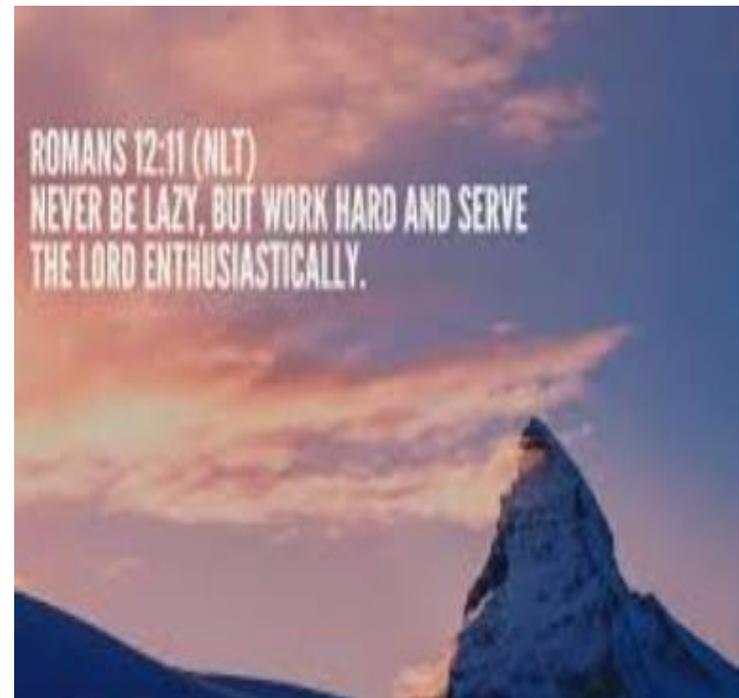


SERMON NOTES

May 25, 2025



The Matchlessness of God

Isaiah 45:5-7

5 I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, 6 so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. 7 I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

Understanding the _____ of God, means we have to acknowledge that His greatness produces _____ in our worship.

Isaiah 42:8

8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Idolatry is when our _____ other than God.

Exodus 32:1

1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Acts 17:23

23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

Idolatry is when we _____ in the _____.

Psalms 106:19-21

19 At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal. 20 They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass. 21 They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt,

Hosea 8:2-6

2 Israel cries out to me, 'Our God, we acknowledge you!' 3 But Israel has rejected what is good; an enemy will pursue him. 4 They set up kings without my consent; they choose princes without my approval. With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves to their own destruction. 5 Samaria, throw out your calf-idol! My anger burns against them. How long will they be incapable of purity? 6 They are from Israel! This calf—a metalworker has made it; it is not God. It will be broken in pieces, that calf of Samaria.

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from the desires of the flesh, which war against your soul.

_____ is when we _____ is calling us to do.

Romans 12:11

11 Never be lazy but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

1 Peter 4:10

10 Just as each one of you has received a special gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given by God], employ it in serving one another as [is appropriate for] good stewards of God's multi-faceted grace [faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God's unmerited favor].

James 2:17

17 So too, faith, if it does not have works [to back it up], is by itself dead [inoperative and ineffective].