Pastoral Notes

'Praise in the Park' 1Cor 10: 25-31.

A lesson can be learned from the Israelites whom God first assembled to be his OT version of a church. Most were allowed to perish in the desert because God was displeased with their lack of praise. God does not require much from us, but he does require our praise.

Praise of God should not be relegated to Sunday services. You ought to praise the glory of God. In both cases, we were able to have a Praise in the Park.

Everywhere you go and everything you do is an opportunity to Praise God. Christians should always seek to do the right thing based on the teaching of our bible & faith. Praising God is a right thing. Whether in the church or in the park, in private or in public, how we live & act should be a reflection of our faith. Our coolers were full but we had Pepsi and Coke light, not Bud or Miller lite. We were

Key Sermonic Points

- 1. A God centered person has a God centered conscience
- 2. There is nothing God created that is not good for something
- 3. You can praise God in the park as well as the church

God whenever you can, while you can. We don't have to wait for God to part the Red Sea for us. Having him wake you up every morning is a miracle and is worthy of praise.

Last week we were blessed to celebrate another annual church picnic where we ate and drank good, where our kids had a place to play and where we had a chance to fellowship. Additionally, our CTC choir went to a festival in the town of Bartlett, where they sung and our boy and girls praise teams danced to of good cheer and good conscience because there was no shame or guilt associated with our picnic or our praise.

The sermon is available as a CD as well as our website. Let it bless you or someone else as a guide to expanding your praise.

Stay Blessed, Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- Sometimes your best preaching comes in the form of your witness which can manifest itself in your praise
- Whatever you do, do it to the Glory of God
- If you can't praise God for a good job, good health, good sense or good looks, like JJ, Thelma and the rest of the Evan's family, just praise him for the 'Good Times'.