, and we only serve Him.

How tragic it is that we lose sight of this. We come into the presence of the “Heavenly Customer” and find out what he wants. He defines true holiness, and we walk away thinking we have a right to redefine it. We are like that young man who thought he knew more than his customer. We are servants of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. We let Him tell us what holiness is. We are the sheep, He is the Shepherd.

This “Heavenly Customer” defines marriage; He defines morality; He defines how we deal with enemies; He defines worship; He defines purity and every aspect of our lives. Our relationship to Him is to simply ask what He wants and bring that to Him. By the way, that “Customer” tells us often not to change the “order” by adding or subtracting anything from it (Rev. 22:18-19; Gal. 1:8-9).

Look at all the confusion there is in our religious world. Have you thought this may have come about because far too many “servers” are changing what the “Customer” ordered? God, help us all to let You define holiness, morality, purity and every aspect of our lives. We are servers!

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Sheila Greer, Helen Morris
Luther Merritt, David Briley,
Gaylon & Betty Cooper

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone

Today's Sermons

AM - How to Be Pure in an
Impure World
Matthew 5:8

PM - Jesus, the Bread of Life
John 6:22-35

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Directory Pictures will be taken
after AM Services

September 23

Chili Supper
Gather 4 PM, Eat at 5 PM
Sign up sheets on the
bulletin board

Cards to Send

Gaylon & Betty Cooper
201 Ed Moore Road
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Roberta Donaldson
123 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	7
Bible Class	43/10
AM Worship	68/24
PM Worship	47/0
Wed Bible Study	44/13
Contribution	3611

Pantry Item

Ramen Noodles

Those Privileged to Serve

Sept 3 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Snith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jerome Turner

Sept 10 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Ken Ross

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Marion Thomas

Sept 6 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

Sept 13 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM